

The Season of Advent 2019

Dear Parishioners,

This sheet outlines our programme for Advent and Christmas. It is always a busy time, but it is important for us to use the weeks of Advent to prepare spiritually, so that we do not lose the real meaning of Christmas and that Christ remains at the heart of our celebrations. To help us through Advent we have the Advent "Walk With Me" books and calendars. The First Sunday of Advent, December 1st, we have the Blessing of the Crib in BROADGATE at 4.00pm. It is a chance for us, amid all the shops to witness to the Christmas message. We will have a Service of Anointing with a Christmas Tea for the sick and housebound on Sunday, December 8th at 3.00pm. Could our Ministers let the housebound know about this service please. We will also have extra Masses at St Augustine's on Monday night at 7pm and on Thursdays at 7am at Christ the King, to give those who are working a chance to come along to Mass in the week. We have an Advent Penance Service with visiting Priests hearing Confession on Monday, 16th December at 7.00pm. There are also a number of Carol Services and productions at the schools and in the Parish.

Let us support and encourage each other on this Advent journey and pray for God's blessing for ourselves and our families this Holy Season.

God Bless,

Fr Tom

The weekly programme will be

<i>Sunday Masses</i>	9.00am and 12 Noon	Christ the King
	10.30am	St Augustine's
<i>Monday Masses</i>	9.15am	Christ the King
	7.00pm	St Augustine's (For Advent)
<i>Tuesday Mass</i>	9.15am	Christ the King
<i>Wednesday Mass</i>	9.00am	St Augustine's
	12 noon	Christ the King
<i>Thursday Masses</i>	7.00am	Christ the King (for Advent)
	12 noon	Christ the King
<i>Friday Masses</i>	9.15am	Christ the King
	7.00pm	Christ the King
	At 2.30pm children from Christ the King school will lead us in an Advent Reflection and Benediction. All are welcome to attend this service.	
	6.30-7.00pm	Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
<i>Saturday Masses</i>	10.00 am	Christ the King
	10.30-11.00am	Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (Confessions available)
	6.00pm	(First Mass of Sunday)
	7.00pm	Confessions



Blessing of Crib on Sunday 1st December at 4.00pm in **BROADGATE**

There is a Service of Anointing for all elderly, sick and housebound on Sunday 8th December at 3.00pm followed by a Christmas High Tea. All welcome.

We have our Advent Penance Service with visiting priests for Confession on Monday 16th December at 7pm in Christ the King

Overleaf are the arrangements for Christmas so that you have plenty of notice

***Christmas at
Christ the King and St Augustine's 2019***

Carol Services

Carol Service at St Augustine's Church Tuesday 17th December at 6.00pm

Carol Service at Christ the King Church Thursday 19th December at 6.00pm

Christmas Eve Masses ~ Tuesday Evening 24th December

4.00pm St Augustine's (Family Mass)

6.00pm Christ the King (Family Mass)

7.30pm St Augustine's

9.00pm Christ the King



Christmas Day Masses ~ Wednesday 25th December

9.00am Christ the King

10.30am St Augustine's

12noon Christ the King

Boxing Day (St Stephen's Day) Mass

12 Noon at Christ the King (for Altar Servers and their families with distribution of Medals)

We ask that you encourage family and friends to "Come Home for Christmas".

This is something that we can all do.

Please use this leaflet to let others know about our Advent and Christmas programme.

*Fr Tom, Fr Michael and Fr John
the Parish Deacons and Sisters wish you all a*

"A Very Happy and Holy Christmas"

