

Christmas Mass Times

Christ the King Church

Fri 24th Dec	5.30 pm Carols
Christmas Eve	6.00 pm Mass
	8.30 pm Carols
	9.00 pm Mass
Sat 25th Dec	9.00 am Mass
Christmas Day	12.00 pm Mass
	NB no 6pm this evening
Sun 26th Dec	9.00 am Mass
	12.00 pm Mass
Mon 27th Dec	9.15 am Mass
Tues 28th Dec	9.15 am Mass
Wed 29th Dec	12.00 pm Mass
Thurs 30th Dec	12.00 pm Mass
Fri 1st Jan	9.15 am Mass
	7.00 pm Mass
Sat 2nd Jan	10.00 am Mass
	6.00 pm Mass (for Sunday)

St Augustine's Church

Fri 24th Dec	7.00 pm Carols
	7.30 pm Mass
Sat 25th Dec	10.30 am Mass
Sun 26th Dec	10.30 am Mass

Fr Tom, Fr Paul, Deacons Pat & Gerry
and Holy Rosary Sisters wish you all
A Happy and Holy Christmas



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ADVENT SERVICES



For each one of us there is a personal and individual advent of the Lord when at the end of our lives we believe that he will come and gather us up into the loving and forgiving embrace of the Father. When we think of this we begin to see our present lives more clearly under this aspect of eternity.

+ Bernard Longley
Walk With Me

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen**

The Season of Advent 2010

The Season of Advent comes this year, again, in harsh economic times. This can lead us to worry about the financial pressures of Christmas. We are pressured to buy more and more and it can lead people into debt. It doesn't have to be like this. There is an opportunity to consider the spiritual preparation necessary at this time of year and worry less about the material. Earlier this year the Holy Father visited our country and encouraged us to continue in our witness to the Faith. It is in the small ways in which we live out our lives that others see what it means to be Catholic and during the season of Advent we are encouraged to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

This leaflet gives details about all of the opportunities that there are in and around the parish this Advent. The Christmas Season is not about how much we spend, but about how much we love. Come and join the parish in our preparations for the coming of Christ.

Do not try to do too much, just one thing will be enough for most people. We all make great efforts for Lent and we need to make the same effort for the four weeks of Advent.

Some highlights include: the weekly talks on the faith on Wednesday's at 7pm in the library, this year looking particularly at prayer and spirituality; the Service for the Sick on Sunday, 5th December at 4.00pm. After our service, we will enjoy Tea and carols sung by the parish youth group. Sunday, 19th December we will be able to join the excellent Youth Group who will host a Carol Concert, with mulled wine and mince pies, to raise funds for our young people going to World Youth Day next summer. On Sunday 26th December there is a special Mass at 9am in Christ the King and 10.30am at St Augustine's for the Altar Servers and all their families. Please do try to support them if you can.

As in previous years we have a Penance Service at St Augustine's on Monday, 20th December at 7.00 pm and Christ the King on Tuesday, 21st December at 7.00 pm. There will be visiting priests at both Penance Services. We need to support this so that we all witness to the importance of this Sacrament, especially to pass this Tradition on to our children. It is, of course, also part of our Christmas duties to come to Confession. We have, also, the Walk With Me booklets and calendars so that we are helped to make time for prayer each day.

Let us support one another on this Advent journey and pray for God's blessings upon us during this Holy Season.

May God bless you all.
Fr Tom & Fr Paul

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CALENDER OF EVENTS

Sun 28 November	4.00pm	Blessing of Crib in City Centre
Wed 1 December	7.00pm	Talk on Psalm 139, in the library
Sun 5 December	4.00pm	Service for the Sick and Housebound, followed by tea in the library
Wed 8 December	7.00pm	Talk on The Prayers of Zachery, Mary and Simeon, in the library
Sat 11 December		CTK Infant School Christmas Bazaar
Wed 15 December	6.30pm	St Augustine's School, Advent Service
	7.00pm	Talk on Franciscan Spirituality and the Christmas Crib, in the library
Thu 16 December	6.00pm	Christ the King Infant & Junior Schools Carol Service
Fri 17 December		Last day of school term
Sun 19 December	7.00pm	Carol Concert by the Youth Group for World Youth Day funds
Mon 20 December	7.00pm	Penance Service, St. Augustine's Church, with visiting priests for Confession
Tue 21 December	7.00pm	Penance Service, Christ the King Church, with visiting priests for Confession
Fri 24 December	5.30pm	Carols before Mass
Christmas Eve	6.00pm	Family Mass at Christ the King
	7.00pm	Carols before Mass
	7.30pm	Mass at St Augustine's
	8.30pm	Carols before Mass
	9.00pm	Mass at Christ the King
Sat 25 December	9.00am	Mass at Christ the King
Christmas Day	10.30am	Mass at St Augustine's
	12.00pm	Mass at Christ the King
		NB no 6pm Mass this evening
Sun 26 December	9.00am	Altar Servers Mass at Christ the King Church
	10.30am	Mass at St Augustine's
	12.00pm	Mass at Christ the King
Mon 27 December	9.15am	Mass at Christ the King
Wed 5 January		St Augustine School Return
Thu 6 January		CTK Junior & Infant Schools Return

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