

NEWSLETTER

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HIP, HIP, HURRAH!

WE ARE OPEN FOR MASS, STARTING THIS

THURSDAY, 3.12.2020, AT 10AM.

**MASSES WILL BE AT THE USUAL TIMES ON
SUNDAY AND WEEKDAYS.**

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL.

Thank you Lord.

Thursday 10:00am Deceased Parish Priests R.I.P

Friday 10:00am Fr Terence Fichter R.I.P

Saturday 6:00pm Thanksgiving

Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday 8:30am Private Intention

10:00am Leo Appah R.I.P

12 noon People of the Parish

Late News from Christ the King

If Christ is King, then we are His soldiers, we are his little helpers, his servants. Here is a beautiful explanation given by Gerald Darring (St. Louis University: Centre for Liturgy): 'The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy. The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith. The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come). The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace...'

XMAS is a horrible word, don't use it. Why?

CHRISTMAS: cross out Christ and you are left with Xmas - Christmas without Christ: -

A birthday without the birthday baby.

Fr Jack

As we move into Advent we remember Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

But today Jesus tells us, "Be on your guard, stay awake." Stay awake, **HERE** and **NOW**.

Yesterday is history and gone, tomorrow may never come, so make the most of the here and now.

Life is a journey and an adventure. But many people live with the obsession of wanting to arrive.

I hope to go to heaven eventually but I WANT TO ENJOY THE JOURNEY here and now. That's why I enjoy being a member of the church, travelling together, helping each other along the way, support when you're under pressure.

As you travel along, notice your neighbour, the smell of a flower, the beauty of the sky, the crispness of the autumn weather, the breeze on your face and in your heart the HOPE of spring/vaccine. So "stay awake," or so Jesus says.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATION.

1. A suggestion that we put the tree and the crib outside my house in Elm Grove. Brighten up the street. Spread our faith. Your comments appreciated. Whatever happens, your help would be appreciated to do it on **Saturday 12th Dec at 11am**. Please text me.
2. In the meantime watch my video and make a comfortable bed for Jesus. Again text me if you can't find it.
3. Advent is a good time to go to Confession; sadly we cannot have a penitential service this year. Any Saturdays 2 to 4pm, or give me a call and make an appointment.
4. Hampers. Don't forget to let me know if you want a hamper for Christmas.

LET US DREAM

Pope Francis has given enthusiastic support to the controversial idea for a universal income in a book to be released on December 1st: [Let Us Dream](#).

In the book, Francis says the institution of a universal income is one of the avenues for getting out of the coronavirus pandemic crisis and also should be adopted in rethinking the [economic system](#) in the post-pandemic world.

He advocates for "an unconditional lump-sum payment to all citizens, which could be paid through the tax system".