



# CHRIST THE KING (YEAR A)

## PARISH SCHEDULE

Sun 26th	Adoration & Confession 09:15 Quiet Prayer	
	Christ the King 10:30 Mass & Choir	
	Parish Community 11:45 Christmas Fair	
Mon 27th	Ordinary Time: Week 34 08:00 Mass	
	Requiem Mass 11:30 Angela Whittaker	
Tue 28th	Ordinary Time: Week 34 09:15 Mass	
Wed 29th	Ordinary Time: Week 34	
Thu 30th	St. Andrew's Day 12:00 Mass	
	Parish Community 12:30 Friendship Group	
Fri 1st	Ordinary Time: Week 34 09:15 Mass	
	Requiem Mass 12:00 Joseph McManus	
	Parish Community 13:30 Flower Club	
Sat 2nd	Adoration & Confession 11:00 Quiet Prayer	
	Ordinary Time: Week 33 12:00 Mass	
	Adoration & Confession 17:00 Quiet Prayer	
	1st Sunday of Advent 17:30 Vigil Mass	
Sun 3rd	Adoration & Confession 09:15 Quiet Prayer	
	1st Sunday of Advent 10:30 Mass & Choir	
	Parish Community 11:45 Refreshments	
	Holy Hour 12:15 Prayers for the Parish	

## WILL THERE BE MANY SAVED?

Sadly, this week, I suffered only the second serious bereavement of my life: my dear uncle Charles died peacefully but unexpectedly in his sleep at the age of 89. Such events lead us to ask the big questions such as, "What happens to us when we die?" or "Will many be saved?"

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, the end of the Church year. The readings make us think about end times and judgement. In the Gospel reading Jesus says, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory... he will separate men one from another..."

And so we might ask, "How will this separation be made?" The answer is stark and simple. Jesus' words make clear that he will recognise those who have lived lives of love and service even if those people don't recognise him. In other words, what is important is not what we claim we believe, but how much we love.

St Paul celebrates Christ's victory over sin and death. "For he must be king until he has put all enemies under his feet and the last of these enemies to be destroyed is death." Our salvation is not guaranteed by our baptism, our showing up to church on a Sunday, or our donations to charity. "God is love and whoever lives in love, lives in God."  
**God bless, Fr Kevin.**

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday 23rd	17.30pm	4th Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass	 Saint Francis
Sunday 24th	10.30am	4th Sunday of Advent	 Sacred Heart
	11.45am	Mary's Meals Soup Lunch	 Parish Centre
	12.15pm	Christmas Concert	 Sacred Heart
	17.30pm	Christmas Day Mass	 Saint Francis
	10:30pm	Christmas Carols	
	11:00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass	 Sacred Heart
Monday 25th	10.30am	Christmas Day Mass and Choir	 Sacred Heart



**TOTAL UPDATE:** As of today we have secured 54% of our target: **£4,453.32 Raised plus £25.84 Gift Aid** Let's not loose momentum now! Have you considered sponsoring a child in lieu of a Christmas Gift for someone?

## RIGHT TO LIFE UK

Let ask for the grace to minister to and pray for the least of our brethren, including the prisoner, the stranger, the sick and suffering, and the unborn. **Lord hear us.**

### PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

#### MASS INTENTIONS:

*The greatest prayer we can offer is the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. If you would like a mass to be offered for a specific intention, detail this and enclose an offering of £10 or more in an envelope (noting if it should be kept private). Pass this to Fr. Kevin or place in the offertory basket.*

UNWELL: BERYL MURRAY, MARY GOUGH ,

#### OUR BRETHREN WHO ARE UNWELL

AMBER MCCOURT, ELIZABETH SENGHORE, LENNY, JOHN AND MARJORIE FISHER, MAGGIE JOYCE, SHEILA DOWNEY, TOMMY LOFTUS.

### ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

A family in the parish needs to secure new accommodation a.s.a.p. due to end of temporary lease after arriving the the country. If anyone knows of anything suitable please contact the parish office. Please also pray for a happy resolution of the family's housing situation.

### DIACONATE

The Diocese of Salford have been introducing their five deacons over the last few weeks. This week, there is an article about our own Deacon, Davie Nalikata, and his journey to becoming a Permanent Deacon. Read the article on the Salford Diocese website: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/deacon-davie-nalikata>

### REVELATION 19:13,16

*He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.*

### CONTACT US

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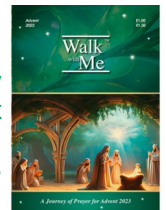
## ADVENT RETREAT EVENINGS

After the success of recent Pentecost and Advent Retreats, I am pleased to let you know that there will be three Thursday evening Advent retreat evenings. The format will be: Mass at 6.30 p.m., followed by praise and worship for about half an hour. There will then be a talk by a guest speaker and I have insisted this year that the talks are 30-40 minutes long. The evenings will finish with prayers, blessings, worship and consecration and then hospitality in the presbytery. Please put these in your diary:

- Thursday 7 December 6.30 p.m.  
"The Child of God at Christmas"
- Thursday 14 December 6.30 p.m.  
"The Love of the Father at Christmas"
- Thursday 21 December 6.30 p.m.  
"The Motherhood of Mary at Christmas"

### WALK WITH ME

The popular Advent "Walk With Me" booklets are now available at both churches, priced only £1.00. We did not sell all the copies last year, so I have ordered a reduced number. Please be sure to get your copy as early as possible, so that I can re-order if necessary.



### SOUP LUNCH FOR MARY'S MEALS AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Also at the Choir Meeting, it was decided to hold the Christmas Concert after Mass on **Sunday 24 December**. There will be a charity lunch of soup and rolls in the Parish Centre, starting at 11.45 a.m. and then the concert will begin at about 12.15 p.m. All proceeds are going to support our parish project with Mary's Meals. Please could you volunteer to make a batch of soup, perhaps for up to 12 people?

### CARITAS SALFORD ADVENT APPEAL #BEETHERE




This year's advent appeal, includes a brand new, specially created animation film, remind people that, even though the world may seem overwhelming at the moment with the cost-of-living crisis, wars, climate change and poverty, the smallest action can make the biggest difference. <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/will-you-bee-there-this-christmas/>



### APOSTOLIC NUNCIO

Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio (ambassador) to Great Britain, will make a pastoral visit to our diocese at the end of the month. As part of his visit, he will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's, Collyhurst, on **Thursday 30th November at 6.30pm**, where he will impart an Apostolic Blessing on all those present.

### PARISH OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKEND: 18&19th Nov		
 Basket		£162.80
 Basket		£418.00
 Online		£130.00

Please consider switching to making your offertory contributions by **Standing Order**. Forms are available at the back of each church, or you can set up with your bank directly using these details:

**TSDT SACRED HEART & ST FRANCIS GORTON,**  
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## First reading: Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goat

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.** In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

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## Second reading: 1 Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put

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under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel according to. Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

"Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

"Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**