

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
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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.



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12th January, 2021

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

— Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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

Saturday	9th	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	10th	9.30am	Gerard Winstanley RIP
		11.00am	Ann Fealey RIP (Birthday)
Monday	11th	7.00pm	Dr Arnold Lincoln RIP
Tuesday	12th	9.10am	Luke and Winifred Madden (Ann)
Wednesday	13th		NO MASS
Thursday	14th	9.30am	Philip Clarke RIP
Friday	15th	12.00noon	Samantha Giblin: Successful Operation

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday	16th	5.30pm	Frank and Tony Hunter RIP
Sunday	17th	9.30am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Fr Stephen Pritchard (25th Ann)

Masses received this week: Clare Oliver, Lucy, David & Luke Bennett Special Intention, Mary Murphy RIP, Will Brash Spec Int, Special intention, Michael Lane RIP, Betty Pearson RIP X2, Finbar Stuart RIP.

Enrolled into Mass Association this week: *Elizabeth Pearson RIP, Monica Murphy RIP, Mollie Greer RIP, John Cronin RIP X4., Hugh O'Donovan RIP*

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

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Before you arrive

You should stay at home if you are unwell. Remember the Sunday

obligation has not been reinstated and live-streaming of Masses will continue.

You will need to bring your own face covering. All people entering church must wear a face covering at all times.

You should avoid bringing any unnecessary items into church, e.g. shopping bags, as you will not be returning to your seat after you have received Holy Communion.

When you arrive

You will be welcomed by a volunteer steward and you will be asked give contact details if you do not have Track and Trace.

You will be directed to the hand sanitiser.

You will be directed to a bench. It may not be where you usually sit.

You must adhere to social distancing guidelines in place.

Toilets will remain closed at all times, except for a genuine emergency

The Piety Stall will be closed.

After Mass

Please take home any newsletters, Mass sheets and other papers you may use.

Use only the designated exit.

Strictly no gathering in the church porch or on church property for conversations.

Continue to wear your face covering until you leave the area where other people are.

Whilst we will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 any time they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

Nugent Crib Appeal 2020

Please help us to continue the work of our founder, Father James Nugent, by giving your support to our 2020 Crib Appeal

All proceeds will be used to help children and adults in need across the Archdiocese. We are extremely grateful for any donations you are able to give at this time. Please place your donations in the basket in front of the Crib display.

The Archdiocese has produced a raft of resources for families that can be accessed at

<https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/family-life>

At the above link you will find the following sections

Parenting Support

How to talk to children and teens about COVID-19

Parenting during COVID-19

Family Prayer Ideas

Family prayer cards

Messy Church at home

Domestic Abuse

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Christian Homemaking

Children's Books

Family Rosary cards

Counting our Blessings

Dealing with the COVID-19 crisis for divorced or separated

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.

The Lamps this week will be burning for:

Sanctuary Lamp: Marie Preston: Anniversary

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp: Ann & Bill Muldowney



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, Julian James

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: Ann Williams, Andrew Tilley, Peter Campbell, Susannah Jordan.

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.

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.ckandol.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

12th January– St Aelred of Rievaulx. Born in 1110, Aelred entered the recently founded abbey of Rievaulx in 1134. delicate in health, he followed the austere regime and became so highly thought of that he was chosen as envoy to Rome. In 1143 he became abbot of Revesby and four years later, abbot of Rievaulx. Vocations increased to 150 monks and 500 lay brothers, the largest abbey in England. Aelred showed sensitivity and gentle holiness, with a strong emphasis on charity and spiritual friendship. He later suffered agony from a kidney stone. He died in 1167.

13th January– St Hilary. Hilary was born at Poitiers c.315 of wealthy pagan parents. He became an orator, married and had a daughter. In 350 he became a Christian through a long process of study. This led him to the convictions that man is in the world for the practice of the moral virtues which must be rewarded hereafter; that there is only one God, the eternal and creative first cause, and that the word of God who became incarnate in Jesus Christ is likewise eternal and of one substance with the Father. In c.353 he was chosen bishop. He was the outspoken champion of orthodoxy against the Arians.

14th January– St Kentigern, B. (Secondary Patron of the Archdiocese) Born about 516. Brought up in the discipline and piety of St. Servanus, abbot of Gilross, he was sent to Glasgow and became Bishop there. Known as Mungo, one dearly beloved', he was vigorous in defence of the faith against Pelagianism, and he was outstanding in piety and missionary zeal. For a time he had to flee Glasgow, and he lived with St. David in Menevia. He built a monastery and a school, which he left in the care of St Asaph. He returned to Scotland and ruled as Bishop for the next 40 years, dying in 601. An eminent saint of the ancient Church of North Britain.

Thank You

Fr Colin would like to offer a huge word of thanks to all those who were able to help get the church ready for our Christmas celebrations. Visitors to Christ the King told me how "beautiful and festive" our church looked. This was down to the hard work of those who willingly gave of their time in order to put up the trees, arrange the flowers, erect the cribs and then clean up afterwards. Thank you so much for your willing service to our parish. Thanks also to our volunteer stewards who continue to do an amazing job in sanitising our church and make it a safe place to worship.

Lastly, I want to offer my thanks for all the cards, gifts and good wishes received over Christmas. Your generosity is overwhelming and your friendship, support and encouragement truly appreciated. So in a word,

THANK YOU.

Archbishop Malcolm invites us to pray together with him through these times:

God our Father,
each person is precious to You.
You are the Giver of life.
Have mercy on us and protect us at this time, as the coronavirus threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.
Watch over those who are suffering, give strength to those who are aiding the sick and give courage
to all in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of your Son.
Jesus Christ.
Amen