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Daily Masses
Mon. – Sat. 7:30am
Weekend Masses
Sat. – 4:00pm Vigil
Sun. – 8:00am & 10:15am
5:15pm—first Sunday of the month
Daily and Saturday Vigil Masses
also live-streamed on Facebook
Reconciliation Sat. – 2:30pm
Holy Hour Sat. – 8:00am-9:00am

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BAPTISMS

After 10:15am Sunday Mass

Registration is required.

Please call the rectory office.



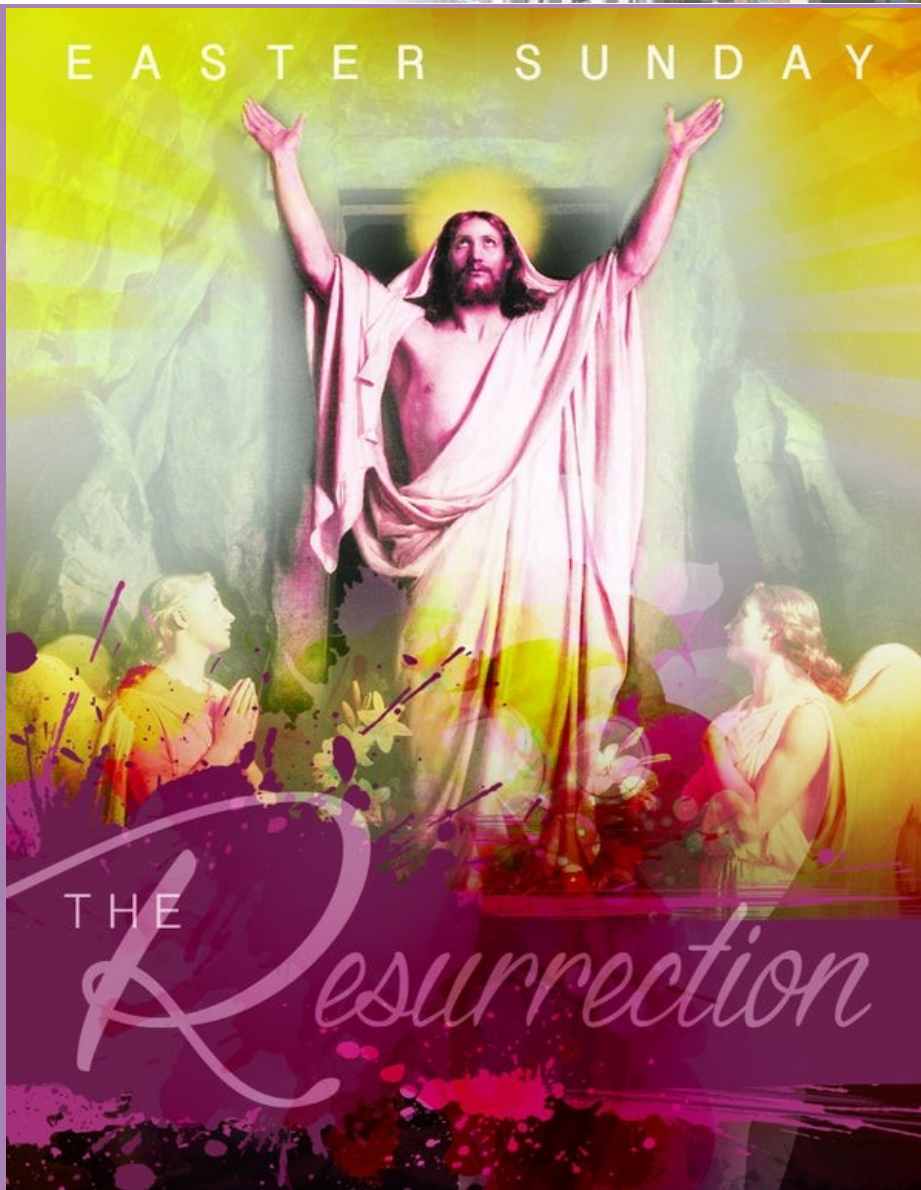
CHRIST^{the} KING PARISH

Corpus Christi Church

601 Silas Deane Highway
Wethersfield, CT 06109



E A S T E R S U N D A Y



Our Parish Mission Statement

Nourished weekly at the Table of the Lord, we go forth as disciples of Jesus to proclaim what we believe through our every word and deed.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

We are happy and honored to visit the sick or homebound. Please notify the rectory.

MATRIMONY

Please contact rectory office at least six months in advance.

APRIL 17, 2022 —EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

Social Action Committee Meeting: Tues., April 19th - 7 pm, St. Joseph's Hall at Corpus Christi Church. Join us, as help is always needed. If unable to attend the meeting & wish to get involved, call Nancy Kiely, committee chair at 860-989-5548 (cell), 860-721-0197 (home), email: nkiely80331@cox.net. We are grateful to parishioners, Corpus Christi School & Religious Education, who so generously support our Social Action projects.

Men's Club Meeting: Wednesday, April 20th at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall at Incarnation Church. All men from Christ the King Parish are welcome.

Transition Team News: Please join us for a **Meet & Greet Coffee Hour** on April 24th after 10:30am mass in Fr. Crawford Hall at Incarnation Church. Refreshments/continental breakfast will be served. We want to hear from you! Please Email the Transition Team at incarnation.ctl@gmail.com.

Save the Date: The Women's Club is holding its next General Meeting on Thursday, April 28th in Fr. Crawford Hall. Details to be announced.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Christ the King Prayer Shawl meets first & third Thursday, 1pm in St. Joseph Hall, Email Mary Scott: mlvscott33@yahoo.com.

CHOIR PRACTICE every Tuesday, 6:30pm, Choir Loft, Corpus Christi.

"Beyond Bible Study: Every Wed-7pm, St. Joseph's Hall, Christ the King (Corpus Christi Church.)"

FRIDAY ROSARY ON THE GREEN: Every Friday, 12noon. Meet on the Broad Street Green, weather permitting otherwise at Corpus Christi Church.

CANDLES—APRIL 17—APRIL 23

SANCTUARY CANDLE #1

Burns this week in memory of Patricia LeConche, requested by the Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE #2

Burn this week in memory of Eva DiPersio, req'd by her cousin and The Marcy Family

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #1

Burns this week in memory of William J. Graver, requested by Mary McKeever

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #2

Burns this week in memory of Irene Anderson, requested by her daughter



MASS INTENTIONS

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

8:00pm—Easter Vigil, this includes the Mass of Easter at Corpus Christi Church

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

8:00am—*For the intentions of the people of Christ the King Parish at Corpus Christi Church*

10:15am—*For the intentions of the people of Christ the King Parish at Corpus Christi Church*

MONDAY, APRIL 18—Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:30am—*Deceased members of the Mullarkey Family, requested by the family*

TUESDAY, APRIL 19—Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7:30am—*Solanki D. M., requested by Joe & Debbie Abbate*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20—Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7:30am—*Will Santiago, requested by the family*

THURSDAY, APRIL 21—Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:30am—*Intention Available*

FRIDAY, APRIL 22—Friday within the Octave of Easter

7:30am—*Deceased members of the Sayers Family, requested by Joe & Mary Mullarky*

SATURDAY, APRIL 23—Saturday within the Octave of Easter

7:30am—*Elizabeth McCarthy, requested by the family*

4:00pm—*Joseph and Amanda Lawrence, requested by the family*

SUNDAY, APRIL 24—Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

8:00am—*Thomas Lawton, requested by his wife & family*

10:15am—*Adeline Barnaby, requested by the family*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday 8am-9am

Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucha-

CHRIST THE KING WEEKLY FOOD DRIVE

SPONSORED BY OUR SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE. NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS MAY BE LEFT IN BOX IN CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH VESTIBULE. SUPPORTS OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK.

Christ the King Parish (Corpus Christi Church), Wethersfield now has a 5:15pm Mass the 1st Sunday of each month throughout the school year.

Ushers needed: We are looking for people who are willing to usher at the masses. This is a small commitment but yet an important ministry. Please speak to an usher at mass or call Bob Uricchio, 860-836-7176—connecticutvalleyenergy@gmail.com

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

WORD TO THE FAITHFUL



Pastor's Corner – April 17, 2022

Happy Easter from all the clergy and staff at Incarnation and Christ the King Parishes! May the peace and joy of our Risen Savior fill your hearts and the hearts of your loved ones not only on this wonderful day, but throughout the

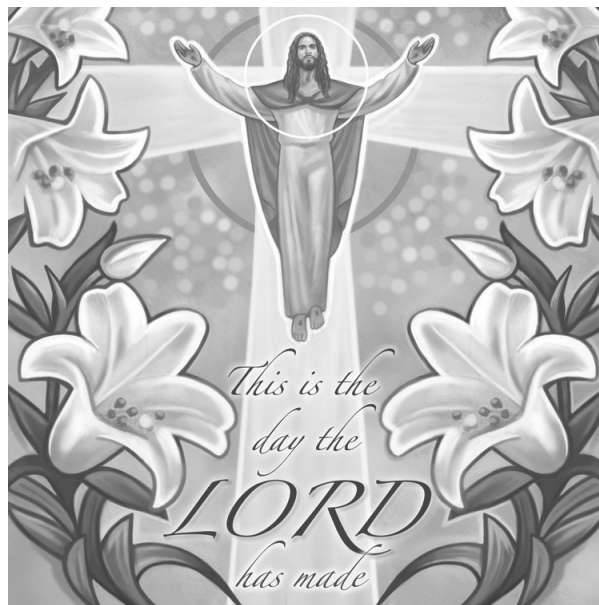
FIFTY day celebration of Easter.

That's right! Easter is such a big deal that the Church celebrates for fifty days. Please join us each week as we give our Lord thanks and praise for the gift of new and eternal life that He has brought for each and every one of us! Alleluia! He **IS** Risen!

In this joyous season we will baptize new members into our parish families. We will celebrate as many of our children receive our Lord in Holy Communion for the very first time. And we will ask the Lord to send the gift of the Holy Spirit upon our youth in the Sacrament of Confirmation. These are all done in the Easter season for a reason – this is the season of New Life, and these are the Sacraments of Initiation into that New Life.

For those of us who made these initiation sacraments years ago, we are challenged to renew the promises we made back then. Each Sunday we will renew our Baptismal Promises by which we pledged to follow the Risen Lord every day of our life. And as a sign of our commitment to that pledge, we will be blessed with the new Easter water.

Let us pray that in all we will say and do, we might go forth as true and faithful disciples of the Risen Lord and living our Baptismal Promises truly be an Easter people!



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We continue to pray for Ukraine and the tragedy befalling the Ukrainian people; we unite in prayer for peace: man with woman, child with adult, Ukrainian with Russian.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live.

Building a new Parish from Incarnation and Christ the King:

Q: Where can I find updated merger info?
A: The Transition Team has a Communication Committee. They share information via the bulletin, websites, Facebook, (facebook.com/ChristtheKingCT), email & announcements at Mass. Email: incarnation.ctk@gmail.com.

Prayer To Care For Our Common Home

(U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops, USCCB)

Father of all,
Creator and ruler of the universe,
You entrusted your world to us as a gift.
Help us to care for it and all people,
that we may live in right relationship--
with You,
with ourselves,
with one another,
and with creation.

Christ our Lord,
both divine and human,
You lived among us and died for our sins.
Help us to imitate your love for the human family
by recognizing that we are all connected—
to our brothers and sisters around the world,
to those in poverty impacted by environmental devastation,
and to future generations.

Holy Spirit,
giver of wisdom and love,
You breathe life in us and guide us.
Help us to live according to your vision,
stirring to action the hearts of all—
individuals and families,
communities of faith,
and civil and political leaders.

Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our common home.

Amen.

Parish Support

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

Offertory

\$5,134.00

Monthly Collection

\$1947.00

On-Line

\$2,400.51

Thank you to all who donated to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection to support the Christians in the Holy Land.

We are so grateful to all who continue to support Christ the King Parish with your prayers and financial contributions!

**Consider online giving!
Sign up on our Parish website**

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CHRIST THE KING MEN'S RETREAT at Holy Family Retreat in West Hartford has been rescheduled. Call Brian Freeman at 860-573-5885 for more information.

The Incarnation Men's Club wants YOU! Our Annual Membership drive is underway. Applications are at entrances. All men are invited to join especially members of Christ the King Parish. Dues—\$10 per year. Call Incarnation (860) 529-2533.

2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we have a profound impact on our local communities not only in the spiritual realm, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church. Please support the A.A.A. Parish Goal is \$186,000.00

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

JOIN US

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



April 17th—Easter Sunday

No Classes...Attend Mass

Happy Easter to all of our Religious Education Families!

Social Action Needs Your Help

Please join us at the next Social Action meeting on Tuesday, April 19th at 7 pm in St. Joseph's Hall at Christ the King. We hope to see you at this meeting, as your help is greatly needed. You can do as little or as much as you want. There are a number of ongoing projects like the weekly food collection; making sandwiches once a month; the homeless bag project; our work surrounding Human Trafficking; driving two visually handicapped women weekly to a weekend Mass, prepare and serve 6-8 shelter meals at ImmaCare; a monthly collection of coffee and sugar, making sandwiches and grinders monthly; preparing and delivering a meal for St. Elizabeth's Shelter (the last 3 are done by Incarnation); and more. Please consider donating a little time to this very important ministry in our parish. The gospel tells us our lives will be judged by our response to the 'least of these'. For more information about the Social Action Committee please call Nancy Kiely at 860-721-0197 (home) and 860-989-5548 (cell) or email: nkiely80331@cox.net.

EVERY MOMENT

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Social Action Committee News

Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking is a world-wide public health issue, which violates the sanctity, dignity, and fundamental rights of the human person, one of our principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Anyone can become a victim regardless of sex, age, race, citizenship status, socioeconomic level/educational achievement. Pope Francis described human trafficking or modern-day slavery as "a scourge that wounds the dignity of our weakest brothers and sisters." The Holy Father appeals to each of us "to open our eyes, to see the misery of those who are completely deprived of their dignity and their freedom, and to hear their cry for help and to help them".

What can you do? Become a Partner or Mentor through the Care and Support Program, a joint effort by The Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry (OCSJM) and The Underground. This would be a great thing for families with teenage children to do, or for other adults. Four of us from the Social Action Committee have signed up to be a Partner.

As a partner, you may be asked to send encouragement notes and/or holiday cards to your mentee, provide a holiday gift or food items, and to pray for the mentee. OCSJM is keeping a list of available partners, including individuals/groups of individuals. To become a partner call Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry, Lynn Campbell, Director at lynn.campbell@aohct.org or call 860-242-5573. Lynn will contact The Underground & you will be assigned a victim of human trafficking who is on their journey towards independent living.

Things you can do to Help our Planet

April 22nd is Earth Day. Global warming is a known fact and is increasing. There are many simple things that can be done to help save our earth. The following are some things you can do to help decrease the effects of global climate change: turn off lights, all appliances, the computer when not in use; take a bus, ride a bike, or walk instead of driving. talk to your family & friends about global warming; plant trees to help reduce greenhouse gases because they absorb carbon dioxide from the air; recycle as much as you can; buy products/ appliances that are energy star rated; buy recyclable products instead of non-recyclable ones because it usually takes less energy to make recycled products than to make new ones; use solar energy; use less plastic/paper products; don't print out receipts at the ATM, gas station, don't keep the water running when brushing your teeth. All of these

LENTEN OPPORTUNITY CRS RICE BOWL

ENCOUNTER HOW WE ARE ALL SISTERS AND BROTHERS

During Lent, we traveled to Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda, where families are doing some pretty amazing things. Let's review what we learned:

We all have dreams. What we do to achieve those dreams makes a difference in our lives and the lives of those we love. Raúl and Lilian in Guatemala achieved their dream of starting a business. Now they hope to grow that business so others can benefit. Noornobi in Bangladesh wanted to help his family succeed. Now his niece and nephew can attend school and work towards their dreams. Glorioso and her husband in Rwanda wanted their children to attend a good school. Now they earn enough money to make that happen.

Many children around the world are malnourished, so their parents and communities are going the extra mile to make sure they get better. Sometimes it takes hard work and a desire to learn new things to succeed.

On this Easter weekend, there's still time to continue the three pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to grow with God and our sisters and brothers around the world. We have to practice these pillars regularly—even when it's not Lent.

Let us reflect on the theme- As part of God's family, we are all sisters & brothers, no matter where we live. How can we show love/care for our sisters & brothers around the world?

PLEASE RETURN DONATIONS (in cash or check form) IN THE COLLECTION BASKETS AT EITHER CHURCH DURING ANY MASS. Please return BY THIS WKD., APRIL 16 & 17TH. THANKS & GOD BLESS!

ImmaCare Shelter Sandwiches

Thanks for all donations to Social Action Committee sandwich collection at CTK.

Next collection is May 7th/8th. The sandwiches are distributed by ImmaCare in Hartford to people who don't frequent shelters. If you are new to the sandwich collection, here is a guide. Any type of bread may be used:

Two (2) slices of meat (such as ham, bologna, salami) & a slice of cheese per sandwich.....About a pound of meat is needed for a loaf of bread. You can vary the ingredients if you don't have enough of one kind to finish the loaf...DO NOT put condiments/butter on bread. Peanut butter/jelly sandwiches are very popular....Sandwiches are individually wrapped, put back in bread wrapper, twist-tied, placed in box in CTK church foyer.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

LEARN, GROW AND GIVE

Ingratitude

“It has been said that the sin of ingratitude is the most serious sin of revenge. With revenge, we return evil for evil, but with ingratitude, we return evil for good” says W. Eugene Hansen. “Ingratitude is the essence of vileness” says Immanuel Kant, philosopher and great thinker.

Once a traveler, riding on his horseback through a forest, saw a man stranded in the middle of nowhere desperately looking for someone to give him a ride to the place he wanted to go. The horseman took pity on him and allowed him to ride with him on his horseback. As they reached a dense part of the forest, the hitch hiker drew a dagger and stabbed the generous rider in the back and killed him. He robbed him of everything that the rider had including the horse and vanished in the deep woods. “How sharper than a serpent’s tooth it is to have a thankless child” William Shakespeare. The murderer was totally ignorant of the common saying “Do not bite the hand that feeds you”

During these most holy days, let us make an examination of conscience about our relationship with God and our neighbor. Have we been like the ungrateful hitch hiker to Jesus who loved us even though we are sinners? He carried all our sins upon himself in order to save us and guide us to the right path. All we have given him was the Cross, which he carried willingly on our behalf.

He came down to our world, humbled himself, taking our human nature to reveal our heavenly Father’s love for all of us, through his sacrifice on the cross and by his resurrection opening a new horizon towards a new and everlasting life. He, as the son of the most high forgives us whenever we sin against God and our neighbor. How often have we turned against him by our sins?

“Ingratitude is the soul’s enemy. Ingratitude is a burning wind that dries up the source of love, the dews of mercy, and the streams of Grace” St. Bernard Clairvoux.

Let us pray that God in his mercy and love fill our hearts with gratitude for all the benefits we constantly receive from him. May the risen lord enable us to reciprocate his love by earnestly desiring for working towards a durable peace among Nations. May our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Middle Eastern countries have true peace of the Risen Lord.

Happy Easter to all!

Fr. Zack

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Christ the King Parish will be welcoming The Scally Brothers, who will perform for us after 5:15pm Mass on May 1st. We are in need of volunteers to assist with various tasks. If interested, contact Spencer Malley at 860-919-6125, or spencer.malley@uconn.edu. See posters for info.

AOH April Food Drive

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford Division 2 is sponsoring a Food Drive on Sunday, April 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Collection will take place at Christ the King in the parking lot that is between the church and the middle school. This drive is part of the regular parish food collection. We will be there after the 10:15 a.m. Mass for anyone that wants to donate. The food will be given to the pantry at Saint Augustine Church in Hartford. Please bring non-perishable items with canned meats and soup in the greatest need in addition to pinto and pink beans. We are also looking to collect cooking oils, spices and condiments. Thanks to all for their generosity!

Wedding Banns

Michael James Fote, Jr. & Ashley Membrino

DAY OF EDUCATION: For Parish Pro-Life

Representatives and Advocates: Saturday, April 30th - 9am-3pm at St. Gregory the Great CCD Center, 1043 Stafford Avenue, Bristol, CT. Call (860) 589-2295 for details.

Yankee Stadium Bus Trip

Saturday, June 4th.....Yankees vs Detroit Tigers
Sponsored by The Church of The Incarnation - Men’s Club, Wethersfield. Tickets include deluxe bus transportation, stadium seating (Section 200 level) All for only \$ 110.00 per ticket. Call Jim Pettit for reservations at (860) 402-3074 or email: spencer3600@yahoo.com — Bus leaves at promptly at 9:00am from Church of The Incarnation side lot.

Easter Communion Regulation: Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.