SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER + OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM FRANK RIORDAN **(A) RIP**

9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

11.30 AM WILLIAM & MARY O'REILLY **(A) RIP**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Judy Doke**,** Bill Garvey , Loreto Berry, Ida Houlden, Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel, Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell.

THOSE IN OUR NURSING HOMES especially
Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus, Hilda Minoli, Martin Duggan, Ray and Elizabeth King.



FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS
especially Marie Hardy **,** Pat Faille.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME : Nicholas Ryder, Joseph O'Shea, Mary O'Reilly, Jack Keating, Margaret Newton, Gary Ashby, Kay Ashby.



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY
has been donated this week
by Mary Lynskey
for the intentions of

LYNSKEY FAMILY

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP
has been donated this week
in loving memory of

NICHOLAS PATERSON

RIP

Dear Parishioners,

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

This Sunday we celebrate the crowning feast of all our liturgical year: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We hear in the Gospel that, as Jesus hung dying on the Cross for the salvation of the world, he hung between two thieves. One of them wanted Jesus to save his earthly life by coming down from the Cross and saving him at the same time. The other thief made a prayer for eternal life saying: *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."* In response to this plea, Jesus granted this thief the gift of paradise. Today, we are invited to make this prayer with the good thief, acknowledging that we are sinners, but hoping and praying for mercy and a share in the eternal kingdom of God. Jesus endured suffering and death out of love for us knowing that only his death could destroy our death as we cling to him in faith, hope and love. As we honour Jesus as the great and glorious King of the Universe, we are encouraged to invite him to establish his reign in our lives. The lasting and visible Kingdom of Jesus will be established definitively in the future when he returns at the end of time, but his Kingdom also begins now. Throughout our world, there are many forms of government. Democracies are thought to be the best form of government because no one person is capable of being the perfect king. Our faith reveals to us that God is the actual perfect king of all the world and if earthly governance acknowledges this kingship then universal peace and harmony can be a reality, not simply an ideal. Let us reflect, today, upon the glorious end of the world when our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, will return in majesty to judge the living and the dead and to establish his permanent and unending kingdom. Let us allow that kingdom of grace and mercy to begin now, within the depths of our own soul, as we surrender everything to God. Let us invite Jesus to reign over our thoughts, our will, our body and our soul. Let us trust in the one and only glorious and universal King, who alone is worthy of our total allegiance.

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

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING The 9.30 am mass this Sunday will be a children's mass. The folk group will be leading the singing and afterwards in the hall there will be a **PARISH BREAKFAST**. Come and enjoy a sausage or bacon bap, tea / coffee and great company. We also celebrate the 40th World Youth Day this Sunday. This years theme ***"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27)*** Follow this link for the Pope's message to our young people. https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/youth/documents/20251007-messaggio-xl-gmg.html

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS– Please return any envelopes this weekend with any donations to help support the sick and older priests of our diocese. Please make donations after this weekend, directly on line at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS There are advent calendars, Christmas cribs and other items in the repository for sale. There are also hand made Christmas cushions, suggested donation of £5—take a look. Payment can be made either using the contactless machine, option repository shop or by cash / cheque.

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, so that you can arrange to collect the figures from them. Mary and Joseph will visit the Carol Service and then go back out to hosting families to return on Christmas Eve 6pm mass.

Mass Times
24th November—30th November

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 24TH NOV	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	STEVE TOBIN **RIP** ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC
TUES 25TH NOV	9 .30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS
WED 26TH NOV	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	REENIE ADAMS **RIP** ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
THURS 27TH NOV	10 AM— 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**CHURCH CLOSED**
FRIDAY 28TH-NOV	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS
SATUR-DAY 29TH-NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	SHARON EVANS **(L/D) RIP** BLESSED VIRGIN MARY **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUN-DAY 30TH-NOV		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	JACK KEATING **(A) RIP** MARGARET RIST **(A) RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT

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Online Retreat at Home - Westminster Diocese is offering a Week of Accompanied Prayer - An Online Retreat at Home, which starts on Sunday 23rd November 6-7pm and ends on Friday 28th November 6-7pm. Would you like to deepen your prayer life? Can you find 30mins to be with God and meet with your own prayer guide at a time chosen by you each day of the week? For more information and to book your place email Lynne Galloway spirituality@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday 24th November and Thursday 27th November.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026 If your child is in year 9 or above and they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 24th May 2026, applications are now open. Forms can be found as you come into church or on the website. The course will begin in the New Year.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 If your child is in year 3 or above and you would like to enrol for the First Reconciliation and Holy Communion programme, please complete both the application

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meet next on **WEDNESDAY 26TH 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.



AN EVENING OF SONG TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Led by the Folk Group. Doors open at 7.00 and singing starts at 7.30pm.
Bring your own picnic for you and your guests. No charge, donations on the night.
Please see posters for more details and sign up sheet for numbers if you are coming.



SVP—meet next on Sunday 7th December after the 9.30 am mass in the library.

NEXT FOOD BANK Collection will be on **MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER** They are in particular need of Tinned potatoes/ packet mashed potato, Longlife milk and the usual following list: Lentils/pulses, Tinned fruit, Tinned spaghetti, Tinned vegetables, Rice, Juice, Sugar, Biscuits/treats, Jams/ Bread spread, Sauces/ Condiments, Noodles, Toiletries, Puddings.

SAVE THE DATE Parish Carol Service **Sunday -14th December** Starting at 3pm followed by refreshments.