



# Christ the Prince of Peace Newsletter

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## Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

**Sunday:** 9:00am, 10.30am  
and 6:00pm

**Monday-Wednesday:** 10:00am

**Thursday:** 7.30pm

**Friday:** 12 noon

**Saturday:** 10:00am

**Holy Days of Obligation:** 8:00am,  
10:00am and 8:00pm

**Youth Mass:** 6:00pm 2nd Sunday of the  
Month

## Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 10:30am-11:00am  
and 5:30pm - 5.50pm

Sunday 3rd December 2017

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Cycle B (Sundays) & Year 11 (Weekdays)**

**Psalter Week 2**

How prepared are you? Have you ordered all the presents and put up the tree? Preparation is one of the most important parts of Christmas, but Advent was never supposed to be about fixing the fairy lights. Advent is about spiritual preparation. In all the whirlwind preparations for the Christmas celebrations, we need to prepare a way for the Lord, and this preparation begins with a call from an eccentric man living alone in the desert over two thousand years ago

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance. Today we might easily dismiss the rantings of a strange man who dressed in camel hair and fed on locusts, but interestingly, people travelled miles into the desert to be baptised by him, so charismatic a man was

he, and so important his message. Two thousand years later, his message is just as relevant to those of us who want greater meaning in our lives. The repentance that John teaches means so much more than being sorry for our sins. Repentance means changing the direction of our lives away from poor and ungodly choices. Was the direction of our life decided by what exams we did or didn't pass at the age of seventeen? Has the direction of our life been determined by arbitrary decisions and random circumstances? Advent is a time to decide what sort of a person we would really like to be, and in what direction we would really like to be heading.

"Prepare the way of the Lord," John tells us, "make straight his paths." To allow

God into our lives, we are asked to remove any obstacles in God's path. How can we open our minds to God's will if our time is consumed in filling the freezer and making Christmas puddings? Advent is an opportunity for us to make some quiet time to contemplate and prioritise. What is it exactly that is preventing God's work in our lives?

"One mightier than I is coming after me," John tells us, "I have baptised you with water, he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit." In the desert of commercialism, we are reminded that the reason for the season is not turkeys and baubles. Preparation is a time of reflection; a little 'You' time.

## Bible Sunday 2017

Available in over 400 languages, written thousands of years ago by over 40 authors, a book upon which the social and moral foundations of western civilisation were built is today very sadly seen by many people in the UK today as irrelevant.

The Catholic Church sets aside the Second Sunday of Advent to pray for the '**Openness to God's Word**'. In many religions this is also **Bible Sunday**. In an increasingly secular society we are encouraged to read the Bible and apply it to our lives.

**Exposition****Monday:** 10:00am -10:00pm**Tuesday:** 10:00am-10:00pm**Wednesday:** 7:00am-7:00pm**Friday:** 11.00am-12 noon**Saturday:** 10:00am-12 noon**Rosary****Monday-Friday:** 9:10am (term time only)**Meditation Group****Tuesday** 9.00am-10.00am**Medjugorje Prayer Group****Thursday:** 8:00pm-9:00pm**Scripture Study****Wednesday** 2.00pm-3.00pm**Catholic Schools in the Parish****St. Charles Borromeo Primary School****Stephen Holt** *Head Teacher***Barbara Martin** *School Secretary*

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Standing Order & Gift Aid Forms for your offering to the parish are available on the website. Please complete and give in to the parish office.

**CONFIRMATION 2018**

A big thank you to our Confirmation candidates who were very generous in their donations (of chocolate!) and their writing of cards for prisoners at Tuesday's session. We are delighted to have your offers of participation in various parish roles and look forward to seeing you all about the parish, with your smiles, spades and dusters! It's very encouraging for us to have such a lovely group again this year - especially when there are so many of you :-)

Thanks also to the speakers who've joined us for various sessions - Adam and Barbara Simon on behalf of the Welcomers; Ella and Isabel from last year's group; and Hayden from this year! Have a Happy Christmas all. We look forward to seeing you at the next session on 10th January. From the Catechists - Adrienne, Jacinta, Maisy, Regina, Yvonne, Robert, John, Oscar, Tom and Fr Con .

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*Please note that there will be no Adoration on Wednesday 13th December*

*between 1 - 4pm*

*Also No Adoration on Wednesday 20th December due to the Salesian School Concert (setting up and practice)*

**MASS TIMES CHRISTMAS 2017****Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Fourth Sunday of Advent**Morning Masses: **9:00** am and **10:30** am**Christmas Eve****6:00** pm Vigil Mass for Young Families**10:30** pm Carols followed by **11:00** pm **Mass during the Night****Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day**Morning Masses: **9:00** am and **10:30** am (**No Evening Mass**)

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December** (St Stephen, The First Martyr) to **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December** (Octave of Christmas) **12:00** noon Mass preceded by Eucharistic Adoration from **11:00** am

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December** (New Year's Eve) - **Feast of The Holy Family**Morning Masses: **9:00** am and **10:30** am - Evening Mass **6:00** pm followed by a short period of Eucharistic Adoration before moving into the parish hall for drinks!**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018** (New Year's Day) - **Feast of Mary, Mother of God****12:00** noon Mass preceded by Eucharistic Adoration from **11:00** am**Dates for your Diary**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December-7 pm: Polish Wigilia in the hall

Sunday 31st December: Adoration after 6 pm Mass followed by refreshments in the hall parish hall

Filip Brozio will be baptised here this weekend. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.



## PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & NOTICES

### CHRISTMAS (WIGILIA)

**Saturday 16th December, 7pm:** To begin Christmas celebrations and get into the Christmas spirit, you are invited to a special evening to share the traditions of a Polish Christmas Eve celebration. There will be traditional food, a small gift for children under the Christmas tree from a surprise visitor, Nativity Play with Carols, singing and of course...mince pies and mulled wine. A truly festive evening. All welcome. Booking essential as places limited: for tickets email: [carmennrbona57@gmail.com](mailto:carmennrbona57@gmail.com) Adults: £10, Children: £5.

#### Parishes for Peace

#### A Big Thank You!

Thanks to the Parish Choir and the Royal Holloway Choir for a beautiful service. An amazing £1400 was raised in total (to be split between the parish charity and the choir).



**Reminder:** For those who took a tag from the Christmas tree last weekend, please bring the Christmas card and donation back to the parish office this week so that we can post the cards and buy their Christmas presents. Thank you.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Anne Littleton and Paula Wallace who made the soup for the last Cafod lunch and to all who supported it. We raised £242.10 for Cafod's work. Please note there is no Cafod lunch in January, the next one being Friday 2nd February after the 12 noon Mass.

#### CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE:

**23rd - 29th May:** Walking from Logroño to Burgos. A group of parishioners are walking a few stages of El Camino. If you are interested, let us know and we will send you the flight details for you to book yourself. This is a very personal pilgrimage. **The only thing we will book** is a coach to take us from Bilbao airport to the start of the first stage (Logroño) and back at the end of the fifth stage, from Burgos to Bilbao. For more details contact Carmen at [carmennarbona57@gmail.com](mailto:carmennarbona57@gmail.com)

**The Word Who Is Life:** As you may have read in the recent *Weybridge Deanery Newsletter*, Bishop Richard has held meetings around the diocese in recent weeks to look at the future of our Mission and Ministry. He asked all of us to reflect on a series of questions and these have now been formatted into a simple questionnaire [which is being distributed to all parishioners this weekend]. Please return your responses next weekend, if possible, or (from preference, to help us to collate responses more easily) fill in the **online version**, which is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/T7S53DZ>. We also invite you to discuss it at home, to share it with friends, to discuss it in parish groups and to encourage each other to take part in this important step in formulating a response for Bishop Richard ahead of his return visit on January 29, when he wants to hear our vision for the way ahead.

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## OTHER EVENTS & NOTICES

### ST GEORGE'S COLLEGE CHAPEL

**Sunday 10th December: 7 pm** - All are welcome to an Advent service of carols at St George's College Chapel.

### ST GEORGE'S JUNIOR SCHOOL MASS

**Tuesday 12th December, 8.40am:** Mass in the Junior School will have the theme 'Advent': Parishioners are most welcome to attend.

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES, THAMES DITTON

**Tuesday 12th December, 8pm:** The Rev. Carole Bourne will be speaking in the parish hall about her experience during three months spent in the Occupied Territories as an observer in the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel, monitoring interactions between Palestinian inhabitants and the Israeli Defence Forces and seeking to moderate friction. All are welcome.

### TWO EVENTS AT CHILWORTH ABBEY (near Guildford)

You are warmly invited to prepare for Christmas in the best possible way by going to confession and receiving absolution. The service is at 7.15pm on Friday 15th December. Priests will be available to hear individual confessions. The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration and concludes with Night Prayer with the Monastic Community at 8.30pm. Please also come to our Monastic Advent Carol Service on Sunday 17th December to begin celebrating Christmas with heart warming Carols, beautifully sung plainchant by the Monks, inspiring readings, followed by a convivial sharing of mulled wine and mince pies in the Assisi Room. Bring a friend if you can to share our joy at the birth of the Saviour of us all, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

### ST CHARLES BORROMEIO NURSERY

Applications for September 2018 need to be given in to the school by the end of January. Please contact the school office - 01932 842617.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. Now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

### HEADTEACHER VACANCY

After 28 years of devoted service to St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Thames Ditton, Mrs Johnson is retiring as headteacher this Easter. Governors are seeking to recruit a new headteacher with a vision to build on the school's strong foundations and an energetic leader, with leadership experience and a commitment to developing the Catholic ethos and other excellent qualities of the school. Early indications are that there will be strong interest in the position. Closing date for applications is noon on Friday 5th January 2018. Potential applicants can see further details at [www.eteach.com/job.aspx?head+teacher&vacno+807383&Page=1](http://www.eteach.com/job.aspx?head+teacher&vacno+807383&Page=1)

## Mass Times, Intentions and Diary for the Week Ahead

		MASS INTENTIONS		
<b>SATURDAY 9th December</b>	10am 6pm	Private Intentions Colleen Keey RIP & Phyll Reddish RIP		Retiring collection for Christmas flowers
<b>SUNDAY 10th December</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8</i>	9am 10.30am 3pm 6pm	Austin Boyle RIP People of the Parish Deanery Care Mass Christine Collins RIP		Retiring collection at all Masses for Christmas flowers Tea in the hall after the Care Mass
<b>MONDAY 11th December</b>	10am	Jane Gullend RIP		
<b>TUESDAY 12th December</b>	10 am	Deceased members of the Liddell, Quinlan & Packham	2 - 4 pm	Catholic Women's League (Hall)
<b>WEDNESDAY 13th December</b>	10 am	Geraldine O'Connell RIP		No Eucharistic Adoration from 1 - 4
<b>THURSDAY 14th December</b>	8 pm	Helen Amlot RIP & Ciaran Purcell RIP	9.15 - 11.15 am 8.30- 9.15	Mothers & Toddlers (Hall) Medjugorje Prayer Group
<b>FRIDAY 15th December</b>	12 noon	Intentions of Pat Rudolph	7.30 pm	Youth Party (Hall)
<b>SATURDAY 16th December</b>	10am 6pm	Private Intention Deceased parents of Patricia & Peter Bailey	7 pm	Wigilia (Hall)
<b>SUNDAY 17th December</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8.19-28</i>	9am 10.30am 6pm	Intentions of Ralph Wong Harry & Anthony Simonds-Gooding RIP Kevin Duncan RIP		

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES IN THE DEANERY

Chertsey	7.30 pm on 11th December
Egham	11.00am on 9th December
Esher	7.30 pm on 11th December