



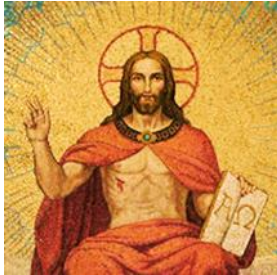
CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

23rd November 2025



A Prayer to Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King, the beginning and end of all things. You have made your Church to be a people that bears witness to the goodness and beauty of your kingdom. By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as one body, called to live as one family of God. Fill our hearts with your grace, that we would be close to you by being close to the vulnerable and marginalized. Give us the patience to share one another's burdens and give us the courage to always be friends of the truth. May we remain with you always. Amen.

An extract from Pope Leo's letter on Mary 'Mother of the Faithful People' - Mater Populi Fidelis

This letter was issued by Pope Leo XIV, emphasizing the importance of Mary as the mother of Jesus and her role in the faith of the Church. - The presence of the various Marian advocations, images, and shrines manifests this real motherhood of Mary, who draws near to the lives of her children. An example is the apparition of the Mother to the indigenous Saint Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill. Mary calls him with the tender words of a mother: "My littlest son, my Juanito." And, faced with the difficulties Saint Juan Diego expresses in carrying out the mission entrusted to him, Mary reveals the strength of her motherhood: "Am I not here, I who have the honour of being your mother? [...] Are you not in my lap, in the embrace of my arms?" This experience of Mary's maternal affection, which Saint Juan Diego experienced, is the personal experience of Christians who receive Mary's affection and who place in her hands "the needs of daily life and confidently open their hearts to ask for her maternal intercession and obtain her reassuring protection." Beyond the extraordinary manifestations of her closeness, there are

constant, everyday expressions of her motherhood in the lives of all her children. Even when we do not ask for her intercession, she shows herself close as a Mother, helping us to recognize the Father's love, to contemplate Christ's saving sacrifice, and to welcome the sanctifying action of the Spirit.

Advent Services

Crouches Memorial Service, Thursday 4th December at 7pm - we welcome the families and friends who have lost a loved one's this last year
Reconciliation, Saturday 6th December between 10.30am - 12.30pm - Fr Denis and a visiting priest will be available to hear confessions.
Rotary Advent Carol Service, Thursday 11th December at 7pm - Pam Rhodes, the BBC 'Songs of Praise' presenter will Compere the evening.

Christmas Services

CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday 24th December
4.30pm - Vigil Mass of Christmas, Family Mass
8.40pm - Carols and Readings
9pm - The Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday 25th December
9.30am - Mass
ST STEPHENS DAY - Friday 26th December
10am - Mass
NEW YEAR'S DAY - Thursday 1st January
(Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)
10.am - Mass
Weekend Masses will be at the same times.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November 2025: For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. Amen

Repository A wonderful selection of Christmas cards, Advent calendars, candles and other items are now on sale, all at very good prices.

Sunday Reading: Parish Mass Page 167

Cakes 4 Church Our very popular cake fundraiser is back & will be held on the weekend **29th & 30th November**. All proceeds will go straight to fund the roof repairs.

Paper plates will be handed out after mass (this weekend) so please do take one home as a reminder. If you are unable to provide the cake then please come along & support us by buying some of our gorgeous creations.

Young@❤️ Our next coffee morning will be held on **Thursday 4th December** after the 10am mass & anointing of the sick. We provide the tea & cake, so you can come along for the chat. Cake donations also welcome. If you know of anything who is housebound please do bring them along. See you there.

Missio Red Box Scheme Please could Red Box holders collect their emptied Boxes from the table at the back of the Church. The money has been counted ready for banking. Thank you for your generosity.

Volunteers to help count the parish cash collection Are you able to give up an hour of your time to count the offertory money & get it ready for banking? Full training will be given. The cash is counted weekly and so the more volunteers we can get, the less often you will need to count! If you would like to help with this important ministry, please give Fr Denis your contact details and when you would be able to count so that we can arrange a rota.

Reading at Mass Would you be interested in reading at a weekend Mass? We are looking for more volunteers to join the rota from January. Please speak to Fr Denis for more information.

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish, especially Tony Galvin, Joan Burke, Tara Ferrissey, Liz McCaul and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Alexander McKerroll, Patricia Geary, Henry Osborne, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Mary Connolly, George Paterson, Michael Kelly, Anton Adamski, Edith Gore, James Davey, Annette Cordery.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 22 nd	6.30pm	<i>Donald Mbeutcha - Birthday</i>
Sun 23 rd	8.30am 10.30am	<i>People of the Parish Michael Adjaye - Birthday</i>
Mon 24 th	10.00am	<i>Bernadette Halpin Saint Andrew Dung-Lac</i>
Tue 25 th	10.00am	<i>Niiashie - Birthday</i>
Wed 26 th	10.00am	<i>Christian & Annie - Birthday</i>
Thu 27 th	10.00am	<i>Sue Albone - RIP</i>
Fri 28 th	No Mass	

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis.

Children's Liturgy: Takes place during the 10.30am Mass except on the First Sunday of the Month (Family Mass) and during school holidays.

The Vigil Mass (6.30pm) and the Sunday Mass (10.30am) can be watched online via the Parish Facebook Page: *Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury.*

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Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals for further details please speak to Fr. Denis, look at the website or contact the parish office.

Church Hall Bookings the church hall is available to be booked for groups or celebrations. Please contact the parish office for more details.

Baldock Catholic Scout Group for boys & girls aged 6-14. Contact: enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk

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