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Christ the King (Year C) 20th November 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 19th November	Vigil: Christ the King	6.00pm	Larry Lyons RIP
Sunday 20th November	Christ the King	8.30am	Jan Skrzynski
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 22nd November	St Cecilia	7.00pm	The Holy Souls
Wednesday 23rd November	Feria	9.15am	Bebe Ryan
Thursday 24th November	St Andrew Dung-Lac & companions	9.15am	The Holy Souls
Friday 25th November	Feria	9.15am	Avelino Fernandes RIP
Saturday 26th November	Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent	6.00pm	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 20th November 2022

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
 to receive power and divinity,
 and wisdom and strength and honour.
 To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Responsorial Psalm: I rejoiced when I heard them say:
 'Let us go to God's house.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
 Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 121, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. In today's feast we recognise and honour Christ as ruler of all.

The Old Testament reading today recalls the anointing of David as King of Israel. David was a young shepherd boy who achieved fame by slaying Goliath, the champion warrior of the Philistines. The people choose David because they believe that he is God's choice to shepherd the people of Israel. The elders bring two kingdoms together by acclaiming David as King—Judah in the south and Israel in the north. David conquered the city of Jerusalem and established it as Israel's capital.

Today's gospel will not allow us to confuse Christ's reign with earthly power and prestige. The image of Jesus suffering and dying on the cross reveals to us a king with a different kind of power. By the power of his love, Jesus is a king who is willing to die for the salvation of all.

As Jesus hangs on the cross, the leaders and soldiers taunt him whilst a criminal, who is beside Jesus, asks to be taken into His kingdom. This helps us to see that Christ is the king who cannot be overcome by the world, or by sin, or by death. His reign brings salvation to the outcast and the sinner, and brings hope to us all.

The image of Christ the King which we find in today's Gospel challenges our ideas of what a king or ruler should be. Jesus is not seated on a luxurious throne surrounded by people who await his command. Instead, our king is mocked and left to die on a cross.

We could say that the cross is the throne of Christ the king, because by the power of his love Jesus conquered death. By that cross and resurrection Jesus Christ has brought about the salvation of all people. Jesus is ruler of all, and everything and everyone are subject to the power of his saving love and goodness.

First Holy Communion 2023

Registration has now opened for those children in Year 3 and above who would like to make their First Holy Communion next Spring-May 2023. The course will commence in January 2023. Please collect a registration form from our catechist Donna, or Fr John after Mass.



Confirmation 2023

Registration has also opened for students in Year 9 and above who would like to make their Confirmation next Summer- 2023. The course will commence in January 2023. Please would Candidates collect in person, a registration form from our catechist Donna, or Fr John after Mass.

The most important preparation for both Sacraments is attendance at Mass. By applying for these courses it is expected that those participating express their commitment by joining the Parish community as we pray together at Mass.



Volunteers needed. Are you free to help with counting our offertory collection? We are looking for volunteers who can commit to **approx. 1 hr on a weekday**. Hopefully we can set up a rota. Training will be provided. Please see Fr John after Mass, or contact Linda in the parish office.

TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 3 December at 4pm in the church. Please sign the registration sheet at the back of church to indicate your child's attendance.



Senior Citizens Christmas Party – Saturday 26th November 12:30-5pm

The Catholic Women's League CWL have kindly resurrected the Senior Citizens Christmas party this year. It will be held in our parish hall.

****Lots of hands are needed to help out on the day****

Please contact Pauline James 01923 231 261 or Ann Farrell on 01923 242 314



Mini-retreat for spiritual renewal

An online *Day of Renewal* on Saturday 26th November 10am-1pm.

See poster at the back of Church for registration and further details.

Advent Retreat for Young Adults (18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on **Saturday 3rd December 2022** at Our Lady of Victories Church Hall, Kensington W8 6AF . Young people are invited for a day retreat (**10am-5pm**) to prepare spiritually for Christmas, with teaching, workshops, prayer, adoration and confessions. Donations only. Register: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

Vacancies for Foundation Directors The All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (ASCAT) which consists of St Joan of Arc, Holy Rood, St Johns, St John Fisher and Divine Saviour, is currently seeking to appoint up to 4 additional Foundation Directors to the Trust board as part of the ongoing expansion of the Trust in line with the Diocese of Westminster's Academy Strategy.

Foundation Directors are key strategic decision-makers in a Catholic Academy Trust (CAT). The legal responsibility for the performance of each academy rests with them. Their role is strategic rather than operational much in the same way that the role of a Foundation Governor is within a single non-academy Catholic school.

The Trust Board is keen to ensure that there is a wide range of complementary skills and areas of expertise reflected on the Trust Board. For more information please visit our Foundation Director Recruitment page on the ASCAT website www.ascatonline.co.uk/Become-a-Foundation-Director/ or contact Christina Reffold, Clerk to the Trust Board at clerk@ascat.co.uk

SVP Vinnie Packs

The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code **60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially

Helen Birch, Tom O'Connor, Bebe Ryan, Bernadette Cruickshank and Alice Sheppard.

Offertory for Sunday 13th November

Envelopes £235.23 Loose £237.93 **TOTAL £473.16**

Sick & Retired priests collection

£294.07

Many thanks