

Sunday 26th November 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe (Year A)

Streamed Masses and Devotions are available on the internet via our website:

<http://christchurchhg.co.uk/>

Sat 25 th Nov		5.30-5.50pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 26 th Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe	9.00am 11.00am	John Mitchelson Anniversary Betty Gallagher R.I.P.
Mon 27 th Nov	no Mass		
Tue 28 th Nov		6.30pm 6pm	Adoration For Souls in purgatory
Wed 29 th Nov		10.00am 9.30am	Adoration Peter Lucas R.I.P.
Thurs 30 th Nov	no Mass		
Fri 1 st Dec		10.00am Until 11am	Vocations to the Priesthood Adoration
Sat 2 nd Dec		5.30-5.50pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Elizabeth Evans & Brian O'Neill R.I.P
Sun 3 rd Dec	First Sunday of Advent Year B	9.00am 11.00am	Maureen & John Redshaw Angela Dennehy own intentions

Christ Church News

Retiring Collection on 9th-10th December for **Caritas** which deals with some of the most vulnerable families and situations in the Shrewsbury Diocese. With gratitude for whatever you can offer.

Advent Sycamore Course - You may have already heard of this excellent video-based resource for exploring the Christian mysteries. All parishioners are welcome to join us in the parish hall for this time of faith formation and fellowship. During Advent we are showing three films on **Tuesday 5th, 12th and 19th December** starting at 7.15pm after the 6.30pm Mass. The session will last approximately an hour with the Format being a short film with discussion questions. Doors open at 7pm. Film starts at 7.15 pm - refreshments will be served - all are welcome. There are 3 films:

- 1, A God who Speaks - hiddenness of God. When God broke the silence and discovering the face of God.
- 2 The Bible - what is it? Can we trust it and how it can change your life.
- 3 The Power of Prayer - What is it? How to pray and does it make a difference?

Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal, 11th-17th September 2024 – to book please hand your form and deposit into the parish office or through the presbytery door by Sunday 10th December. Please email the parish at christchurchhg@yahoo.co.uk if you would like a booking form and itinerary.

Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent – on Thursday 14th December at St Benedict's in Handforth from 7pm to 8pm. This is not a service. All are welcome to spend up to an hour before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. During this time, Fr Tony will be available for Confessions in the Confessional and Fr O'Riordan will be available for face-to-face Confession.

Children's Liturgy 11am - Children of Infant school age or younger should go straight to the hall, accompanied by an adult. Juniors should go straight to the Quiet Room before the start of Mass.

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group – we meet in Church (via the side door near the hall) each Monday from 2-3pm. All are welcome to join the group for this time of prayer.

We have a monthly collection of non-perishable foods on Saturday mornings from **11am until 12noon** outside the front main doors of the Church. The date for the next collection is Saturday.

Parish Draw November winners: 1st Prize 142 Christine Bodley 2nd Prize 27 Gerard Conroy

There is still time to apply for next year's draw starting January. £12.00 for the year.

The total offering of our **Christmas collection** for 2023 will go to **Mary's Meals**. Mary's Meals is an amazing Catholic charity. From their website: "Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. We are already feeding more than 2.4 million children every school day – and, together, we can reach the next hungry child waiting for Mary's Meals." **Due to their generous supporters, donations will be doubled** until 22nd January 2024. For more information see www.marysmeals.org.uk

Advance notice of the Christmas Mass times at Christ Church:

The First Mass of Christmas on Sunday 24th December at 5.30pm

Carols around the tree at 7pm by the Heald Green library on Finney Lane

Mass of Christmas Night on Sunday 24th December at 8.30pm

Christmas Day on Monday 25th December at 9am

Christmas Day on Monday 25th December at 11am

After discussion at our last parish meeting, the Mass of Christmas Night is being moved to an earlier time this year, from midnight to 8.30pm. It is hoped that the earlier time will bring a larger congregation, and those who may attend the very full 5.30pm Vigil Mass but find midnight too late, might find the 8.30pm Mass a welcome addition.

Other Events and News

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal - Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030. **CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas** are available in Church.

Cheadle Catholic Infant School Open Evenings for parents - Tues 6th December 6-7pm. Please email admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk in order to book a place.

Advent Retreat Day on Saturday, 2 December there will be an **Advent Retreat Day** in the parish centre at **St Peter's**, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA. Fr David Long will explore "**Becoming a servant Church**", looking at some of the major Advent figures and the pointers that they give us as we prepare to welcome the Servant King. 9.30am to 4pm with the opportunity to go to Mass at noon in church. Bring a packed lunch. As always, everyone is very welcome.



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