



## St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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**25/26 NOVEMBER 2023**

**THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (CHRIST THE KING) YEAR A**



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		Agnes Gallagher INT Sheila Hunter RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>11.00am</b>		Annie & Austin McGreal RIP People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Feria	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Feria	Lily Bones RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Feria	Peter Mendola RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec 1st</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Benediction & Mass	
<b>1st Sunday Advent Year B</b>				
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>9 &amp; 11.00 am</b>		
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment</b>				

**We pray for the sick in our Parish especially, Margaret Watson, Patricia Reilly, Mariasha McDonagh, Barbara Bassett, Barbara Alexander and for those who have no one to care for them. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Benedict Clifford De Silver, Alexander Nicolaides, Thomas Kilcommons and Rosalinda Zanre and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

### **SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 God promises to personally care for his people, as the shepherd cares for the sheep **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 At the end of the world, all enemies will be overcome and Christ will rule as universal king **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:31-46 We will be judged by the standard of visible, tangible love

### **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- The best way to honour Christ our King**

The best way to honour Christ our King is to work for the unfolding and promoting of his kingdom. In working for the relief of deprived, oppressed, or marginalised people, we are serving Christ in person, because he fully identified with people in need, right up to his final moment in this life. The disciple of Christ the King cannot afford the luxury of living in a gated community, resolutely secure in a fortress, comfortably "keeping myself to myself" with the lame claim that "I do nobody any harm." To be deaf to the cries of my neighbour in need is to be deaf to Christ. To be blind to the anguish of the dying is to be blind to Christ. To recognise Jesus Christ as our Shepherd-king involves being carers or shepherds in some way ourselves; for the work of the Kingdom goes on until he comes again.

### **CONFIRMATION 2023/24- Registration ends this weekend**

Please contact Fr. Clement after Mass for a confirmation application form. *Candidates should be at least in Year 10, have received their First Holy Communion and be attending Mass at St Paul's Church.*

### **SANTA MARTA GROUP**

In 2014 Pope Francis instructed Cardinal Vincent Nichols to lead the work of the Santa Marta Groups an important mission for the Catholic Church. The Group's origins come from partnerships between religious sisters and police in London, and a meeting at a Hertfordshire Church Parish Hall. It now has

partners in over 40 countries; from acorns oak trees grow. By kind invitation of Bishop Paul McAleenan all are invited to attend a presentation and discussion on: **Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Communities and Parishes**; Thursday 30th November 2023 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Our Lady Immaculate & St Andrew Parish Hall, 16 Nightingale Road, Hitchin, SG5 1Q

### **ADVENT SUMMIT**

This Advent all young people in the diocese are invited to join Westminster Youth Ministry on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 2pm to 5pm. This afternoon of prayer and adoration will be themed around 'the dwelling place' with speakers including Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Emmanuelle McFarlane-Barrow. Confessions will be available throughout. The event will take place at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Queensway. For more information email [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk) if you are interested in bringing a group. You can sign up at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/advent-summit-2/>

### **THANKSGIVING MASS THIS WEEKEND**

Fr. Clement invites you to join him in celebrating a thanksgiving Mass this weekend at all the Masses on his twentieth ordination anniversary. Thank you all for the untiring support throughout the years. God bless you for your kind support. There will be refreshments after each Mass.

### **REPOSITORY**

The Repository will be open after the 9.00 and 11.00 am Masses this weekend. It is now stocked with Christmas cards and gifts as well as memorial candles to use during November. Please be aware that to pay, it is cash only.

### **SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

Are you interested in becoming a school governor in a Catholic School? Please contact [governors@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:governors@rcdow.org.uk) or check out some of the vacancies at Interested in working in our Schools-Diocese of Westminster Education Service [rcdow.org.uk](http://rcdow.org.uk) or use the QR reader on the poster at the back of the church. You do not necessarily need to have experience in education as training will be given.

### **URGENT APPEAL FOR WINTER CLOTHING- Supporting local refugees and asylum seekers**

We urgently need clean winter clothes in good condition. No holes, broken zips or fastenings please. for men and women: Coats, jumpers, hoodies, joggers, long sleeved tops in S, M, L XL. For children: age 3-14 Coats, jumpers, hoodies, joggers, long sleeved tops. Sorry but we cannot accept summer clothing at this time of year.

### **DIOCESAN JOBS**

Are you looking for job opportunities? Westminster Diocese has some opportunities for you. For a list of current vacancies and further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

### **SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL**

Westminster Cathedral the mother Church of our diocese has improved the lighting of its main sanctuary. The previous aged and inefficient system had to be replaced as spare parts were no longer available. The improved lighting is of great benefit on major occasions particularly if they are being broadcast or live streamed. The improvements are being funded by the Friends of Westminster Cathedral. They are asking for our help by supporting their Big Give Campaign with online donations. For donations made from 12.00 noon on Tuesday 28 November and before 12.00 noon on Tuesday 5 December every £1 given is worth £2 with matched funding and £2.25 if you can tick the Gift Aid box. The link to the donation site is <https://bit.ly/FriendsBG23>

### **APPRECIATION**

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times, especially to our stewards/volunteers and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish.

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