SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2026 + OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST– KING OF THE UNIVERSE +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
21ST/22ND NOVEMBER

6.00 PM (SAT) RICHARD & JACK KEATING **RIP**
9.30 AM HOLY SOULS
11.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Judy Doke, Izabel Malheiros, Tom Cole, Josephine McRae, Ida Houlden, Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell.
THOSE IN OUR NURSING HOMES especially Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus, Hilda Minoli, Bill Garvey , Elizabeth King, Angela Johnson.

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS
Marie Hardy**,** Pat Faille, Flora Zudthipunmare

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

RECENLTY DEPARTED: We pray for the repose of the souls of Alan Kybird, Ray King and Jim Wriggles-worth recently departed.

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP
has been donated this week
for the living and deceased members of
THE SCHAEFFER FAMILY







THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY
has been donated this week by
Jane Lawson
in loving memory of
MARY RICHARDS
RIP

Dear Parishioners,

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

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 Jesus will be revealed as our king when we appear before him at the end of our lives and at the end of time. Those who have shown love to others and love for God will be invited to *inherit the kingdom prepared since the foundation of the world.* This Sunday we acknowledge our desire that we are hoping and praying for God's mercy and a share in the eternal kingdom of heaven. 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 CHRIST THE KING this **SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER** The 9.30 am mass will be a mass for the children, with crowns made at the children's liturgy last weekend and children taking part in the mass. This will be followed by:



PARISH BREAKFAST in the hall with sausage, egg or bacon rolls. All welcome.



The Solemnity of Christ the King also marks the 41st World Youth Sunday, celebrating young people in the Church and St Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. Please visit https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/outreach/world-youth-sunday-2026/ for a video message from Archbishop Richard Moth.

CARITAS ADVENT CALENDAR this weekend, we will be hearing from our parish caritas representative about the calendar launch for advent, where we have the opportunity to collect items each day to be distributed later to the foodbank.

CARITAS WEDNESDAY GROUP some exciting news to share. The launch of a social group, intended to meet fort-nightly on a Wednesday afternoon, with an opportunity for a chat over a cuppa, alongside activities currently being planned, such as crafts, bingo and things which support the local community and church, is going to start shortly.

MASS TIMES

23rd November—29th November

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 23RD-NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	NICK PATERSON **(A) RIP** ST CLEMENT
TUES 24TH-NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM** **12.30 PM**	TOYONU HUNNU -MOIETT **INTS** ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC FUNERAL OF THE LATE **ALAN KYBIRD RIP**
WED 25TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
THURS 26TH NOV	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRI 27TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ROBERT BROEDER **INTS**
SAT 28TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SUN 29TH NOV		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30AM**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH MARGARET RIST **(A) RIP** HOLY SOULS FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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BANKERS AND COUNTERS—we are looking for an extra person to help with the banking. It requires a trip to the bank once every 3 weeks with another person on the rota. Could you spare time to support the church in this role. We would also welcome anyone who would be willing to go on a reserve list to cover for counting/ or banking if needed, on an ad hoc basis, to cover sickness or holidays where a current rota member can't make it. Please let the parish office know your details if this is something you can offer. Many thanks.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - if you are in year 9 school year or above and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation in on **20th June 2027,** applications are now open. Forms can be found as you come into church or on the parish website**.**

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION If your child is in year 3 or above and you would like to enrol for the First Reconciliation and Holy Communion programme, commencing in January 2027, with the First Holy Communion mass taking place on **8th May 2027,**please complete the forms found in the narthex or download them from the website. The closing date for applications is **30th November.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY



'PREPARE THE WAY' -Advent Formation Talk **WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER** at Sacred Heart Church 7.15—8.15 pm—bring a pen.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP The next meeting will be **WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER AT 2.30 PM** in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

FOODBANK next collection will be **MON 7TH DECEMBER** the last before Christmas.

SVP will meet next on **SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 10.45 AM**, after the 9.30am mass in the library.

ADVENT MORNING—ST LUKES PINNER **SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 10.30 AM—'**The Eucharist and the Priestly people of God.' led by Mgr Paul McPartlan, Rector of Mater Ecclesiae College and Professor of Theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham.



AN EVENING OF SONG TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY 5TH 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 for charity and the church.
Please see posters for more details and sign up sheet for numbers if you are coming.