

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH WOKING NEWSLETTER

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Christ the King



STATEMENT ON SAFEGUARDING FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Following the Meeting of the Bishops' Conference this week, a Statement on Safeguarding was issued on Friday November 20th in response to the IICSA Report last week. Everyone is encouraged to read the statement which can be found at www.cbcew.org.uk.



PRIVATE PRAYER AT ST DUNSTAN'S

Last week we received updated information from the Diocesan Health and Safety Toolbox Team about opening the Church for Private Prayer. In order to comply with the instructions, whenever we are open for private prayer we need to have the following in place:

- (The church) must be stewarded to provide a point of contact and assist visitors to observe the COVID Secure behaviours necessary to keep everyone safe during their visit (hand sanitising, face covering, social distancing and supporting NHS test and trace).
- At least one duty steward should be familiar with parish safeguarding procedures.
- People in the clinically extremely vulnerable and clinically vulnerable* category should not be recruited to stewarding roles during COVID.

*Clinically vulnerable includes those who are aged 70 or over (regardless of medical conditions) and people under 70 with an underlying health condition. Broadly speaking, that means anyone instructed to get a flu jab each year on medical grounds (if you are unsure we have a list of medical conditions that would exclude you from acting as a steward). We took the decision to close the Church for private prayer this week as we were unable to comply with the above. We would like to try and open again for Private Prayer for a time each weekday and are proposing that, if we get volunteers to steward who are not excluded by the above, we will open daily from 11.15am to 1.00pm. Day by day, we will try to keep the Parish Website up to date with news of whether we are open or not. Volunteers, please get in touch as soon as possible, preferably by [email](mailto:working@abdiocese.org.uk) to working@abdiocese.org.uk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE
SOULS OF

Maria Abbott RIP (wife of John and former
Teaching Assistant at St Dunstan's School),
James Chapman RIP (husband of Jennifer),
Patricia Horler RIP
and **Tony Smith RIP** (husband of Marie).
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
May they rest in peace.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK
especially **Madge Flood**.

Online Prayer Petitions - Click on the '[Submit Online Petition](#)' link on the website. Thank you.
COVID-19 Indulgence: press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 21st November - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 10.00 am *The Intentions of Amanda Vassell*
6.00 pm *Teresa and Mick Bullen, 50th Wedding Anniversary*
7.30 pm Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 22nd November - Christ the King Youth Day

- 9.00 am *All Parishioners*
10.30 am *John Jake Donovan*
12 noon Mass in Italian
5.30 pm *The souls of the Do and Tran families*
7.30 pm Adoration in Italian until 8.00 pm

Monday 23rd November - Weekday

- 10.00 am *Davidson, Emmanuel and Blessy, In Thanksgiving*
Rosary and Adoration until 2.00 pm
5.30 pm In Italian: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00 pm
6.30 pm In Portuguese: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 7.00 pm

Tuesday 24th November - St Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

- 10.00 am *Holy Souls*
Rosary and Adoration
5.30 pm In Italian: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00 pm
6.30 pm In Portuguese: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 7.00 pm

Wednesday 25th November - Weekday

- 10.00 am *Evelyn Mephram RIP*
Rosary and Adoration
5.30 pm In Italian: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00 pm
6.30 pm In Portuguese: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 7.00 pm

Thursday 26th November - Weekday

- 10.00 am *Jay Murray RIP*
Rosary and Adoration
5.30 pm In Italian: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00 pm
6.30 pm In Portuguese: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 7.00 pm

Friday 27th November - Weekday

- 10.00 am *John O'Malley RIP*
Rosary and Adoration
5.30 pm In Italian: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00 pm
6.30 pm In Portuguese: Rosary and Adoration followed by Mass at 7.00 pm

Saturday 28th November - Weekday

- 10.00 am *Tony Galcius*
6.00 pm *All Parishioners*
7.30 pm Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 29th November - First Sunday of Advent - Year B

- 9.00 am *Deceased members of the Woking Catenian Circle*
10.30 am *The intentions of David Larkham*
12 noon Mass in Italian
5.30 pm *James Dolan RIP*
7.30 pm Adoration in Italian until 8.00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation - by appointment only
All services will be Live Streamed at st-dunstans.org/streaming

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22ND CHRIST THE KING

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Ezekiel assures us that the Lord is our shepherd, who will never cease to care for us. He will keep his flock in view and rescue them when they have been scattered, look for the lost and bring back the stray.

Psalms 22: 1-3a, 5-6 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 St Paul reminds us that through Christ's death we have the hope of eternal life with God. We are reminded that Jesus is the doorway that opens us up to resurrection.

Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus speaks of the final gathering when all nations will be gathered before God. When that time comes the people will be separated one from another according to how they have lived their life on earth.

Readings Next Weekend: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; Psalm 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

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CHILDREN

Introduction Today is the last Sunday of the Church's year, the Feast of Christ the King. As the year draws to an end, we turn our thoughts to when Christ will return as king at the end of time.

Reflection Christ promised to everyone who lived their lives trying to love others as he had taught them, a share in the joy of everlasting life and happiness with him in the kingdom of Heaven.

No one is good all the time, but we can make our loving actions outweigh the unloving ones. If we fill our lives with love and kindness, seeing Jesus in each person we meet and always treating others with kindness and respect, then our goodness will never be forgotten

Activity For younger children, make a crown, decorate with pens, pencils or stickers. Add 'Christ is King'. For older children: Draw some large old fashioned scales tilting heavily to one side. On squares of paper write some loving and unloving actions – selfishness, kindness, forgiveness, honesty, greed, love, sharing, generosity. Ask the children to place them on the relevant side of the scales. Add the caption: 'Christ will weigh up our goodness'.



Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ
King of the universe,
Watch over us and guide us.
Help us to remember that whatever we do to others
We do to you.
Amen

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE CATECHISM SAYS...?

THE BATTLE OF PRAYER III. FILIAL TRUST *How is our prayer efficacious?*

2740 The prayer of Jesus makes Christian prayer an efficacious petition. He is its model, he prays in us and with us. Since the heart of the Son seeks only what pleases the Father, how could the prayer of the children of adoption be centered on the gifts rather than the Giver?

2741 Jesus also prays for us - in our place and on our behalf. All our petitions were gathered up, once for all, in his cry on the Cross and, in his Resurrection, heard by the Father. This is why he never ceases to intercede for us with the Father. If our prayer is resolutely united with that of Jesus, in trust and boldness as children, we obtain all that we ask in his name, even more than any particular thing: the Holy Spirit himself, who contains all gifts.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

On Sunday 22nd November, the Feast of Christ the King, the Church in England and Wales celebrates National Youth Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year is 'Together'. Normally on National Youth Sunday, young people would be involved in the Liturgy. Whilst the Parish Community can't be together physically as we were, we are united together in prayer. This weekend especially, we pray for the young people of our Parish. Follow @NationalYouthSunday and for more information, please go to www.nationalyouthsunday.com.



Pope Francis said this recently: *“After many months we meet each other again face to face, rather than screen to screen. Face to face. This is good! The current pandemic has highlighted our interdependence: we are all linked to each other, for better or for worse. Therefore, to come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together, not alone. Together. Alone no, because it cannot be done. Either it is done together, or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in solidarity. I would like to underline this word today: solidarity.”*

ADORATION

Adoration will still take place on Mondays during the time of lock-down, starting after the 10 am Mass and continuing until 2 pm. In accordance with government restrictions the church will be opened to parishioners following the Rosary, at around 11.15 am.

PRAYER - A MINI COURSE FOR ADVENT

As part of your spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christmas we are offering you the opportunity to join a mini-course on prayer. We are delighted that so many have already signed up. There is still plenty of time to join if you would like to do so. By registering you will automatically receive, on each Monday of Advent, a note which includes a short film to watch (no more than 10 minutes) and some questions for you to reflect on during that week. The course is presented by Bishop Robert Barron of the Word on Fire Institute in Chicago. You do not have to do anything other than sign-up by emailing us at the parish office, watch and reflect. In these sad times when we cannot meet, we hope that in this small way you will feel connected to other parishioners as they too prepare to celebrate The Incarnation. We regret that this course can only be offered online in the current circumstances.

VIGIL OF CHRIST THE KING - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21ST

Bishop Richard shall be leading a period of Eucharistic Adoration, live-streamed from the Cathedral, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. This will be an important moment for us all to join with the Church across the world, since this initiative is a part of the journey towards the next International Eucharistic Congress and will be a graced time of prayer together in the midst of this time of pandemic.

DEANERY BEREAVEMENT MASS

On Tuesday 1st December at 7.00pm St Dunstan's will be hosting a Live Streamed Deanery Bereavement Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard. Live Stream at www.st-dunstans.org/streaming.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

On Tuesday 15th December at 7.30pm there will be a meeting in the CHURCH (so that social distancing guidelines can be followed) for parents who would like to find out how the preparation programmes for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion are going to be run. Children who are currently in Year 3 or above may celebrate these Sacraments but being in Year 3 does not mean that they have to do so. The programme is suitable for older children too. Attendance at this meeting is essential as the programme will be run quite differently over the coming months.

Should Government restrictions prevent us from holding this meeting we will advertise a new date as soon as possible. Keep reading the newsletter.

CONFIRMATION 2021

Bishop Richard has advised that he wishes to officiate, as is normal, at Confirmation Masses next year. It is anticipated that these will be celebrated in the autumn. May we request that all those who wish to consider being Confirmed next year notify the Parish Office, by email, by 18th December, please. At this stage we only need your name and email contact details. Candidates for Confirmation should already be in Year 10 or above.

BISHOP'S CATECHESIS FOR ADVENT

Bishop Richard is offering talks at the Cathedral on the Fridays preceding the Sundays of Advent. These will begin at 7pm. The dates and themes are as follows. The first will be livestreamed only, on account of the lockdown, but it is hoped that it will be possible for people to attend the other three and bookings can be made through the Cathedral office – arundel@abdiocese.org.uk, 01903 885335.

27th November:	Advent - Waiting
4th December:	John the Baptist - Witness
11th December:	Gaudete - Rejoice
18th December:	Mary – Openness

SIGN UP FOR SOCIALLY DISTANCED POSADA

Please email Barbara McManus two dates after 3rd December (when lock-down ends) if you would like to participate in this year's Posada during Advent. Posada means "Inn" in Spanish and you are invited to receive Mary, Joseph and Jesus into your home for one night during Advent. This is in the form of a (very small) crib set. The following day/evening you take the crib to another home, put it on the doorstep and wait for someone to answer the door. You can then do a handover keeping 2 metres apart. You could say a little prayer together or just wish each other Merry Christmas. Email your dates, name, address, postcode and phone number today to Barbara McManus bmmc64@icloud.com. If you can not email, you can text or call on 07710652235.

ST DUNSTAN'S SVP

If you are lonely or have other concerns and need help, we can be contacted by leaving a message on our mobile 07947 714139.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The Parish Magazine is now accepting contributions in the form of stories, comments, letters, reflective accounts, prayers or photos for the Christmas edition. Additionally, if you would like to share your Christmas messages within the pages of Parish Magazine, please contact us. We do not charge for this service but suggest a discretionary donation to CAFOD. Please send via the church office for the attention of the editor. Or alternatively email zjlightfoot@gmail.com. Deadline 30th November 2020.

ST DUNSTAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

APPLICATIONS FOR STARTING RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2021

Applicants for St Dunstan's School are requested to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as part of the admission process. Details around the application process are available on the [school website www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk). The SIF must be signed by a Priest, normally from St Dunstan's Parish. In order for SIFs to be signed by Priests it will be necessary this year (due to Covid-19) to submit the completed SIF, in an envelope marked "St Dunstan's SIF", to the letterbox directly outside the main doors to the Church by **November 30th**. The SIF will then be reviewed by the Priests and if any details require clarification before it receives their signature then a phone call will be made to the Parent/Carer involved

The originals of the documents required for the SIF (checklist on the final page) will need to be taken to the school office for photocopying as has been the case in previous years. The school will match the photocopies to the signed SIFs as part of the normal process. However, please note that from Thursday 5th November 2020 there will be no access for visitors to the school office. At this point in time therefore, admission forms and associated papers (evidence of child's date of birth, baptismal certificate, proof of address) will not be accepted by the school until after 2nd December 2020. Should the lock down continue after this time, further advice will be given as to how applications can be submitted. In the meantime, parents can apply online to Surrey: surreycc.gov.uk/admissions prior to submitting their Supplementary Information Forms to the school office in December. The closing date for admissions is 15th January 2021.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION

Professor John O'Brien will deliver the second of a three part online and interactive lecture series on 'The False Divide: Science vs Religion' on Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm via the Christ the Prince of Peace YouTube channel (type in 'CPP Weybridge' to YouTube). The second lecture will be focusing on 'Science: Challenges and Limitations' as we seek to better understand the boundaries and meeting points between Science and Christianity in particular.

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL (ADORE)

Saturday 28th November 10.00 am-12.45 pm

Mini conference for spiritual renewal with Mass, Adoration, praise, prophecy, and an inspiring talk "Do whatever He tells you" from Catholic evangelist Ros Powell. Please register in advance for Zoom by following this link: bit.ly/ADORENOV20. For more information go to the ADoRE website www.altonrenewal.com



A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND BEYOND

Next Saturday, 28th November 11am-1.30pm, the diocese has arranged a Zoom meeting to address the question of how we, as Catholics, as Christians, should respond to the call to serve the wounded world? Whatever your situation, come along to reflect, pray and explore this call put forth in the new document from the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and the World Council of Churches called "Serving a Wounded World in Interreligious Solidarity". It is a short document and quite easy - and interesting - reading. Katharina Smith-Muller, Interreligious Adviser to the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, was involved in the drafting of this document and will be a guest speaker at the meeting. Invite your friends from other churches. Everyone is welcome. To book or for more details please email: catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk. Please add your parish and town to the email. Once registered you will receive the link in the days before the meeting.



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During COVID-19 and Beyond



WOKING LIONS CLUB

CHRISTMAS DAY AND HAMPERS

Woking Lions Club are appealing for support for their "Goody bags" with food vouchers and other treats for 'local families in need this Christmas'. You can donate by searching online for "Woking Lions Club" and following the link on the website. Please accept our sincere thanks for your donation to help us help those in need this Christmas time.



ILLUSTRATED ZOOM TALK

"WOKING IN THE 1950s and 60s - A trip down memory lane - Woking as it used to be."

Monday 30th November, 7.30pm given by local historian David Rose, tickets £5 with all proceeds going directly to fund local causes, including supporting those in need this Christmas. To register please email wokinglions2019@gmail.com.

WOKING PEOPLE OF FAITH

Woking People of Faith invite you to a virtual Ladies' Coffee Morning on Saturday 28th November at 10.30am for 40 minutes. Join ladies of all faiths to chat about anything – there is no set agenda. Please email the parish office if you would like the Zoom details.



WOKING AGE CONCERN

As we approach what will be a very different Christmas this year, Woking Age Concern are thinking of ways to spread a little joy and goodwill to their elderly, lonely clients. As well as Xmas 'hamper bags' which they will be delivering, they would like to send Christmas cards to all their clients. To fund postage for the cards, they have set up a Christmas Stamp Appeal on their VirginGiving campaign page which can be found from www.wokingageconcern.org.uk. Any contributions would be very gratefully received. Thank you.

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