

21st November 2021
+Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Dear Parishioners

“My kingdom does not belong to this world”

Today, on the final Sunday of our Church year, we celebrate the glorious Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. On this day we profess the profound truth that our Lord is King! He is the King of all things. He is King of the Universe. And He is King of Heaven and all spiritual realities. In the Gospel passage quoted above, Jesus responds to Pilate who was questioning Him about whether or not He was the King of the Jews. If Jesus would have claimed that He were an earthly king, one with civil authority, then Pilate would have judged Him to be guilty of trying to overthrow the Roman authority. Jesus is King, and King of all Kings, but he declared that His Kingdom was not of this world. Today and always, Jesus desires that His glorious Kingdom reign in every way. Jesus begins by reigning in our souls. He invites us to allow Him to enter in to our lives. He desires to be the ruler of every passion, desire, thought and action that is ours. When this happens, His Kingdom becomes established within us. This kingdom is then to grow in the minds and hearts of all people. For our own good, Jesus wants every person to work to conform every part of society to the governance of Him as King. This means that as the hearts of civil leaders are converted, they will be called to enact laws that fully support and build up God's Kingdom on earth. The King of the Universe will then guide us to conform all of our endeavours to His will and to the continued up-building of His Kingdom. The first duty of the Christian, in regard to the governance of every aspect of society, is not to impose God's law from without, as a ruthless authoritarian would. Rather, it is to be converted in mind and heart so that God's governance can come forth from within. As God's Kingdom is established in the lives of His people, all objectively grave evils embedded within our earthly laws are to be overturned. Let us reflect today upon our duty to help bring forth the Kingdom of God here and now. Let us not be afraid to work toward the external establishment of God's Kingdom in all that we do. Jesus is King, and He desires to reign everywhere. Let us cooperate with Him, and His Kingdom will indeed come.

God bless you

Fr Martin

World Youth Sunday, 21 November 2021 (the Feast of Christ the King)

National Youth Sunday is now World Youth Sunday and it is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church in England and Wales along with the global Church. The theme this year is “Stand Up! I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen!” (Acts 26:16). CYMFed has produced resources for schools, parishes, families and individuals available at <https://worldyouthsunday.com> Please join us in prayers on that day.

November Dead During November, Mass is regularly offered for the deceased. If you would like deceased family and friends remembered then make a list and, enclosing an offering, deposit the envelope into the special box on the sanctuary. The lists and envelopes are now available on the welcome table.

Parish Synod Volunteer – Each parish in the Diocese is being asked if a volunteer would be willing to represent the parish when gathering comments for the upcoming Synod of Bishops in 2023. Over the next months each parish is encouraged to share their experiences and thoughts on their faith and the Church. If anyone would like to volunteer for this role please speak to Fr Martin.

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THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: -www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY TO RECEIVE YOUR ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER DIRECT INTO YOUR INBOX!



****100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP****

Good Luck to all our Members!!

MASS INTENTIONS

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INTS PAUL ETUKA

09:30AM HOLY SOULS

11:30AM IVAN ROSE RIP A

MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM THANKSGIVING KULANTHAIVELU FAMILY

TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM HOLY SOULS

WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM GARY ASHBY RIP LD

THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM MARY O'REILLY RIP A

SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM HOLY SOULS

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &

CONFESSIONS 10-11AM

+1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CATENIANS

09:30AM MARGARET RIST RIP A

11:30AM MARGARET NEWTON RIP A

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Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:

Patrick O'Rourke, Ed Gorman, Bill Smyth, Audrey Farrell, Fr Duncan Adamson, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Pedro Johns, Richard Stoneman, Paula Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahan and Delores Walsh; for Kitty Goldie and those in our local nursing homes; and for our housebound parishioners, especially Katie Loftus. *Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.*

For those who have died recently: Bridget Fernandes, Anastasia O'Connor, Luigia Pirroni, John Plackett, Patrick Donnelly.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time:

Teddy Keating and George Forrow.

Children's Liturgy

This week we celebrate a very special feast day called Christ the King. Perhaps you might like to make a crown to wear before you watch the video?

We are all part of Gods kingdom and because none of the helpers want to be left out, they are all there today, including Bertie who is feeling better. See if you can count how many helpers are with Jane and Anthony.

<https://youtu.be/-66rid2gq9k>

Marys Meals 20th/21st November 2021

A reminder that this weekend we welcome speakers Mirvette Russo, Jane Inglese and Jonathan Cooke who will share the Marys meals story and the work they do. They will provide information on how you can become a volunteer and there will be a sign- up sheet available after each mass.

The LIFE ASCENDING group meet on **Wednesday 24th November 2021** at 2.30pm in the Library. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. Please come along on Wednesday.

St Vincent De Paul Society- 21st November 2021

The SVP meeting takes place this weekend. If you would like to find out more about the work they do please join them after the 9.30am Mass in the Anglim room.

Food Bank: Collection will be **Wednesday 24th November**

Parish Confirmation Registration 2022:

Fr Martin would like to invite children in Year 9 to apply to join the programme of preparation for Confirmation. Applications and Medical forms are now available on the welcome table of the church. The forms are also available on the Parish website.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/wp-content/uploads/sites/49/2021/11/APPLICATION-FORM-CONFIRMATION-new.pdf>

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/wp-content/uploads/sites/49/2021/11/Word-doc.-Medical-Form.docx.pdf>

Please return application and Medical forms to the Parish Office by **15th January 2022**. More information on the format of the programme will follow shortly in the parish newsletter.

Jumble Sale: A huge thank you to all the parishioners and to the wider community for their generosity and support of our Jumble sale last weekend. A special thanks to all the helpers for the time and a great team effort, too many to name individually but very much appreciated. We managed to raise a £355 for the parish!!

At home with God over Lockdown

So many of us during lockdown experienced new restrictions on our lives. Our normal routines were disrupted and we were facing the unknown. Many people spent time at home that was unexpected, for some this was welcome and for some it brought great hardship and loneliness.

During this time, as there were few congregational services, there was little point extending our copyright licences to play music and yet with the new streaming, it meant we could not play published modern music in our services.

Out of this need, many hymns were written within the parish and recorded each week at home and given to the church for free use.

From this weekend a CD of some of this new music, with 22 tracks is available, called 'At home with God'. If you would like to listen to some relaxing music, (with words included if you fancy singling along as you will recognise them) or you know someone who is alone or who could benefit by sharing in our parish music, it has 65 minutes running time. Perhaps you are stuck for a Christmas present for someone who has everything (they won't have one of these) Cd's will be available at the back of church and order forms if there are none available.

All proceeds will be going to St Thomas More Church so we are asking for a suggested donation of £5.

Westminster Cathedral's annual Christmas Celebration, a wonderful evening of music and readings for all the family in the magnificent Mother Church of the Diocese, is taking place this year on **Wednesday 15th December** and **Thursday 16th December** at 7:30pm. Doors will open at 6:30pm, with organ music being played from 7pm. The program includes some of the finest Advent and Christmas choral music from across the centuries, sung by the world-famous Cathedral Choir, as well as favorite congregational carols. Westminster Cathedral Choir and Orchestra will be conducted by Simon Johnson, the Cathedral's new Master of Music.

This year's selection of readings ranges from the Scriptures to writers such as GK Chesterton, all read by an array of celebrity readers.

Tickets are now available at Ticketmaster:

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/westminster-cathedral-tickets-london/venue/254582>

ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS



You will find our new **DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE**, contactless terminal in the church entrance, located on the left-hand side as you enter. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make donations.

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.

You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

Thank you