

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF VALANKANNI (Our Lady of Good Health)

The parish of Christ The King joyously celebrates the annual Feast of Our Lady Of Valankanni with many of our Goan brothers and sisters. This will take place at the 6.30pm Mass this coming **Saturday 9th September**, with a short procession after the Mass. Afterwards everyone is invited to the hall to celebrate as a parish this great occasion. It a great privilege for Fr. Pat to be a priest in this wonderful and diverse parish and to celebrate Our Lady of Valankanni.

FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION: GATHERINGWELCOME:

One of the most distinctive aspects of the life of, Jesus was his practice of sharing table with "outcasts and sinners" sometimes called "table fellowship". Think for a moment about the logic of his table-fellowship. Those called "outcasts and sinners" were people who because of their action or lifestyle has been ostracised - for instance, notorious sinners and prostitutes. In the case of these people, it was somebody saying to them "you are a person; you are noticed; you have a future; you are precious in the eyes of God." So welcome and hospitality are the heart of the Gospel because they are the heart of God. Jesus shows us that God's heart is a welcoming heart, reaching out to embrace all, so that all might feel that they are noticed and know that they are welcome and agree that they are precious.

"All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength and gives meaning to our lives." Pope Francis - Evangelii Gaudium (The joy of the Gospel).

Bereavement Group in the Parish

Death is a fact of life that we are all faced with, through the circumstances may vary. All of us experience the death of someone close to us at times, together with the grieving that follows. Whether death is sudden or expected, it is normal to experience feelings of loss, disbelief, anger, guilt, depression. The circumstances of death and the age of the deceased have bearings on the intensity and ability to deal with the bereavement. People may feel isolated, alone, suffering in silence with their grief and anguish. It is hoped that our parish Bereavement support group will pray for those who are bereaved and grieving while also offering support. We are still in the process of setting up a Bereavement group. Our next meeting for volunteers will be on **Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.30pm**. More details to follow.

BIG SLEEP OUT 2017

Michael Terney, one of our parishioners completed a volunteered sleep out last **Friday, 1st September to Saturday morning 2nd September**. Michael joined other volunteers who are hoping to raise money for a charity called "Launchpad preventing homelessness in Reading." Michael is hoping to seek sponsorships from parishioners and would be very grateful for your support for this very worthy cause. To find out more information on "Launchpad", please see the poster at the back of the church or alternatively you can contact launchpadreading.org.uk or call 0118 929 1146

Please remember the Church is God's House where people come to pray. Please respect His House. Please turn off mobiles. No food, drinks or chewing gum and no noisy toys. Thank you.

A VOCATION!

Following a 12-month discernment period, our parishioner Stephen Opoku-Anokye, is to embark on a four-year programme of formation that will culminate in his ordination to the permanent diaconate. Stephen will be updating the parish from time to time on his progress and there will be opportunities for parishioners to attend key ceremonies during his formation. Please remember Stephen and his wife, Fanta, and children in your prayers.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic? Or being Confirmed as an Adult

There will be an information evening at CTK presbytery on **Friday 8th September from 6.45pm to 8.00pm**. Attending the meeting will be those who over the last few years have become Roman Catholics. They have been through the preparation process before been received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. They will share their experiences with those who are discerning about joining the Catholic Church. Preparation sessions will begin in October on a Saturday morning from 10.30am to 12.00pm in the presbytery. This journey in Faith is called the Catechumenate and the R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This is a faith-formation process that helps persons who wish to become members of the Catholic Church to journey spiritually towards full initiation into the church.

THE DISCOVERY GROUP (Precatechumenate)

Our Discovery Group will resume again in October. Our Discovery Group is usually held on the **1st Tuesday of every month from 6.45pm to 8.00pm**. Fr. Pat will have the new dates available soon. The Discovery Group is for those who may not yet want to make a commitment to the R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) but would be supported by the parish community. The Discovery Group supports those discerning about the Catholic Church who may later join the R.C.I.A It is mostly for those who are unbaptised but it is also open to lapsed Catholics who want to ease themselves back into a Faith Community. **The R.C.I.A program will start in October.**

Tony Panter RIP

Please pray for the family of the late, Tony Panter who died recently. Tony was the husband of Marie, who is one of our regular and committed parishioners. Please keep, Marie and her family in your prayers at this time of immense sadness and loss. May, Tony rest in peace.

SUNDAY 3rd September 2017
22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Red Boxes

Please could everyone bring in their Red Boxes. This is a bit earlier than usual because of the need to bank any old £1 coins before October. Very many thanks for your continuing generosity in supporting churches without resources. This is a good work to help bring Christ to people. Sr. Vicky

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2017/2018

CTK together with other parishes in Reading have adopted an exciting new FHC program. This includes parents/guardian working alongside your child at all FHC preparation sessions. **Applications forms for the FHC are now available.** Please see, Angela Camilleri, Maggie Hills for more information. There will be an information/registration evening for all parents with children Yr3 and above on **Tuesday 19th September at 7pm at CTK school.** The FHC Mass will be on Sunday 3rd June 2018. Fr. Pat.

Liturgical Calendar and Mass Times (A) 2nd — 10th September 2017

Tea & Coffee after Mass. Sunday in the Hall, Tuesday in the Presbytery

Date	Sat 2nd Sept	Sun 3rd Sept	Mon 4th Sept	Tues 5th Sept	Wed 6th Sept	Thur 7th Sept	Fri 8th Sept	Sat 9th Sept	Sun 10th Sept
Mass Time	6.30pm	☕ 10am	No Mass	☕ No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	9.30am	6.30pm	☕ 10am
Dedication	Our Lady of Saturday	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Cuthbert	Feria	Feria	Feria	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	St Peter Claver	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Intention	Mary & Roy Hatton RIP	Win Matson RIP					Padraig Murphy RIP	Lena Devlin RIP	John Donegan RIP & Baby Vincent Stevens RIP
Diary Dates	<u>Youth Mass</u> <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> Erin B <u>Readers</u> Rose M	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> Graham, Maria & Sr Vicky <u>Readers</u> Debs & John C ☕ Tarqus-Sandhu Family	<u>Church Cleaning W/B</u> Mon 4th Sept David & Manisha				Information evening for those enquiring about the Catholic Church: 6.45pm to 8.00pm	Baptisms at 1.00pm. Parish Feast of Our Lady of Valankanni at 6.30pm Mass. <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> George A, Tania B & Angela B <u>Readers</u> Sinikka S & Michele Vale	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> Charlotte, Marguerite & Marino <u>Readers</u> Marie & Teresa P ☕ Liz O'Keefe & Theresa Day

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



Confessions at our church from **10.00-10.30am on Saturday** and **5.30-6.15pm** or by appointment with Father Pat. Please speak to Father Pat if you are going to hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the sick.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO 10 DAYS OF PRAYER — CHURCHES TOGETHER

Reading Borough Council have given the go ahead to 10 days of prayer and worship in a 80 metre diameter marquee holding up to 350 people in the Forbury Gardens, central Reading. This came out of a desire by Christian Artist Tim Doolan that as the Abbey Ruins are repaired this year and next, that the spiritual focus of the original abbey (worship and prayer) is not forgotten in the tourism/public relations hulabaloo. Ten Days of Prayer is about Turning. Turning away from our ways and seeking God's face. Seeking God's face can be a conversation with God and that can be quite creative. It is an opportunity to come together and meet with God. *The event will run from the 20th to the 30th of September 2017 in the Reading Abbey Grounds where pilgrims once gathered for hundreds of years*

LAST WEEK DONATIONS

Envelopes: £190.00
Loose: £251.08
DD / SO: £448.33
(Weekly) Thank you for your kind contributions



FAMILY MASS Sunday 24th September



NEW TO THE PARISH?

A very warm welcome to our Parish. We are delighted that you have joined us. Please feel free to make yourself known to Fr. Pat at each Mass and hopefully join us for refreshments after Mass on a Sunday morning. Please feel free to complete one of the parish registration forms, giving us your contact details and leave the form with Fr Pat. Families are welcome at ALL Masses; however we have specific Children's Liturgies on some Sundays. On the last Sunday of every month there is a Mass that involves the children more.