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WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING

We welcome visitors, family and friends to our Mass today.
We are glad you are joining us today.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)-YEAR-B-2024

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER SAJI-MERCY IS A GIFT I have attached many practices, words, and symbols to this weekend after Easter. They are meant to be a help to our embrace of Divine Mercy. In no way are they meant to help us believe that we have earned God's mercy or that somehow we are the ones who have carried the burden of our sins. On Good Friday, we celebrate the passion and death of Jesus as a gift to us that while we are still sinners, Christ has died for us. Embracing God's mercy means that we accept the gift and not try to earn it. It still remains difficult for most of us to believe that Jesus could love us so much that even the weight of our sins does not have the power to separate us. We continue to be tempted to believe that somehow we have to make God happy, or somehow earn the ability to come into his presence again. Jesus has never left us, and never will. Our sins tempt us to believe that there is a distance between Jesus and us. That could not be further from the truth. Our vision may be clouded, and our hearts be less open, but Jesus remains at the door knocking. Jesus does not walk away from us in our time of need, but tries to draw closer. When we seek God's mercy, we are seeking something that is always with us, but feels less available to us. That is not God's way but our way. In celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, what can each of us do to make sure that we are noticing, embracing and living in the mercy of God? What can we do with our own shame and embarrassment, so that our hardened hearts may become hearts of flesh again? What can we do so that our clouded vision might be made clear again and we can see the closeness of Jesus and the love of his Sacred Heart? This celebration of God's mercy is not meant to be an exaggeration of personal introspection. This is not meant to be a time when we conjure up various ways to make ourselves feel bad about us. Mercy is the fruit of love. The more we embrace that gift of mercy, the more we can be merciful toward others. The more we allow Jesus to love us in the midst of our own sins, the more we are able to love others as we experience their sins and feelings. The Easter season stretches out for many weeks. We will hear story after story of Jesus seeking out his disciples who are living in pain, disillusionment, and discouragement. He will find them, engage them in conversation, share meals with them, and make sure that they know that his love is with them always. What a special way for us to use this Easter season! Let Jesus meet you along the road of your ordinary life. He will be there at all times, but especially during times of discouragement and disillusionment. He wants to listen to your story, and the disappointments that you carry in your heart. He wants to be at your table, in your home, or in a restaurant or even as you eat in your car. He wants to be with you at your desk at work, your computer at home, and in the gathering of your family and friends. He even wants to be with you when you experience your enemies, and those who would do you harm.

The joy of Easter Day lasts not for one day, but it is a fifty-day season. God's blessing to all throughout this Easter Season; my thanks to countless people who made the liturgical celebrations of Holy Week an enriching experience in that much effort and preparation was necessary in all celebrations that stem from church décor to planning and participating in the liturgies. This month brings forth many baptisms into our faith community. Next Monday the church celebrates the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. The feast is usually celebrated on March 25, but since that day fell on Holy Week the feast was transferred to Monday. All are invited to 10:00 a.m. mass for the liturgy, which renders an opportunity to reflect on your relationship with Mary as a mother, model, or companion. Which of her titles most appeals to you? The scriptures this weekend bring to light the traditional passage about the "Doubting Thomas." The passage demonstrates the way that sometimes we are afraid to speak up when everyone is wondering the same thing as ourselves. In John's Gospel, the apostle Thomas voices his doubts and fears that pertain to a Risen Christ with which others were struggling to believe as well as so many in our society today who grapple with that same belief. I wish to thank all of those who sent me cards, gifts, and expressions of gratitude for my ministry. This was a most challenging Holy Week, and your kind words and actions really made a difference for me. Have a blessed Easter season and enjoy the fruits of your Lenten discipline. Christ is risen, and he invites us into the same power that raises us from the dead, both now, and at the end of our life. **Happy Easter to all. BE BLESSED AND BE A BLESSING.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors attending public Mass. Whether you are just passing through or looking for a spiritual home, we pray you find Christ the King inviting and spiritually uplifting. If you are attending Mass on a regular basis, we encourage you to register with the parish. Please call our parish office and start the conversation! To our visitors, we hope you enjoy your stay here in Amesbury. Our church is always open to you, your family, and friends. pax et bonum (peace and all good)

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS AND GENEROSITY A big thank you for all your generous donations, which are greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to transfer to standing order or bank transfer, this would help to simplify our banking procedure. The Parish bank details are: Name: Christ the King Church, Amesbury, Bank: NatWest Account number 66286638 and Sort code-52-10-03. If you wish to remember the Parish in your Will, further information is available from the Parish Treasurer or office

REST IN PEACE-May those who have died enter into the mercy of God and the joy of the Kingdom.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:First Holy Communion is a wonderful moment in a child's life and represents a sign of growth in the knowledge and love of God for each and every child. Parents who bring their child or children for First Holy Communion are fulfilling the vow they made publicly at their child's baptism some years before to be the "first and best teachers of their child in the ways of faith". Now they are more actively fulfilling this vow. The celebration of First Holy Communion each year is primarily a Parish Community Celebration. There is great expectation that the family are full practising members of the community and that they regularly come to Mass. On this understanding, the parish will provide all the necessary help to parents and children, particularly those children not attending Catholic schools. The support from parents for this and other elements of the course cannot be emphasized enough. No child will be denied First Holy Communion; however, children who miss two or at most three sessions will have missed key catechesis. In such cases and after discussion with catechists and parents, the parish priest may remove a child from the course and invite parents to reapply for the following year. Sports events, parties and other such competing attractions must come second to First Holy Communion preparation and the regular attendance of Mass during the First Holy Communion year. First Communion Class Sunday 14th April at 12.15pm Sunday 21st April, Sunday 28th April at 12.15pm Sunday 5th May at 12.15pm and Sunday 12th May at 12.15pm
First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday 19th May at 12.30pm.

JESUS CAME AND STOOD IN THEIR MIDST AND SAID TO THEM, 'PEACE BE WITH YOU. (Jn 20:19) Christ is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! We celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and are invited to reflect upon the great power of the mercy of God. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. John Paul II said in his Regina Caeli message for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 3, 2005, "As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!" In understanding mercy, a reminder that the word 'mercy' comes from the Latin word misericordia, which comes from the two words: miseria, meaning wretchedness, misery or affliction; and cor, meaning heart. Thus, one way to explain mercy is that it means a heart for the wretchedness or affliction of another. Mercy is a beautiful virtue and one that makes a disciple of Jesus stand out in the midst of this world. St Thomas Aquinas speaks further of mercy in his Summa Theologiae: "To say that a person is merciful is like saying that he is sorrowful at heart (miserum cor), that is, he is afflicted with sorrow by the misery of another as though it were his own. Hence it follows that he endeavours to dispel the misery of the other person as if it were his own; and this is the effect of mercy. God cannot feel

sorrow over the misery of others, but it does most properly belong to him to dispel that misery, whatever form that shortcoming or deprivation takes" (I, q. 21, a. 3). We see God's mercy especially in his becoming man in Jesus Christ and dying on the Cross in order to reconcile us with him after the original sin of our first parents. He didn't need to do that, but He "so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). We can see in Jesus Christ the face of the mercy of God. The mercy of God is not something that has developed in time, but has always been present in God. Recall at the beginning of the Old Testament with Adam and Eve, God reveals his mercy when he responds to the sin of Adam and Eve by promising a redeemer. He says to the serpent: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel" (Gen 3:15). In God's boundless merciful love, He is seeking your well-being. What great joy we have in knowing we have a God as great as our God! On another note, normally the Solemnity of the Annunciation is celebrated on March 25. However, since that date fell during Holy Week, the Solemnity of the Annunciation is thus celebrated on April 8th this year, the first day after the Octave of Easter. I know many people around the globe are seeing April 8th as a day to view the total solar eclipse and do be careful with your vision in your activities. Please remember that except during the brief total phase of a total solar eclipse, when the Moon completely blocks the Sun's bright face, it is not safe to look directly at the Sun without specialised eye protection for solar viewing. With your conversations though, feel free to bring up the joyous celebration of the Annunciation, when the light of the world comes to earth in the womb of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. People talk about the rarity of being able to see the total solar eclipse, but rarer still is God taking on our human flesh and becoming one of us. That is something to behold and leaves one in awe!

GOOD FRIENDS KEEP THE SPARKLE IN OUR LIVES Friends are those people who not only share laughter and happiness with us but also stay with us during times of sorrow and become our support. When we experience difficult or sad times in life, having even just one person supporting us can make a world of difference. We feel strong and fearless and are able to face any situation with ease. Be a good friend, partner or companion. Hold their hand when they're scared and share their heart when they're emotional. Help them in their time of need, and you will find that such friendships truly last a long time. A friend is a person who stays with you through the sunset of life until you together see the sunrise.

MASS SCHEDULE STARTING FROM 6TH APRIL 2024
SATURDAY 6TH APRIL MASS VIGIL MASS AT 6.00PM JOHN COCKRELL (INTENTIONS)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7TH APRIL MASS AT 9.30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH AND 11.00AM GAY TARRANT (INTENTIONS)

MONDAY 8TH APRIL ADORATION AT 9.00AM AND MASS AT 10.00AM PELLINE EYRE, RIP (DONOR NED EYRE)

TUESDAY 9TH APRIL ADORATION AT 9.00AM MASS AT 10.00AM MICHAEL KELLY, RIP (DONOR MARY KELLY)

WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL NO MASS MORNING PRAYERS AND ROSARY AT 10.00AM

THURSDAY 11TH APRIL ADORATION AT 9.00AM MASS AT 10.00AM GAY AND PHIL SAVAGE (HEALTH AND WELL-BEING) (DONOR ANN LARKE)

FRIDAY 12TH APRIL ADORATION AT 9.00AM MASS AT 10.00AM FOR ALL OUR FAMILIES

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL VIGIL MASS AT 6.00PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL MASS AT 11.00AM FOR JO CHAMBERS (FAMILY'S SPECIAL INTENTIONS)

ESUS AT A SPORTING EVENT In his book, Song of the Bird, the late Anthony DeMello, an Indian Jesuit priest and psychotherapist who wrote several books on spirituality and hosted many retreats relates a story about Jesus at a football match. The story is as follows: “Jesus Christ said he had never been to a football match. So we took him to one, my friends and I, it was a ferocious battle between the Protestant Punchers and the Catholic Crusaders. The Crusaders scored first. Jesus cheered wildly and threw his hat high up in the air. Then the Punchers scored to tie the game. And Jesus cheered wildly and through his hat high up in the air. This seemed to puzzle the man behind us. He tapped Jesus on the shoulder and asked, “Which side are you rooting for, my good man?” “Me?” replied Jesus, visibly excited by the game. “Oh, I’m not rooting for either side. I’m just enjoying the game.” Much of our life is a continuous drama of acceptance or rejection; we cheer for our favourite teams and “boo” the opponent; therefore, we experience life in a shadow of comments that are either complementary or degrading. This leads to a spirit of cheerfulness or sadness within a day knowing that others shape our moods through their reaction to our words, deeds, emotions, and sometimes even through the results of a sporting event. It is common to end a day mindful of one negative comment rather than the abundance of affirming words passed on that we take for granted. Affirming statements and positive observations permit us to see God’s goodness within ourselves; and, uplift us away from an unhealthy assessment of our lives that may easily come from destructive criticism or perpetual negativity. Nothing is more uplifting than spending time with people who maintain a happy, joyful disposition in spite of their personal demands. Negativity within a person’s life often stems from feeling unloved, living with unhealthy images of oneself; and, feeling trapped by circumstances that are part of life. This often points the way to a bit of loneliness and self-doubt, which may lead to non-acceptance of social invitations or new opportunities fearful of rejection by unfamiliar people or an untried task, which may steer a person to remain in bothersome, but stable situations and relationships, yet imprisoned in this style of behaviour places a wall in front of every open window to happiness. The drive to stay positive when negativity caused by others surfaces at work, home, school, or through the social media is a quality of a confident person; hence, it is worthwhile at the start of each day to make a conscious decision to remain positive through any unexpected disturbances that enter into the day, and not become heartless when responding to negative comments.

Unfortunately, some never realise the negativity they bring to situations and conversations, which weighs down an upbeat person. Sometimes the use of online social media may also produce a bit of anxiety and affect a person’s self-image. In her book The Happiness Project, Gretchen Rubin states, “Being critical made me feel more sophisticated and intelligent...One factor of human nature is that people have a ‘negativity bias’: we react to the bad more strongly and persistently than to the comparable good...when people’s minds are unoccupied, they tend to drift to anxious or angry thoughts.” I often discover that those who deal with difficulties in their personal lives flush out their issues on good, solid people who become targets of unhealthy coping strategies. As we celebrate the fifty day Easter Season, live within the affirmation and criticism that touches your life aware that you are a blessed person invited to experience God’s love that puts faith into action. This gives prominence to words from this Sunday’s Gospel, “Blest are they who have not seen and have believed” which wipes out the loud and persistent voices that bring hurt to life; and, initiate new messages that sanction belief in a world that awaits your presence. May you instil your heart to that point, and transport it as a blessing to family, friends, and church community.

LIGHTHOUSE HOLIDAY CLUB-Saturday 13th April 10am-12 noon. An Easter celebration for Primary age children. Planned activities to include, story, music, crafts and more! Cost £3 per child to cover materials. Children will have an opportunity to share their activities as part of the Parish Easter Celebration after Mass the same evening. N.B. Parental Consent forms must be completed and handed in before registering children. Forms available for collection and return from Sharon Jameson after Sunday Masses prior to the event.

THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA The Divine Mercy Novena is prayed nine days prior to Divine Mercy Sunday, beginning on Good Friday, March 29. Day 1 Intention: We pray for all mankind, especially all sinners. Day 2 Intention: We pray for souls of priests and religious. Day 3 Intention: We pray for all devout and faithful souls. Day 4 Intention: We pray for those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Me. Day 5 Intention: We pray for souls of those who have separated themselves from the church. Day 6 Intention: We pray for the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children. Day 7 Intention: We pray for souls who especially venerate and glorify My mercy. Day 8 Intention: We pray for souls who are detained in purgatory. Day 9 Intention: We pray for souls who have become lukewarm.

EASTER CELEBRATION-Saturday 13th April after Mass in the Hall. Following the format of the Christmas Celebration this is an informal, inclusive celebration with traditional and less traditional music, readings, videos and sketches. All welcome!

WHY WE SUFFER? "Bear your cross; it is only through the cross that you will ever find your resurrection." - Archbishop Fulton Sheen. As we all bask in the joys of Easter and the celebration of our Lord’s resurrection, we cannot help but to reflect on how as Christians we came to this joyous occasion. As the faithful, we have come to acknowledge but not always accept that the only path to Easter and our Lords triumph over death is by way of the Cross. The Christian crucifix stands as the paramount symbol of faith, representing the central tenet of Christianity: the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And ultimately the greatest symbol of God’s love for all of us. The earliest Christians celebrated the joys and mysteries of the cross long before we had sacred scripture, the Bible, or advanced theology and Church teachings. Christians would bless each other with the sign of the cross, bless their food before meals and everyday items with the sign of the cross. Beyond its historical significance, the cross embodies hope, redemption, and reconciliation, serving as a beacon of salvation for believers worldwide. But what about suffering? Our faith requires that we bear many burdens and painful sufferings. We, just as Christ did, must suffer in our human condition. Why is so much suffering necessary or allowed by God? The Church teaches: “On the cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil and took away the "sin of the world," of which illness is only a consequence. By his passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion.” - Catechism of the Catholic Church Christ gave suffering a new meaning. Suffering configures us and our eternal souls to the resurrected Jesus. It is the world's greatest paradox. God’s plan for our eternal salvation was assured on the cross and now death has no power through the intercession of Christ. That’s extremely hard to understand but amazing when you contemplate it. During these next few weeks of the Easter season take time to meditate and contemplate on the crucifix and its saving power. Divine Mercy Sunday challenges us to do just that. We focus our attention and prayer on our Lord’s passion as we pray “For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have Mercy on us and the whole world.” The Divine Mercy devotion leads us to greater trust as we reflect on Christ’s cross and pray, “Jesus, I trust in you.” Jesus’ Passion is the source of our hope, which leads us to invoke the Father for his mercy. The goal of our hope is our salvation, our eternal happiness with God. Then we wait and hope for consolation in our sorrows and sufferings that through the mystery of the Cross we persevere as faithful Christians for the joy and peace that awaits us someday in Heaven.

ON THE WAY THE SEVEN LAST WORDS- Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. The final words of Jesus on the Cross are those of a child. They are childlike in the best and most profound sense of that word. Of course, each of his last words is childlike insofar as it displays his trust in the eternal Father. But his final words – the last of the seven last words – more than the others. Because he learned them first as a boy at the knee of his father Joseph, and because he directed them finally to his eternal Father. “Into your hands I commend my spirit” (Ps 31:6). As a Jewish boy, Jesus would have learned the psalms from Joseph, whose duty it was to instruct him in the faith. Joseph taught him how to form these words, how to pray them before the God of Israel. Now they come to his lips one last time. What a tribute to Joseph’s fatherhood, that his son should draw from the wealth of devotion given to him. But on the Cross, Jesus adds something to the psalm verse: Father. Perhaps having learned the psalm from Joseph it was the most natural thing in the world to do, to direct it to his heavenly Father. But it’s not mere sentimentality.

In his human nature, so well formed in filial piety, Jesus gives expression to the eternal Son’s dependence on the Father, to the trust he always has in his Father. And although the example is given in extremis, Jesus voices what is normative for children of God. He is the Son of God by nature; we are children of God by grace. He has given us the grace to pray as he does, to commend ourselves into the Father’s hands. In her wisdom, Mother Church has incorporated these words into Compline (Night Prayer) prayed every night by priests and religious throughout the world. We conclude our day with this prayer precisely as a training to conclude our earthly lives with the same words, with the same childlike trust in the Father. This childlike trust also provokes a question: Can God be trusted? It’s not an uncommon question. It’s the question that keeps many people from believing and the question that keeps those who already believe from believing more and growing in faith. It’s lurking in the back of the mind when we pray. Father be trusted? Can he be trusted with what I’m offering, with my prayers and needs? Does it make sense to entrust to him my worries, my time, my sacrifices? This final prayer begs for an answer. In fact, without an answer, it’s naïve and foolish. Everything depends on whether and what the Father answers. Throughout his life Jesus demonstrated a son’s perfect trust in the Father. It was his claim to be the Son of the Father that brought him to the Cross. As he was betrayed, beaten, scourged, and crucified, this trust was stretched to the extreme. Those at his execution mocked him: “He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God’” (Mt 27:43). His final words were a summary of what he revealed himself to be and how he taught us to live: Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit. His teachings, his way of life – most of all, the truth of his being the Son of God – it all depends on the Father’s answer. All of which points us to the feast we just celebrated. Easter represents the Father’s acceptance and approval of the Son. The risen One shows us that the Father heard – and that he always hears his children.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The Society of Our Lady of Lourdes (SOLL) are pleased to announce that their annual pilgrimage of the sick to Lourdes will be on the 24th to the 31st May 2024. SOLL seeks to ensure that sick pilgrims are offered an opportunity to travel to Lourdes, minimising the barriers of disability and finance. Applications are now open. Please think if there is someone in the parish who SOLL can help. Applications are also welcomed for volunteer helpers, carers, nurses, doctors and priests! For further information, please contact SOLL on [0208 8489833](tel:02088489833) or www.soll-lourdes.com or call your parish contact , Sacha Blanchard on [07768 622880](tel:07768622880) **HOLY PLACES – GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION-THANK YOU!** Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility to care for the Holy Places as well for the “Living Stones,” the Christians living there. It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. Our Good Friday collection amounted to **£302.96. Many thanks for your generosity and prayers. God bless you!**

OUR GRATEFUL PARISH SAYS THANK YOU! In many ways our parish family resembles an iceberg – most of what goes on is unseen, hidden beneath the surface. Our celebrations over the past couple of weeks culminating with Holy Week and Easter are the result of the dedicated hard work and commitment of so many. Thanks to everyone who showed a great sense of faithfulness and loyalty in taking part in all of the liturgies of the Holy Week in our parish family including the daily masses coupled with Adorations and other devotions, The Stations of the Cross and the Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service. Your participation is a testament of your unflinching love for the faith that has been implanted in you at your Baptism. Thank you to all who made the liturgies of the Easter Triduum (The Three Days) spiritually enriching for so many. At Easter, the music and flowers, and beauty of the prayers and liturgical actions, are meant to draw our minds and hearts to the reality and presence of the Risen Jesus. I could not but be amazed at the tremendous efforts of so many people working together to make our Easter Triduum Masses and Services so beautiful and prayerful. In particular, I want to thank the following: our Liturgical Ministries—Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, readers, and Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers and Greeters; Liturgical environment—and Mass and reader Coordinators, Art & Environment Committee (including the set-up, altar linens, church cleaning, and those watering the flowers, catechists, and children’s liturgy volunteers group. Also, thank you to our collection counters. A special thank you to all of the music ministry team, along with our cantors and choirs, organists and pianists, and other musicians. The liturgical music and environment helped to raise our hearts and minds to God. Thank you to those faithful parishioners you with your weekly efforts in accompanying the families who wish to join us on Sunday Masses whose Faith has been an important part of their religious formation who will be saying yes to the reception of the Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist.

Thank you, also, to the parish helpers and our facilities team members for their tremendous effort in so many ways in the days of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. When I think of how well the team members of cleaners and liturgy team have prepared for beautiful worship celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus, I am truly amazed and thankful. So on this Divine Mercy Sunday weekend thank you to all our helpers, church cleaners managed by Gabriella Tarrant, proclaimers of the Word and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers. Our gratitude goes to those who run the 200 club and other parish out-reach missions-local, national and international charities propelled by a genuine love for God and neighbours in their hearts. Thank you to our musicians and singers, liturgy committee members and all who helped organise our liturgies in the lead up to Holy Week. They made sure that our senses were attuned to the changing seasons of the church, Lent, Holy Week and Easter as it is a complicated task in logistics and coordination. Backing them all are countless unnamed parishioners who, without making a fuss, clean and prepare the church and altar and give their time to ensure that all flows smoothly.

Our grateful thanks go to Julian Beacham for all his hardwork in maintaining the premises with utter devotion and sense of responsibility in an unassuming way. Thanks to our finance and maintenance team monitored by Jeff Coy for his hard work, tenacity and devotion. Our thanks go to those who provide transport for parishioners to come to Mass and the hospitality team for their hardwork and their devotion to duty is commendable. Thank you for always going above and beyond to ensure our parish family is served well. You bring everyone together with your teamwork abilities and positive attitude. Thank you for your excellent work and for being part of our parish family. We are all very proud of the team supervised by Gay Tarrant. Many thanks for all the parishioners who participated in the preparations needed, the cleaning, and decorating of Christ The King Church for the Triduum and Easter liturgies. We are grateful for you providing a welcome invitation for the guests who visited Christ The King at this time. As always, it is wonderful to see so many people participating in the liturgies of the Triduum, including Easter morning Masses. I hope those who were guests had a powerful moment of our unity with Christ in the celebration of his resurrection. I also would like to thank you for your generosity to the Easter collection. I have always been grateful for how generous a community you are. Thank you for your generosity and continued support! God bless you and your family always!