

Lent and Easter 2017

My Dear Parishioners

The Church gives us the Season of Lent to encourage us to make a special effort for a few short weeks. Traditionally we associate Lent with giving up something and we may have something in mind again this year. But really the focus should be on doing something extra, particularly something spiritual. This year we have put together a programme which allows us to focus on our spiritual journey and perhaps we could look at the list below and choose something extra for the weeks of Lent. We also have the “Walk with Me” prayer books and calendars to help us day by day. We will have special services for Confession, on Monday 10th April with visiting Priests at St Augustine’s and on Tuesday 11th April again, with visiting Priests at Christ the King. Our service of Healing and Anointing is on Sunday 2nd April at 4.00pm with Easter Tea to follow. Please let people know about these opportunities. There is a “Live Simply” Prayer Group each Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Library. There are things on most evenings for those at work during the day, as well as the early morning Masses at 7am, on Tuesdays and Thursdays (Breakfast to follow). Stations with the school children on Friday afternoons in Church is also very moving. This will be during term time at 2.30pm in both St Augustine’s and at Christ the King. These Stations are led by the children themselves and they are always very moving. There are also Stations of the Cross each Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm.

God Bless

Fr Tom

<i>Ash Wednesday Masses:</i>	9.00 am	St Augustine’s
	9.15 am	Christ the King
	12 noon	Christ the King
	7.00 pm	Christ the King

**Blessing and Distribution
of Ashes at all Masses**



The weekly programme for Lent will be

<i>Monday Masses</i>	9.15 am	Christ the King	
	7.00pm	Mass with Stations of the Cross (St Augustine’s)	
<i>Tuesday Masses</i>	7.00 am	Christ the King (Breakfast after Mass in the Library)	
	9.15 am	Christ the King	
<i>Wednesday Masses</i>	9.00 am	St Augustine’s	
	12 noon	Christ the King	
<i>Thursday Masses</i>	7.00 am	Christ the King (Breakfast after Mass in the Library)	
	12 noon	Christ the King	
<i>Friday</i>	9.15 am	Christ the King followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	2.30 pm	Stations of the Cross at St Augustine’s Church with the School (term time)	
	2.30 pm	Stations of the Cross at Christ the King Church with School (term time)	
	6.30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at Christ the King	
	7.00 pm	Mass with Stations of the Cross at Christ the King	
<i>Saturday Masses</i>	10.00 am	Christ the King	10.30 ~11.30 am Confessions and Holy Hour.
	6.00 pm	Christ the King	7.00pm Confessions after Mass
<i>Sunday Masses</i>	9.00 am	Christ the King	
	10.30 am	St Augustine’s	
	12 noon	Christ the King	
	4.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	



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There are booklets for the Stations of the Cross available at the First Station and this is a devotion you can pray on any visit to the Church.



On Sunday 2nd April at 4.00pm we will have our

Anointing of the Sick with Benediction, followed by an Easter Tea.

On Sunday 9th April (Palm Sunday) at 5.00pm in the Parish Community Centre we will be celebrating a Passover Meal which will explain the link between the Eucharist, the Passover and the message of Holy Week.

It will be both a spiritual and social event and you won't have to worry about Sunday lunch on that day if you come along. Suitable for all ages.

HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME

<i>Palm Sunday 9th April</i>		Blessing of Palms and Procession at all Masses	
<i>Saturday</i>	6.00 pm	Christ the King	
<i>Sunday Masses</i>	9.00 am	Christ the King	
	10.30 am	St Augustine's	
	12 noon	Christ the King	
	4.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	
	5.00 pm	Passover Meal in the Parish Centre	
<i>Monday 10th April</i>	7.00 pm	Service of Penance (Confessions with Visiting Priests) at St Augustine's	
<i>Tuesday 11th April</i>	7.00 pm	Service of Penance (Confessions with Visiting Priests) at Christ the King	
<i>Holy Thursday</i>	7.30pm	Mass of the Last Supper, Washing of Feet and Watching until Midnight At Christ the King	
<i>Good Friday</i>	10.00am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	
	3.00 pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at Christ the King	
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	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross and Veneration at Christ the King	
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<i>Holy Saturday</i>	10.00am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	
	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil at Christ the King	
		Easter Fire, Renewal of Baptism and Reception of Converts	
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	9.00 am	Easter Mass at Christ the King	
	10.30 am	Easter Mass at St Augustine's	
	12 noon	Easter Mass at Christ the King	

There should be one thing on this sheet that we can manage to do each week so that we make the most of this Season of grace and receive the new life that God offers each of us at Easter.

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