

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 ,
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Parish Centres

Christ the King 0151-722-3110
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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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21st February, 2021 Year B
First Sunday of Lent Palter week 4

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfilment of God's promises is here.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

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

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday	20th	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	21st	9.30am	Julia Cherrett RIP
		11.00am	Elizabeth Wylie RIP
Monday	22nd	7.00am	Steven Griffin & family
		11.00am	Funeral Liturgy Sheila Wright
Tuesday	23rd	9.10am	Jean Withers - Spec Intention
Wednesday	24th	6.45pm	Peter Eastwood RIP
Thursday	25th	9.30am	Ann Lewis
Friday	26th	12.00noon	Valerie Bennett RIP

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	27th	5.30pm	Linda Ann Aitken
Sunday	28th	9.30am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Patricia Bryan Birthday Anniversary

Masses received this week: Mervin Parsons RIP, Christopher Jonathon Mulhall RIP, Bob Robinson RIP, Kenneth Nazareth - Thanksgiving, Veronica McLindon RIP, Mary Ellis RIP, Pat Hardiman RIP

Enrolled into Mass Association this week: Mrs Pat Hardiman RIP x 3, Doreen Edgar, Geoff & Albert Sutton, Philomena Cooke RIP x 2, Mary Hirrell RIP, Gerry Devine, Benna Harry RIP, Winifred Hamilton Pat Hardiman RIP

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

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
Franny McGurk RIP



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 when on the premises.

When you arrive

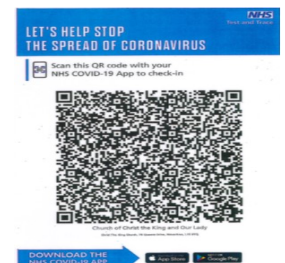
- You will be welcomed by a volunteer steward and asked give contact details if you do not have the Track and Trace app on your phone.
- You will be directed to the hand sanitiser and then to a bench. It may not be where you usually sit.
- You must adhere to social distancing guidelines in place.
- Toilets 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.***
- Please 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.

Track & Trace - The NHS QR code is available to use. If you cannot scan the code please sign the form in the Church porch leaving your details.



Lent is now upon us

During Lent we are once more invited to ponder afresh our relationship with God. Our Lenten journey is an opportunity for us to do some serious soul searching as this alone can lead us to inner freedom and peace.

Below is our Lenten programme for 2021

Early Risers' Mass: Monday 7.00am, starting 22nd February.

(This will replace the 7.00pm Monday evening mass throughout the season of Lent.)

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday 6.00pm, starting 24th February followed by **Mass at 6.45pm**

During Lent a box for Lenten Alms will be out in the church porch

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Pastoral Area Lenten Activities

Each **Thursday** in Lent there is an opportunity to begin the day with **Mass at 7.15am at Our Lady of the Assumption Church (L25 2RW)**

All are welcome

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Knock Shrine Friends' Association: Thank you to the kind parishioner who has enrolled Fr Colin, Helpers and Volunteers as Members of the Association. They will share in two Masses offered daily for the intentions of members.

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Appeal for Unused Laptops

As you know during lockdown, many children are being taught remotely at home. Access to online learning and a suitable device to use is essential for both primary and secondary school pupils. To help schools and families at this difficult time we are looking for a few unwanted laptops/tablets that parishioners may be able to donate. They must be in good working order and preferably less than 5 years old. When schools receive devices they are professionally wiped clean of any data that may have been stored on them before being sent out to children to use. If you are able to donate an unused device could you please contact the parish office and leave your details.

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, Mrs Clare Battiste, Patricia Prentice, Julian James, Jean Withers.

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: Sheila Wright, Kolman Rafaelova, Mervyn Parsons, Dennis Adderley, Raymond Jeffery . We offer our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Anne Wetherall, Philomena Waugh, Patricia Mitchell, Joseph South, Sheila Murphy.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

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:

Many thanks, 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.

Lent Fast Day Collection next weekend

Next week our parish is marking **CAFOD's Family Fast Day (Friday 26th Feb)**, a day on which we are invited to pray, fast and give to help people like Abdella. Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says: **"I am wasting my life. I am a young man; I should be doing something else."**

Your gifts today will help vulnerable communities around the world have access to clean water and provide other vital support. You can donate online through the CAFOD website, or by using one of the envelopes. You can also donate by text. Text **LENT10** to **70460** to donate £10. Or add the amount you'd like to donate, eg text LENT20 to give £20. If you wish to receive no marketing communications: Text LENTNOINFO to **70460**.

Saints of the Day

22nd February—See of St Peter: This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined *ex cathedra*, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium.

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome has been celebrated from the early days of the Christian era on 18 January, in commemoration of the day when Saint Peter held his first service in Rome. The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome, on 22 February. At each place a chair (cathedra) was venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. One of the chairs is referred to about 600 by an Abbot Johannes who had been commissioned by Pope Gregory the Great to collect in oil from the lamps which burned at the graves of the Roman martyr

23rd February— St Polycarp: Polycarp (C.69-c.155) was a disciple of the apostle John and bishop of Smyrna, as well as a friend of Ignatius of Antioch. He went to confer with Pope Anicetus to discuss a uniform date for the celebration of Easter. Neither could agree the system of the other, so they agreed to differ in charity over their two traditions. As a boy Irenaeus knew Polycarp and praised his gravity, holiness, and majesty of countenance. Polycarp's letter to the Philippians was so esteemed that it was read in the churches of Asia during the lifetime of Jerome. Polycarp suffered martyrdom in the city stadium. When asked to renounce Christ he said: 'I have been a servant of Christ for eighty-six years and no evil has come near me; how can I now speak against my king who has saved me?' Polycarp is a most important link between the time of the apostles and the earliest Christian Fathers.

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Christian Leadership Formation Programme

A fully-sponsored course to forge the next generation of Christian Leaders

If you are in Lower Sixth, you love God, and want to make a difference this course is for you! For information and an application pack visit:
www.christianheritagecentre.com

The national Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th—18th March 2021 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. In this Year dedicated to St Joseph, the Mill Hill missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you would like to join in from home, for the first time this year, Masses from St Joseph's Church will be available to follow on Zoom and YouTube via the parish website: stjosephsparish.co.uk and the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet. You can join in by praying the daily novena prayer, which will be in your Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet. Please write to the **Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.**

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 or keeping 2 metre distance and following the rules that have been set out. Thank you.

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Peter's Pence Collection: Archbishop Malcolm would like to pass on his thanks, and those of the Apostolic Nuncio, for the archdiocese's contribution towards the support of the Holy See. The amount raised was £6,365.90.

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Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio—www.heavensroadfm.com is an online radio broadcasting features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience—they also have many podcasts and broadcast over 40 daily live Masses from 15 churches in England and Ireland from their website.