



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Week 2 Year B

Sunday 21st November 2021:

6pm*: Tony O'Grady +
8.30am: Franz & Teresa
 Buhagiar +
10.30am: Julie Loh +
6pm: Bridget Tissera ann +

Mon 22

(Church open 10am-6pm)
6.00pm: Elsa Jordache ann +

Tues 23

(Church open 10am-6pm)
 9.30am Morning prayer
10am: Michael Martin +

Wed 24 NO MASS
(parish office closed)

Thurs 25

(parish office closed)
10am: Margaret Simons +

Fri 26

(parish office closed)
(Church open 10am-7pm)
 9.30am Morning prayer
10am: Martin Murphy ann +
(1.30pm: Christian Meditation)
(6pm: Adoration)

Sat 27

6pm* Brigid Costello ann +

28th: First Sunday of Advent

8.30am: Guru Nadian +
10.30am: O'Connell Family (int)
6pm: Margaret Geiger +

Sunday 28th November
Lectionary for Sundays: Year C

Jesus declared, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jewish authorities; but my kingship is not from the world." Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice."

This weekend we celebrate Christ the King who came to deliver and save his people. Jesus came to conquer hearts and souls for an unshakeable kingdom - a kingdom ruled not by force or fear - but by the power of God's righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Jesus knew that the way to victory was through submission to his Father's will and strategy for overcoming sin and Satan in the world. The Father sent his only begotten Son into the world, not to condemn it, but to save it through the atoning sacrifice which Jesus would make for us through the shedding of his blood on the cross of Calvary. As Jesus was dying on the cross, he was mocked for his claim to kingship. Nonetheless, he died not only as King of the Jews, but King of all the nations as well. His victory over the power of sin, Satan, and the world, was accomplished through his death on the cross and his rising from the tomb on the third day - never to die again. Jesus exchanged a throne of glory for a cross of shame to restore us from slavery to sin to glory with God as his adopted sons and daughters.

Fr John

JOURNEY TOGETHER

FOLLOWING THE SYNODAL PATH

Advent Synodal Gatherings

POPE FRANCIS HAS INVITED ALL PARISHES AND PEOPLE TO REFLECT ON THE THREE THEMES OF COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION.

THE PARISH WILL REFLECT ON THESE THEMES VIA ZOOM EACH SUNDAY EVENING OF ADVENT. SO PLEASE JOIN US AS WE RESPOND TO THIS UNIQUE INVITATION.

REGISTER AT WWW.BARNETALPHA.COM



**4 SUNDAYS OF ADVENT
7.30 PM VIA ZOOM**

For a synodal Church
 communion | participation | mission

NOTICES

'MY DAY BY DAY' ADVENT BOOKLETS: are available to buy next weekend, price £1.00 each

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2021: no information of availability yet. Will keep you posted.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Sun 21 Nov: 2pm Hendon Cemetery, 2pm Mill Hill Cemetery, 2pm Trent Park Cemetery & 3pm Short Service St Edwards Church, Golders Green Crematorium.

HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER †

Please write the names of your loved ones who have died in the book (*this is situated in the alcove near the Confessional*). Last year's names will remain in the book. This book will be brought to the altar at Mass. Your offerings can be placed in the box next to the book.

SATURDAY RE GROUP: December 4th and 11th in the JP Room: 9.30-10.45am. We welcome all children from Reception to Y6 who attend non-Catholic schools and worship in our parish. Please could each child bring their own pencil case with lead and coloured pencils.

LIFE ASCENDING: A Christian Movement for those in their middle and later years: Meetings are every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Please contact Sue Francis on 07951 495192.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note the parish office will be closed Thursday 25 & Friday 26 November. Non-emergency enquiries can be emailed barnet@rcdow.org.uk If it is urgent, please telephone ahead of your visit to ensure someone is here. Tel: 020 8449 3338.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Wednesday 8th December
10.00am Feast Day Mass
followed by mince pies and cake
in the Parish Hall
All welcome!

AN UPDATE ON OUR CHURCH REBUILD PROJECT: You may recollect that back in 2017 we received a loan from the Diocese of Westminster for over £700,000 to pay for the re-building of our church. Over the last 4 years, your generous donations, many of which were gift aided enabled us to make significant repayments to reduce outstanding loan balance to the Diocese of Westminster.

Despite these incredibly difficult last 18months due to the covid crisis, many of you continued to donate generously to the church fund by standing order and by cheque. These donations together with the gift aid refund from the tax authorities and a reduction in overheads due to staff furloughs, has allowed us to make further payments of £90,000 to the Diocese of Westminster this year to reduce the outstanding loan which now stands at £225,000.

Fr John and the Parish Finance Committee truly thank you for your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity in these difficult times.

A substantial portion of this loan is still to be repaid and the Diocese of Westminster, who had graciously given us an interest free payment holiday for the last year, has recommenced charging us interest on the outstanding loan.

I would urge you to consider making a donation for our beautiful church, and gift aiding your donations, if you able to do so. This will help us enormously to get rid of our debt. **If you are new to the parish and wish to find out more about financial contributions**, please email the presbytery. *Finance Committee*

CAFOD: As Advent approaches, please remember the work of CAFOD across the world. The website cafod.org.uk gives lots of information about its work as well as different way in which you can donate. On worldgifts.cafod.org.uk there are lots of ideas for alternative Christmas presents, ways to support vulnerable communities suffering from famine, war and climate change. Thank you for your continued support for the work of CAFOD.

The Fast Day Soup Lunch raised £542 & the collection raised £673.00, making a total of £1,215.00.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

****Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including:**

Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Amparo Abalos, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Julie Lown, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, Leonor Driscoll, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagiar.

Recently Died: Jan Agilada

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