Prayer in preparation for Synod 2021

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020 help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.

May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us. Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop. Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways, to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

St. John Henry Newman, Pray for us.

Parish Priest: Father Colin Fealey
Deacons: Rev. Adrian Anwyl

Rev. Sean O'Donovan

Rev. Tony Downes

The Sanctuary Lamp, Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp and St. Paschal Baylon Lamp can be lit for your intentions. Please contact the parish office—donation £5.

Office Hours

Monday 9am-3.45pm,

Tuesday 9am-2.45pm

Thursday 9am-1pm and Friday 9am-

3.45pm

CLOSED ALL DAY WEDNESDAY and

WEEKEND

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Gift Aid

Anyone who pays tax can Gift Aid to the parish. For every £1 you give the parish can claim 25p from the HMRC with no expense to you. Standing orders can be organised via the parish office.



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6th December, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent Year B Psalter Week 2

"As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

"And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

"Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ." — Benedict XVI



etc.

Second Sunday of Advent We apologise Saturday 5th 5.30pm **Agnes Smith** when times and Sunday 6th 9.30am People of the Parish Mass 11.00am Joseph Barrett RIP intentions Monday 9.10am Pat Scrimshaw Spec intention 7th occasionally need Tuesday 9.10am John Hennessy 8th to be Wednesday 9th No Mass changed at short Thursday 10th 10—11 am **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament** notice for 11th Dr Peter Anderson RIP Friday 12.00noon Requiem Masses

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday	12th	5.30 pm	Neil Dunbar
Sunday	13th	9.30 am	Frances Fisher RIP
	11.00 am		People of the Parish

Masses received this week:

Francis McGurk RIP, Linda Ann Aitken, Valerie Bennett RIP, Abigail Macey, Gerard Winstanley RIP

Enrolled into Mass Association this week:

Mary McShane

We entrust these and all our Intentions to the heart of our community of prayer.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week will be burning for: Ann Redmond RIP

The Marian Lamp this week will be burning for: Abigail Macey



Christmas Decorations

A local shop at the Fiveways 'Childwall Emporium' run by a parishioner has a top selling box set of six Christmas Liverpool themed wooden decorations for £20. If you buy through the Church £7 will be donated to parish funds. You can do this in two ways. Purchase the box set in the Church porch or visit the shop from Tuesday and ask for your name to be put on the list which will be returned to the parish office along with the money raised.

Free On-line Talks at the Christian Heritage Centre

A series of free on-line talks will be offered over the coming months on "Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters". Exploring some of the great figures of Western spirituality with well-known experts, the series if free to attend online. Simply register to receive a link at https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters/ or by email to events@christianheritagecentre.com

10th December: *God and the Crib: Francis and Greccio* - Fr Gabriel Kyte, C.F.R.

Buy your Christmas cards now and support Nugent

Buying Nugent's cards will help support families in crisis, as part of our wider appeal during the festive period. We have 5 new designs for 2020 priced at £4.00 for 10 cards, and 4 designs from 2019 priced at £3.00 for 10 cards.

You can buy over the phone, post or email: Phone 0151 261 4498

Email: fundraising@wearenugent.org or by post, download the form and return to: Nugent, 99 edge Lane, Liverpool, L7 2PE.

Archdiocese of Liverpool Catholic Directories are available at the back of church: Price £3.50

Christ the King Christmas Mass Bookings

Due to the Government guidelines regarding the Coronavirus this years

Christmas Masses will have to be ticket only.

Christmas Eve: 5.30pm 9.00pm Midnight: 12.00 Carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day: 10.00am

Please contact the Parish office by telephone for tickets.

Tickets can be collected from the Church Porch after Saturday 19th/
Sunday 20th December Masses and the parish office Monday 21st and

Tuesday 22nd during office hours.

Before the midnight Mass we will gather in the grounds of the Church for a short carol service beginning at 11.30pm

Please wrap up well

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

During the weeks of Advent our Seminarian, Hugh, will be leading us in a series of prayerful reflections which will include Exposition and conclude with Benediction. These will take place on the Sundays of Advent: 6th, 13th and 20th December beginning at 5 pm. They will last for approx. 30 minutes. All are very welcome to attend.

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CHARITY CHRISTMAS DRAW

£1 per number. All money raised will go towards the cost of providing meat vouchers from a local butcher for families who need some extra help this Christmas. We have some fantastic prizes! Numbers will be on sale after all Masses. Please support this worthy cause if you are able.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please remember in your prayers the sick, housebound and all in our hospitals and homes.

Baby Bethan Cooper, Mrs Sue Williams, Matthew Goodwin, Michael Fardey, Josephine Smith, Abigail Macey, Mrs Clare Battiste.

If you know of any Parishioner who would like to be remembered in the prayers of the Parish please pass the details into the Parish Office.

Lately Dead: Christina Magee

We offer our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

Anniversaries: Joseph Bickerstaff, George Woods, Susan Allport and Irene Emery

Due to practicalities, anniversaries will be noted in the newsletter for up to 5 years after death. Thereafter they will be remembered in the priest's private prayer.

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the Church

Primrose & Poesy O'Connell and Eivi & Ellie See

Weekly Collection:

Thank you to everyone who passed in collection envelopes during lockdown, your contributions are very much appreciated. You can now also donate on-line via the Parish website: www.ctkandol.org If you would like to donate via Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office for a form.

Synod Summary Proposals

Please put your forms in the Synod box at the back of the Church, hand it into the Parish Office or send your answers by email to: ctkandol@rcaolp.co.uk.

Many thanks for your participation.

Saints of the Day

7th December - St Ambrose Born about 339 at Trier to senatorial aristocracy, Ambrose was appointed governor of the provinces of Aemillia and Liguria about 371. He was elected bishop of Milan in 373. As governor, he had gone to the assembly to pacify a dispute between the Catholics and the Arians, and he was quite unprepared for the enthusiastic cry of 'Let Ambrose be bishop' which greeted his efforts at meditation. Though his family was Christian, he had not yet been baptised, but he was baptised, he was baptised on November 24th, ordained priest and consecrated bishop on December 1st . He held the See of Milan till his death on April 4th, 397. More than any other man he handed on to the Middle Ages the legacy of Rome; the conception of objective justice and of law, the sense of the responsibility of office, pride in integrity and in unbroken dignity. He introduced the eastern custom of singing hymns into the western church. And it is as a devoted pastor to his flock that he is seen by his greatest convert, Augustine, who sought baptism from him in 387.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - the Immaculate Conception is the conception of the Virgin Mary free from original sin by virtue of the merits of her son Jesus. The Catholic Church teaches that God acted upon Mary in the first moment of her conception, keeping her "immaculate".

9th December - St John Diego Cuahtlatoatzin 1474-1548. The Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego Cuahtlatoatzin, "talking eagle", an Aztec Indian in Guadalupe Mexico. Juan repeatedly went to the clerics in the region and told them of his vision. On his last attempt to prove it was real, he returned to them with his tilma (cloak) filled with rose blossoms, believed to be miraculous since they grew at the wrong time of the year. When he opened his cloak, not only did the roses spill out, but also imprinted on the cloth was an image of the Virgin. St Juan is an important symbol for those who have suffered persecution including slavery.

11th December– St Damasus I 304-84. Damasus was born in Rome of Spanish extraction; his father was a priest. He became deacon under Pope Liberius and succeeded him in 366.

Damasus proceeded energetically against heretics, mainly Arians, Macadonians and Donatists; he promulgated the Canon of Scripture and commissioned Jerome to revise the Latin text of the Bible by producing a single 'Vulgate' to replace the many different versions then in existence. He saw to the housing of papal archives and took a keen interest in Roman martyrs.

12th December-Our Lady of Guadalupe, also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe, is a title of the Virgin Mary associated with a celebrated pictorial image housed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron saint of the unborn.

Christ the King Catholic Primary School Admissions for September 2021

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2021 you can apply online via www.liverpool.gov.uk. The closing date for Reception is: Friday 15th January 2021. You will also need to complete the supplementary faith form and return this to school along with the Baptismal Certificate.

Our admissions email for 2021 is: intake2021@ctkliverpool.co.uk. If you have any questions please contact the school on 01517223462 and speak to Mrs Carter. You can view our virtual tour at www.christthekingcatholicprimary.co.uk/admissions/

Christmas Remembrance

Christmas Remembrance Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please put the names of any loved ones you wish to be remembered at Christmas on a note in one of the envelopes and return it to us. Your donations can be gift aided by putting your Gift Aid order number on the envelope.