

RING OUT THE OLD – BRING IN THE NEW

Today is the Feast of Christ the King the end of the Church's year. Next Sunday we begin a whole new season, moving to Year A for our readings, the 1st Sunday of Advent. In spite of the abundance of Christmas decorations in stores and even in people's homes, here in church we use this as a period of preparation, when we get ready for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Each of the four Sundays in Advent have a particular theme, all of which can be summed up with the word "Prepare". John the Baptist announced the coming of Christ, Our Lady prepares a place in her heart and we are asked to similarly prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ, and there is no better preparation than the use of the sacrament of Penance. There will be confessions heard in church next Saturday at 5.30pm for the season of Advent. Are you ready?

Christmas Meal Balance – full payment is required today. Please see Ann Babington and make sure you don't leave without paying.

Community Project – meets on Wednesday 28th November at 4pm for their Management Committee. Please collect your agenda from Ann Chapman.

November Requiem – our weekly requiem takes place this week on Wednesday night at 7pm. There are brown envelopes available on the contact table. Please place in there the names of your loved one that you wish praying for at this Mass, together with any donation that you may want to give towards the work of Saint Luke's.

Parish Breakfast – on Saturday 1st December there is another opportunity to indulge yourself with a Lukies Breakfast, for the fantastic value price of £2 there are 8 items available together with tea or coffee. Please sign the list to help us with catering.

Discount Designer Village – for those who wish to join us on Saturday 15th December for this discount shopping expedition you are requested to see Ann in the Parish Centre after Mass. The coach fare is £9 for adults and £7.50 for children, but there are only a few seats left. £5 is required to secure your place.

Next Sunday – there will be a Mass at 9am which is particularly good for those who are going to The Lion King so that they can fulfil their Christian obligation. There will then be our usual Mass at 10.30am. Please make sure you use up all available seats so that our visitors will feel welcome.

Carols – next week there are two different Carol Services. The first is on Thursday 6th December at All Saints Church in aid of the Leprosy Mission. Please see Ros if you are interested in going. Tickets purchased in advance are £4, or they are £4.50 on the door. Then on Saturday 8th here at Saint Luke's, Homestart are having their Annual Carol Service. More details can be gained from the poster or leaflets available on the contact table.

Happy Birthday Kindred Spirits – our Kindred Spirits Bereavement Group celebrates its first birthday this coming Monday. They will be holding a buffet party between 2pm and 3.30pm. Well done all those who take part in this very important ministry. Congratulations on your first birthday.

Weight Watchers – here every Tuesday evening between 7pm and 8pm. For further details contact Janet Higgins at Homestart.

Arley Hall Saturday 1st December – please note that the coach will leave Saint Luke's at 9.10am. The time of arrival back will be approximately 6pm

Saint Mark's Christmas Meal – Sunday 16th December at 12.30pm Tickets £7 each from Zena Bill 360 1955.