CHRIST THE KING AND ST KENTIGERN PARISH BULLETIN

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MASSES, SERVICES, AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Confessions at St Kentigern’s, Saturday 11am to 11:30am and at Christ the King on request.
This week we shall pray the third Eucharistic Prayer with the first preface of Advent.

Sunday 11th December

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Weekly collection: £626.94
Readings next week:
is 7:10-14
Psalm 23
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

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Please pray for all who have died recently; Jim Burnell, William Capstick and for all whose anniversaries are about this time; Betty Cooke, Val Eaves, Peter Westmancoat.

Please pray for all the sick and housebound of our parish and all those known to us especially; Aaron Brookes, Alma Lumley, Steven Hester, Bernard Courtenay, Carmel Worden, Ama Murphy, Christine Farmer, Kathleen Wade, Barbara Turner, Lynda Guerin.

Please speak to one of the priests after Sunday Mass if you are a parent and would like to have your child baptised or are hoping to get married either in this parish or elsewhere (minimum six months’ notice for weddings is required).

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: If you are new to Blackpool, or are visiting us just for the weekend, you are very welcome! Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass.

JIM BURNELL: Requiem Mass at 12.30pm on Monday 12th December at St John the Evangelist Church, Breck Rd, Poulton-le-Fylde. Please pray for his eternal repose.

GAUDETE, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Gaudete is a Latin word that means ‘rejoice’ which is taken from today’s Entrance Antiphon, Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near. The priest wears rose vestments, the pink candle on the Advent wreath is lit and the mood lightens a little as we are halfway through our Advent journey towards Christmas.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SHEET: Please take a leaflet as you leave which outlines all the Masses over the Christmas period.

CONFESSIONS will be available after the 11.15am Mass at Christ the King today and during Holy Hour on a Monday evening at St Kentigern’s. There will be a Parish Reconciliation Service on Friday 16th December at 6.30pm.

AN ADVENT JOURNEY: The SHCI Sisters welcome you on Tuesdays 13th & 20th December from 7-8pm at their home, 34, Heron Way, FY3 8BF for an Advent Evening in preparation for Christmas. Please ring 01253 275439 for further details.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: There will be a collection today in both churches for the Christmas flowers.

ST KENTIGERN’S CHRISTMAS FUN DAY AND RAFFLE: Sunday December 11th after the 9.45am Mass. Please do pop across to the Parish Centre after the 9.45am Mass to visit the Christmas Fun Day. There are stalls for; tombola, cakes and donut, mini brac-a-brac, guess the weight of the cake, name the teddy, craft activities for the children as well as bacon butties from the tea bar. Father Christmas will be visiting with his elf and there will be plenty of photo opportunities for the little ones in our Santa Section. The raffle will be drawn just after 12 noon. You can still hand in your raffle tickets to one of the volunteers in the Lounge or at the Steward’s Desk.

LANCASTER VOICE: Please take a copy of the diocesan newspaper as you leave Mass today. If you know of any sick and housebound parishioners, please take a copy and pop it through their letter box.

BABY MEMORIAL SERVICE: Sunday 11th December, 3pm at the Baronial Hall, Blackpool Winter Gardens. This year is the 25th Annual Remembrance Service for all families who have lost a baby. It is a small non-religious service of reflection with music giving the opportunity to remember your baby with family, friends and other bereaved parents. For further information, please contact the Maternity Bereavement Team on 01253 395687.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: You are invited to a Carol Service at Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Rd on Tuesday 15th December at 7pm led by the ‘Sing with the Spirit’ choir. Wine and mince pies will be served afterwards. All welcome.

YOUTH GROUP RETREAT FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:
CAKE SALE: As part of the Youth Group fundraising activities to Castlerigg in January, some of the members will be selling cakes and brownies after Mass next weekend in both churches. QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 6th January in the Lounge in the Parish Centre. Please do come along, bring a friend and help support our young people to raise some funds for their retreat. Quiz starts at 8.15pm (approx.)

PARISH CENTRE NEWS: CHRISTMAS QUIZ AND JUMPER NIGHT: Friday 16th December, starting around 8pm (approx.) This is always a popular event for our members each year. Dig out your Christmas hats, jumpers, and other fancy dress and please come and join in the fun. Light refreshments will be served during the half time break and there’s always a good atmosphere. All welcome.

WORLD CUP FINAL: We will be open for the final on December 18th at 3pm. Please do come along and join us. There will also be a ‘special visitor’ for the children after the 9.45am Mass that day.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Subscriptions for 2023 are due in January. It costs £5 a year for an adult membership and this fee supports the running of the Parish Centre throughout the year and enters you into the free monthly members’ draw. You can pay in cash or by card at the bar or by bank transfer, please use your name as a reference. Bank account details are; St Kentigern’s Parish Centre Ltd, Sort Code 402702 Account number 91363662.

Please note that we will no longer be stewarding the line for Holy Communion at St Kentigern’s. We ask that you form an orderly queue when coming forward.