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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

12th to 20th April 2025

Sat 12th April

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Stephen Sherriff (RIP)*

Sun 13th April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30am Latin Mass (1962 Missal): *Pro Populo*

10:30am Mass: *Peace in the world*

5pm Kerala Mass

Tue 15th April

6:30pm Mass:

7:10pm Servers' practice for the Triduum

Wed 16th April

12 noon: The Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Northampton

Thu 17th April Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, *Therese Conner, anniv.* Followed by watching at the chapel of repose until 9:15pm.

Fri 18th April Good Friday

10am Children's Stations of the Cross

3pm The Commemoration of the Passion

7pm Stations of the Cross in the parish precinct

Sat 19th April Holy Saturday

7:45pm The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter, the newly baptised and the newly confirmed.

Sun 20th April Easter Sunday

8:30am Latin Mass (1962 Missal): *TBA*

10:30am Mass: *TBA*

5pm Kerala Mass: *TBA*

SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?

THANKS

To Myriam, Terry and their team for the Vintage Tea they organised last week, and for the £216 they raised for the parish.

THE MANDATUM OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

There is a sheet at the back of the church where you can volunteer to take part in this.

ALTAR SERVERS

A note to parents: we will hold a practice in the church for the Easter Triduum on Tuesday 15th April at 7:10pm.

A COACH IS GOING FROM BEDFORD TO WALSINGHAM

On Saturday 14th June for the Northampton Diocese Pilgrimage. An itinerary for the day will be provided for all pilgrims. The cost is £18 per person. In Walsingham, you may wish to have lunch in the restaurant or to bring a packed lunch.

The coach leaves 7:45am for 8am prompt departure from Holy Cross Catholic church. If you are interested in taking part in our Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham, please contact Maria Quinlan on 0790 559746.

PARISH PICNIC – HELP WANTED

A parish picnic is proposed to be held on Saturday 12th July.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.



If you can help us in setting up. Running a BBQ, a bouncy castle or generally being part of the team.

Then please contact Rachel Kirkham on 01234 314093 ASAP. Thank you.

LENTEN HOLY HOURS

The Lenten Holy Hours on Wednesdays have been a great addition to Lent at Christ the King. The theme of these Holy Hours – Hope - is the theme of the Holy Year that is taking place and has given definition and direction for us. Christian hope is foundational for the life of the world and these Holy Hours have given rise to some very proper questions for the Holy Year:

1. How can we better present the Lord as someone who is a 'life-coach'.
2. How can we become stronger as a Christian community in the midst of a changing world?
3. As a parish, how can we help other people to see what 'transformation in Christ' looks like?
4. How can we better transmit faith-filled hope to others?
5. How can we better show the difference that Christ Jesus makes to our lives?

It is wonderful that we have had the opportunity to hold these Holy Hours and our prayer is that they will bear fruit for many.

MISSIO RED BOXES

Would box holders please return your boxes for collection over the next few weeks. John is also happy to pick up your box from home, should you wish. Please call him on 07773712688.

REIMAGINING BAPTISM

An important seminar for parish catechists about how baptism is understood in the life of the Church today. It takes place on 9th & 10th May at the cathedral hall in Southwark.

Booking details etc are available on a poster in the porch. It would be great if some of our parish catechists could take part in this event.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections - £609.38
Standing Orders - £132.50



Good Friday

Celebrating the death Jesus
and the life it brings

18th April 2025 at 12 noon
Harpur Square, Bedford

A GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER:

Almighty God, we beseech you to graciously behold your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross.

We give thanks for the depth of his love and the extent of his sacrifice. Help us to truly understand the cost of sin and death, and to live in a way that honours his memory. Grant us forgiveness, renewal, and a hope for eternal life through his sacrifice. Amen.





Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation

Week 6: Sustainability/Simple Lifestyle

Pope Francis has issued an encyclical
Dilexit nos : On human and Divine love from the heart of Jesus.

This encyclical reveals that Jesus loved us (RM 8, 37); "We have recognized God's love for us and have believed in it" (Jn 4 ,16)

Laudato si continues at no. 222 to no. 227, on another way of Understanding Quality of Life:

"Christian spirituality proposes and encourages a prophetic and Contemplative lifestyle, to appreciate things without being Obsessed by consumption.

It also proposes sobriety and calls for simplicity..."

In this Jubilee year, when we are invited to be pilgrims of hope, and in this Lenten season, we are called to take up the challenge of increased vulnerability to climate impacts such as drought, floods, deforestation and all kinds of injustice that affect human dignity.

REFLECTION:

Virtues like simplicity, sobriety and humility are not signs of weakness or fear. They enable us not to become attached to the things we possess, but help us to be content with what is necessary without becoming sad. In the same sense our Rule of Life in article 20 paragraph1 and article 21, advises these same virtues.

- Am I ready to acknowledge my actions that harm society and the environment?
- Am I attentive enough to the words of love that nature offers me?
- The Word comforts, transforms, converts and heals. Am I ready to witness it to others?

SUGGESTIONS:

Christ's mission is a mission of love, and it's ours too;

- ❖ Stop to give thanks to God on a daily basis and strengthen our solidarity with the poor.
- ❖ Plan reforestation at the right time, as a sign of respect for our Creator.
- ❖ Collaborate in church and especially with the groups we accompany, raising awareness of the need for justice and peace in our world.
- ❖ Protect and keep green spaces in our communities.
- ❖ Speak kind words to those who listen to us.
- ❖ Know how to ask forgiveness and to say thank you to everyone.
- ❖ Be faithful to prayer, so as to draw our strength from God.

PRAYER:

Lord, so that truth may have its essence in me, convert my heart.

Grant me the grace to put your teachings into practice, so that in me and around me, our world becomes more just and fraternal. Grant our rulers the wisdom and humility to govern your people well.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Laudato si Commission

Sr. Delphine Maigoni, Cameroon