SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER +OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

23RD/24TH NOVEMBER

6.00 PM LUCY SANTILLAN **(L/D) RIP**
9.30 AM HOLY SOULS
11.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Ida Houlden, Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel, Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell and those in our local nursing homes especially Mary Richards, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY
Peggy McMahon, Norma Kolakowska, Marie Hardy , Hilda Minoli.

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

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE RECENTLY DEPARTED.

Denise Monteiro, Christina Enright and Sheila Keeble

May they rest in peace





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY
burns this coming week for the intentions of

EDDY AND YVONNE

Dear Parishioners,

'My kingdom is not of this world'.

This week, 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. He is King of the Universe. He is the King of Heaven and of 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. Jesus is clear that he is a king, but that his kingdom does not belong to this world. So where is His kingdom? If Jesus had claimed he was an earthly king with civil authority, then Pilate could have judged him to be guilty of trying to overthrow the Roman authority. This would be punishable by death, as Jesus could have been found legally guilty of violating civil law. However, Jesus was always innocent. Jesus was morally perfect in every way and that included his obedience to all legitimate civil law. Jesus is a king but of a kingdom that was not in competition with the Roman authorities or any other civil authority. God's kingdom begins by reigning in our souls. God invites us to allow him to enter and take control of our lives. God desires to be the ruler of every passion, desire, thought and action that is ours. When this happens, his kingdom becomes established within us. When we pray 'Thy kingdom come', we are praying according to the will of God that as the hearts of all people are converted they will be called to enact and live laws in society that fully support and build up God's kingdom on earth. As king, Jesus reigns from the Cross, because here we see that his kingdom is one of love. Love, by definition, has to be without end and condition. Only such a love can help the world to find a way to live in which the freedom of all is maintained. This freedom has been won for us by our king, by his supreme sacrifice of love which opens up the kingdom of God to us, both in this world and the next. Let us reflect, today, upon our call to help bring the kingdom of God into our lives and world. Let us start by seeing how we can allow God's Kingdom to grow within us and our homes, families, workplaces. May we be open to the many ways that God wants to use us to help others do the same. Jesus is King, and he desires to reign everywhere. Let us cooperate with him, and see his Kingdom come.

God Bless You. *Fr Martin*

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING **this Sunday,** the 9.30 am mass will be a children's mass with crowns for the young ones, music led by the folk group, followed by Breakfast Club in the hall, with sausage and bacon rolls (eggs for those who don't eat meat) Drop in after mass and enjoy a tasty treat. It is also the Feast we celebrate World Youth Day. This year Pope Francis centres on the theme of hope and endurance, drawing inspiration from the words of the prophet Isaiah. "*Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary,*"

YOUTH MASS Following on from the successful first Youth Mass which took place on 4th November, we are delighted to be able to announce that the next mass is planned for next **Sunday 1st December at 6pm.** All young adults are welcome and those from school year 9 and above. Please spread the word and come along.

POSADA -As we enter the season of Advent next weekend, we are once again following 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 and host these figures, please sign the list at the back of church and supply your contact details. (This is not just for young families, it is open to all) Once the list is complete, you will receive the contact details for the person hosting the day before you to arrange collection. Mary and Joseph will visit for the Carol Service and then go back out to hosting families to return on Christmas Eve 6pm mass.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS ITEMS Advent calendars and other items are available at the back of church.

Mass Times
25th November –1st December

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 25TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CHRISTINA ETUKA ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
TUES 26TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	CHRISTOPHER YOUNG **INTS**
WED 27TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS
THURS 28TH NOV	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 29TH-NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ANGELA KULAN AND FAMILY– **THANKSGIVING**
SAT 30TH-NOV	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	BILL AND MARY O'REILLY **RIP** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** ST ANDREW– APOSTLE
SUN 1ST DEC		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30AM** **6.00 PM**	HOLY SOULS MARGARET RIST **(A) RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH YOUTH MASS FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL This will be voted on by MPs on **29th November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs to vote against the bill. You can contact your MP by visiting **www.livesworthliving.org.uk** or write to him/her using the cards by the entrance door, Assist us to live.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION If your child is in in Year 9 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday 14th June 2025, 12.00 pm** 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 **12th January 2025.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION 2025- If your child is in year 3 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday 17th May 2025 at 12pm,** please complete the forms at the back of church to sign up to the programme starting in the New Year, by **3rd December 2024.**

ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL, RICKMANSWORTH Due to a number of families relocating to other parts of the UK and abroad, we have a few school places available. We are therefore accepting in-year admission applications from parents who may wish for their children to continue their education in a Catholic school. Details of how to apply for a place can be found on the school website at **https://www.joa.herts.sch.uk/2045/in-year-admissions**

SCAM WARNING—We have been advised by the Diocese that there is a scam currently circulating in e mail form that appears to come from the Parish Priest, asking for gift cards and Amazon gift cards. Please be aware as this is not a genuine request.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting on **Wednesday 27th November** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. This involves half an hour of prayer and a discussion around the current material from the Agency for Evangelisation for small groups. **SVP** will next be meeting **Sunday 1st December** after the 9.30 mass at 10.45am in the library. **FOODBANK** Thank you for all the donations. The next collection date will be **2nd December 2024**.

AN EVENING OF SONG TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS Saturday 7th December in the Main Hall, led by the Folk Group. Doors open at 7.00 and singing starts at 7.30. No charge for the evening, There will be a voluntary collection for new Church hymn books. Bring your own picnic for you and your guests. Please see the sign up sheet at the back of church for an idea of numbers for set up.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE– Sunday 15th December **SAVE THE DATE**