MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

27th November –3rd December 2023

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 27TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS
TUES 28TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	EILEEN COYLE RIP
WED 29TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PAUL SKELTON RIP
THURS 30TH	8.30AM	**9.00AM**	ANGELA KULAN ST ANDREW
FRI 31ST	10 TO 11 AM	NO MASS	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
SAT 2ND	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CATHERINE AND PATRICK FOGARTY RIP **CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION AFTER MASS** BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SUN 3RD		6 PM SAT 9.30 AM 11.30AM	INTS SIOBHAN HOGG THANKSGIVING MARGARET RIST RIP PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR MORE PARISH INFO OR TO SIGN UP FOR: E ALERTS, NEWSLETTER BY E MAIL, LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES , VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE HTTPS://PARISH.RCDOW.ORG.UK/

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PARISH CAROL SERVICE AND FAYRE **SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER– Parish Carol** service at 3pm will be followed by refreshments and a mini fayre. This is a busy time of year for us all, but it is a special time to be able to celebrate Advent / Christmas together as parish–please **SAVE THE DATE.** Thank you to all those who have already given donations and signed up to help. We still need more, bottles, gifts, Silent Auction items, filled jam jars, cakes, helpers. See leaflets and sign up sheet for further details at the back of church. Do you have a craft? We are inviting parishioners who may have items they make / create, to come along to the fayre and display and sell / advertise their goods, with a donation to the church for any sales made. All enquiries to the Parish Office.

ADVENT as we enter the season of Advent, we are once again going to follow a Mexican tradition of Posada (travelling nativity) and welcome Mary and Joseph into our homes, moving around the parish. If you would like to take part, please sign up for a night and supply your contact details. Each host will contact and collect the figures from the previous parishioner host. We welcome the figures back into the church on Christmas Eve.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION If your child is in in Year 9 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 22nd June 2024 at 12pm, forms are now available to complete at the back of church to join the programme that starts in the New Year. Please return to the parish office by the **end of January.**

INTERCESSION OF OUR LADY– VIGIL LAMP Envelopes are now available at the back of church for intention requests for the 7 day vigil lamp. The lamp will continue to burn throughout the advent and Christmas season when the crib is displayed in the area.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Life Ascending Group—meeting next on **Wednesday 29th November** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

A**dvent Coming to Live In Hope**– Morning of recollection **Saturday 2nd December 10.30am** St Luke's Church Pinner, with talks presented by Canon John O Leary, Rector of Allen Hall.

Churches Together Carol Service– St Lawrence Church **Monday 11th December** 8pm

Foodbank Thank you for all the contributions. The next collection will be on **Tuesday 12th December.** The foodbank make hampers in time for Christmas. Please see the request list by the collection box in the narthex.

NEXT SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

An evening of song for Christmas-led by the Folk Group 7.00 for 7.30pm start.

Bring your own food and supplies and enjoy the chance to sing along and tap your feet to Christmas songs and Carols .

A sign up list for numbers is at the back of church– see posters for more details.

SUNDAY 26th November 2023 +Feast of Christ the King+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
25TH / 26TH NOVEMBER



06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL)
INTS MARY, & TOM LYNSKEY AND FAMILY
09:30AM JIMMY MOYNIHAN
11.30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK PARISHIONERS
Pauline Fitzgerald, Caroline Donnachie, Angela Fahy, Josie Butler, Lynn Larson, Harriet Moxon, Mary Cullen, Audrey Farrell, Phyllis O'Brien, James Bradley, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Paula Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Kundan Singhoraya and Sarah Dunning; and those in our local nursing homes especially Mary Richards, Kitty Goldie, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce and Katie Loftus.



FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY
Peggy McMahon ,Norma Kolakowska, Yvonne Grasso and Hilda Minoli,

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME
Joseph O'Shea, Mary O' Reilly, Jack Keating, Margaret Newton, Albert Gray, Margaret Rist, Derek Miles



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY,
burns this coming week
in loving memory of
Jack Keating RIP

Dear Parishioners,

'Come you whom my Father has blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you…'

This is the final Sunday of our Church year, when we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, our Universal King. Our focus today is the end of time when Jesus will return again to judge the living and the dead and establish his permanent and glorious Kingdom, visible to all. The Catechism tells us: *The Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death* (1040). God is truly a mystery and is forever both known and unknown as he is endless and eternal. When we contemplate the many mysteries God has revealed, we must approach them as both known and unknown. It is a great mystery that God has revealed that at the end of time Jesus, the Son of God, will return to earth to issue forth his final judgment upon all the living and the dead. It will be the final moment of time as we know it now. The dead will rise and our bodies and souls will be reunited. The just will enter the glorious new heaven and new earth. God will then be revealed definitively as universal King and will govern this new world forever. As we celebrate this glorious mystery of our faith we must approach it with deep humility, admitting to ourselves that we will never fully comprehend the awesomeness of that day until it comes. This is especially true when we consider what God has done to open up our share in this glorious destiny. This great king has shed his blood on a Cross and offered himself as the supreme sacrifice of love on our behalf. Let us reflect, today, with a deep gratitude, upon this wonderful and definitive revelation. On that final day, all that will matter to us is how faithful we have been to the will of God. Our charity will become an open book for all to see, and the rewards for our charity will remain with us forever. As we think about that day with faith, let us allow it to encourage us to do all we can today to prepare for the Last Judgment. So that on that day we will hear Jesus, our King, say to us: *'Come you whom my Father has blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you…'*

God Bless You, ***Fr Martin***

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER—FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING The 9.30am mass this Sunday will be a children's mass with the folk group leading the singing. There will be no children's liturgy but there may be some crowns!



It is also the day we celebrate World Youth Sunday and we remember the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis who addressed the Youth In Lisbon earlier this year. "Jesus never closes the door, never, but invites you to enter: Come and See!" "In the church, no one is left out or over, there is room for everyone" "….I encourage you to reflect on the beautiful fact that God loves us. God loves us just the way we are."

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The next meeting will be **Sunday 26th November** after the 9.30am Mass in the Library room at 10:45am. All are welcome to come along to see the work they do to help local people in need.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION Last chance to sign up if your child is in year 3 or above and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on 11th May 2024. Forms are at the back of church for the programme starting in the New Year. Please return to the Parish Office by **30th November 2023.**

PRAYING FOR THE SICK The short term list, for remembering people in our prayers at mass will be renewed from next weekend. Please let the parish office know if you would like anyone to be prayed for and added to the new list for the month of December.