



Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

25th November 2018
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
King of the Universe

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Newsletter must be sent into
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Today we celebrate this lovely Feast of Christ the King and this Gospel certainly provides us with an opportunity to reflect on any assumptions we may have about kings, leaders and kingdoms. The Jewish leaders want Jesus executed and so they bring him to Pilate who engages in a debate with Jesus on 'kingship'. Jesus is accused of claiming to be a 'king' and this passage plays on both the political and religious meaning of that word.

Pilate is concerned with whether or not Jesus poses a threat to Roman rule, while the Jewish religious leaders are worried about the type of 'Messiah king' Jesus claims to be. Through his ministry Jesus has shown them that His kingdom is unlike the one that Pilate, or many other earthly leaders know. It is a kingdom built on love, service, justice, reconciliation and peace.

Not every king can measure up to this. Jesus is a servant King, a beacon light for today's world. Who do you know in our world today who is the more living example of this type of kingship? When you look at the world's political leaders, who amongst them shine like a beacon light striving for peace, justice and care for the earth?

On this Feast of Christ the King we celebrate a type of kingship that is a display of radical love. What a different world we would have if all those who hold power and authority led in such a way. We can pray today that all leaders will be open to listening to the Spirit and strive for a more just world.

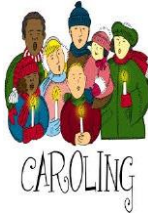
**CHRISTMAS
IN THE
REPOSITORY**

Christmas cards,
both single and
boxes, wrapping
paper, contemporary cribs and
candles. Come and have a look



**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
MUSIC IN OUR PARISH
DATES FOR
YOU DIARY**

**Sunday 2nd
December
6.00pm
Ceremony of**



**Carols by
Benjamin Britten
Thursday 6th December**

**7.00pm
Christmas Concert**

Featuring our church choirs, the
choir from St Dominic Primary
School, The Bella Mamas and
the parish Band. A lively and
festive occasion for all the
family. There will be a retiring
collection for the DWG raising
funds for a youth string
orchestra in Brazil with further
details of this charity given on
the evening

**Sunday 23rd December
6.00pm**

Carols by Candlelight
A traditional service of Nine
Lessons and Carols

**ST CLARE'S CONVENT
3 Abigail Close Luton**

Carols at the Crib will be on 15th
December at 2pm. Solitude
Saturday will be on Saturday
29th December any time from
10am - 3pm Everyone is welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 24th November

St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest

10.00am Denis Mann RIP

6.00pm Margaret Foulds RIP

Sunday 25th November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Myra & Brian Jones RIP

11.30am Erroll Yates RIP (Anniv)

Monday 26th November

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9.15am Holy Souls

Tuesday 27th November

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9.15am John Png RIP

Wednesday 28th November

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9.15am Holy Souls

Thursday 29th November

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11.00am Victor Newham RIP

Friday 30th November

St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

9.15am Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Saturday 1st December

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10.00am Peter Crick RIP

6.00pm Martin King RIP & Michael Holmes
RIP (Anniv)

Sunday 2nd December

First Sunday of Advent (C)

8.30am People of the Parish

9.45am Norma van der Horst RIP

11.30am Ignatius Nathan RIP (Anniv)



CONFESSIONS

(Saturday 10.30-11.00am and after the 6.00pm Mass.)