

## 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  
Tel 0151-722-2231  
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### Schools

**Christ the King**  
0151-722-3462  
Acting Head Teacher Mr D Delaney  
**Our Lady of Good Help**  
0151-733-6937  
Head Teacher Miss S. Peacock  
**St. Paschal Baylon**  
0151-722-0464  
Head Teacher Mr E .Flood

### Parish Centres

Christ the King 0151-722-3110  
St. Paschal Baylon 0151-722 -6361

### 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.



# CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

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## 25th December, 2020 Christmas Newsletter 2020

In this final newsletter of 2020 I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your continued support, prayers and friendship during this most difficult of years. I am continually inspired by your example and of how you strive to make the name of Christ known through your service of the church and our parish. It is both a privilege and an honour to be here at Christ the King and Our Lady as your parish priest.

May we look to 2021 with renewed hope, trusting that better times will come and that in every step we take God is always with us, watching over us in love.

May each one of us, and our loved ones, experience the closeness and love of God as we celebrate afresh the truth that God took on human flesh in order to dwell amongst us.

Please be assured of my prayers and wishing a restful and blessed Christmas to you all.

**Fr. Colin**



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## PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY

We apologise when times and Mass intentions occasionally need to be changed at short notice for Requiem Masses etc.

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	5.30pm	Christmas Intentions
	9.00pm	Christmas Intentions
	12 Midnight	Private Intention
<b>Christmas Day</b>	10.00am	Christmas Intentions

### Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday	26th	5.30 pm	Andrew Vine RIP
Sunday	27th	9.30 am	Fr Des Power RIP
		11.00 am	People of the Parish

### Weekday of Christmas Time

Monday	28th	10.00am	Florence Smith Special Intention
Tuesday	29th	9.00am	Claire Lawson
Wednesday	30th	7.00am	Pat Gillespie RIP
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Jacob Billington RIP

### New Years Day

Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	12.00noon	Peggy Philips RIP 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
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**Masses received this week:** Volunteer Stewards from 2 grateful parishioners, Brian Holman RIP, Bexley's Butchers, Bill Woods

**Enrolled into Mass Association this week:**

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

### Parish Office Hours

**Please note, the parish office will be closed from Wednesday 23rd December. Normal office hours will resume on Monday 4th January.**

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I'd just like to thank everyone for welcoming me. I've really enjoyed my time here, and it's been great to get to know everyone. Thanks to everyone in Christ the King and Our Lady of Good Help schools for having me in as well - it's been nice to get to know the staff and children. Due to the lockdown and restrictions I haven't been able to get to know everyone as much as I would have liked, but hopefully I'll be able to come back and visit in the future. It's amazing to see so many people giving up their time to help keep things going - especially with all the extra jobs that need doing at the moment. I'm very grateful for everything that people have done during my time here for me. You'll be in my prayers, please pray for me, Hugh.

Thanks, Hugh

### 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](http://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](mailto:intake2021@ctkliverpool.co.uk).

### Polite Notice

**Everyone who enters the church for mass/funerals/baptism etc must wear a mask or visor. Our Volunteer stewards who are following government guidelines should not be subjected to abuse when approaching someone who is not wearing a mask and following the rules that have been set out. Thank you.**

### With You Always

Congratulations to Austin Ward and Sonny Connolly who have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion recently.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into the Church Grace O'Neill and James Fahy.

## 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, Patricia Prentice.

*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.*

**Anniversaries:** Jean Lally, Veronica Ward, Ann Fong Richards, Joseph Martin, Nicholas Patterson, Vincent Lavery, Joan Anderson, Veronica Aston, Jack Wilson.

*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.*

### Second Sunday after Christmas

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Matthew Dunne RIP
		11.00am	Sheila Owens RIP
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Marie Fryer RIP
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Paul Howard RIP

### Solemnity of the Epiphany the Lord *(Holy day of Obligation)*

Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	12.00noon	People of the Parish
		7.00pm	Decd Members of the Legion of Mary
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>		NO MASS
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	12.00noon	Gloria Hughes RIP

### Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	Frank and Tony Hunter RIP
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Gerard Winstanley RIP
		11.00am	People of the Parish

**The Sanctuary Lamp this week will be burning for:**

**27th December: Brian Beeley RIP**

**2nd January: John Aliski RIP**

**The Marian Lamp this week will be burning for:**

**27th December Tony Larkin RIP**

**2nd January: Thelma Barton RIP**

**The St Paschal Baylon Lamp will be burning for:**

**27th December: Graham Scrimshaw RIP**

**2nd January: Winifred Walsh RIP**



### 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](http://www.ctkandol.org) If you would like to donate via Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office for a form.

### Track and Trace

Following Government Guidelines we are being advised to use Track and Trace.

The NHS QR code is available to use.

If you cannot scan the code please sign in leaving your details. Forms are in the church porch.



## Saints of the Day

**26th December—St Stephen** or Stephan, traditionally venerated as the Protomartyr or first martyr of Christianity, was according to the Acts of the Apostles a deacon in the early church at Jerusalem who aroused the enmity of members of various synagogues by his teachings. Accused of blasphemy, at his trial he made a long speech denouncing the Jewish authorities who were sitting in judgement on him and was then stoned to death. His martyrdom was witnessed by Saul of Tarsus, a Pharisee who would later himself become a follower of Jesus.

**27th December - St John.** John the Apostle was one of the Twelve Apostles OF Jesus according to the New testament. He was the son of Zebedee and Salome. His brother was James, who was another of the twelve Apostles. He died about 100 AD.

**28th December - The Holy Innocents.** Based on an account in Saint Matthew's Gospel, King Herod slaughtered a number of male babies in an attempt to rid himself of the perceived threat of a usurper of his throne. What he didn't realize is that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world—a fact that emerges later in Saint Matthew's Gospel.

**29th December - St Thomas Becket** 1118-70. Born in London, he became archdeacon of Canterbury and Chancellor of Henry II. He was a close friend of the king. Henry obtained Thomas' election as Archbishop, Thomas adopted an austere way of life and resigned the chancellorship. There emerged conflict with the king over Church-State relations and finally Thomas went into exile in France. On his return to England his reconciliation with the king proved superficial. In a rage the king asked who would rid him of this turbulent priest and four barons slaughtered him in Canterbury Cathedral

**31st December - St Sylvester.** Sylvester became Pope in 314, a time of relative peace, expansion and consolidation for the Church. He was a wise ruler and defender of his people against Arian and Donatist heresies. The council of Nicea was held during his pontificate in 325. he died in 335

**1st January— Mary, Mother of God.** St Athanasius wrote This was no mere fiction, as some have thought. Far from it! Our Saviour really did become man and this brought about the salvation of the whole man. Our salvation is no illusion, nor is it salvation of the body only: the salvation of the whole man, body and soul, was really brought about in the Word Himself. What was born of Mary, was by nature human, the Lord's body was a real one— real because Mary was our sister, since we all descended from Adam.' The Council of Ephesus decreed in 431, that Mary is Theotokos'- God-bearer, as her son Jesus is one person who is both God and man, human and divine.

**2nd January St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen.** Two close friends and saints of the Eastern Church. Both were teachers, coming from families which produced several saints. Basil became bishop of his native city of Ceasarea (Modern Turkey); Gregory became bishop of Constantinople, but resigned his see to return to monastic life

**7th January— St Raymond of Penyafort.** Raymond c. 1180-1275 was born in Catalonia. At Barcelona, he took doctorates in civil and canon law. After two years as archdeacon of Barcelona, he joined the Dominicans in 1221. he loved both solitude and the apostolate of reconciling people to the Church. In 1238 he was elected Master-General of the Dominicans. He revised the Dominican constitutions. He was canonised in 1601.

### Missionary Sisters of Seel Street Charity Raffle

#### Winning no's

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Congratulations to the winners