

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THREE ADVENT SESSIONS ON PRAYER

At the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Vicarage Road
Henley on Thames

**TUESDAYS 28TH NOVEMBER, 5TH DECEMBER AND
12TH DECEMBER 7.30PM—9.00PM**

LECTURER: JEAN KHOURY FOUNDER OF THE SCHOOL OF MARY - **ALL WELCOME**

A THOUGHTFUL CHRISTMAS AND THE CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

The Church's own Thoughtful Living Group have created a display at the back of Church with ideas on how we can all make our Christmas a little more sustainable and thoughtful. Please take the time to look at the display and hopefully get some great ideas on ways to give a little something extra this Christmas.

Please also continue to bring in any unwanted/unused Christmas Cards to Church. These will then be displayed over the next few weekends. You can either exchange your cards or Donate £1 to CIRDIC and choose up to 10 cards to take away Reusing unwanted items and cutting down on waste

THE BIG CHURCH CLEAN

WE NEED ALL THAT CAN COME AT

**9.30AM ON SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER TO HELP CLEAN THE
INSIDE OF THE CHURCH READY FOR CHRISTMAS.**

DUSTING, HOOVERING, WAXING THE BENCHES, MOVING FURNITURE AND
REMOVING COBWEBS

ALL WELCOME TO COME AND HELP—WE NEED YOU!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 16th, in the Church Hall. Arrive 9.30 am for a 10 am start until Midday. **This event is now full**

Thought for the Week The Solemnity of Christ the King 26th November, 2023

All readings this week have a similar thread - one we hear of time and time again: that He will 'look after us, protect us from harm, bring us back should we go amiss, bandage our wounds and make us strong'.

This is reassuring.

The gospel message seems to suggest a reversal of roles in that 'we' are also expected to look out for one another: to feed those who are hungry, protect those at risk of harm, help the weak and those in need - for this appears to be the measure by which will be judged.

Do we treat others as we would like to be treated? Or as the Lord promises to look after us? Are we Christ-like to others, doing all we can to ensure those around us also have their needs met, as far as we can?

This is a tall order in our relatively affluent society and busy lifestyles which allow very little time for anyone else, let alone ourselves. We are always on the run.

The challenge therefore, is how to make time to still look out for others, while we carry on with our sometimes-unavoidable business of day to day lives.

The world needs 'Shepherds' now, more than ever: people and communities are being scattered and lost almost everywhere one looks across the globe. Charities helping poor communities barely get through one disaster, natural or made, before another, elsewhere erupts. Amidst the ever-growing needs, donor fatigue begins to set in: how will this world heal?

We look to Christ the King, the ultimate Shepherd.

Yvonne Mubanga



We ask you please, to pray for the following people who continue to ask for your prayers;

Please pray for a successful outcome for Robert Brooks who is in hospital for a series of operations for Bile Duct Cancer.

Rosemary has asked for prayers as she prepares to undergo major surgery in the RBH later this month, for a safe and successful outcome.

Please pray for Kim, Paul and Joe Bunton (Joe has severe learning difficulties)

Please pray for Father Paul Rowan whose further recovery from cancer surgery is proving difficult.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who continues to need our prayers following his bone marrow transplant,

Please Pray for Jim Hardiman.

Please Pray for Maria McNamara's niece who is undergoing chemotherapy. Her name is Alison Flynn née McNamara.

Please pray for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who had his stem cell transplant to treat the Aplastic Anaemia. He still needs our prayers that he will continue to improve.

Please pray for Beth Selwood.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (aged 2 with eye trouble).

Please pray for Shirley Trollop.

Please pray for Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) she has now had her operation to improve her hearing.

Please pray for Simon Keen who is recovering from an operation.

Please pray for Mary Hagger.

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.

Please pray for the staff and pupils of St Martin's school.

Please pray for the residents and staff at St Lukes and Abbeycrest nursing homes



Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;

Edward Cotterell, Martino De Souza, Edith Jenkins, Sue Walker, Joe Walker, Nessa Weldon, Frank Adams, Stephen Burke, Ron Clark, George Coulehan, Jack Hickey, Rob and Margaret Lackie, Oscar Wilde, Roger and Gwen Whyte, David Ivimey Miller, Dennis Graham, Raymond Graham, Mary Raybould.

Throughout November we remember family and friends who have died. Please write the names of those people who you wish to be prayed for on a piece of paper or use one of the printed lists at the back of Church and then put this in an envelope and into the basket on the altar. Those who have died will be remembered at every Mass that is celebrated.