Ss Mary & Joseph & St Mark

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
22 November 2026



CHRIST PANTOCRATOR - *"Christ the Almighty" / "Ruler of All"*
(pan = all, tokrator – strength / power), Monreale, Sicily

SUNDAY GOSPEL: Luke 23:35-43

Christ is King of the universe, of people of all nations, Christian, Muslim, atheist… Everything and all belong to him. Christ died to save us all, and even though there are people who do not know him or acknowledge him, they are linked to him in whatever good they do. All that is good comes from him. All works of love and mercy are works of the Holy Spirit who lives among us. People of good will, even if they are not Christians, can still have some experience of God through the good they do. Works of mercy direct them to God, whom they don't know.

What about us, then, who are baptised? What about us who are members of Christ and are subjects to Christ as the Head of the body? What is expected of us? To be a good person one does not need to be a Christian. Our mission goes beyond showing love and mercy.

Christ has made us a royal nation and invited us to share in his own mission as Shepherd. This is why we are invited to do more.

To be Christian, then, means to point to all nations that all goodness comes from God. It is to bear witness to the hope that we all treasure: *We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.* It is to help others find God so that they can share in our hope. …. So, belonging to Christ we share in his mission to the world, to show that this universe has a purpose, that all things will be united in Christ.

Fr Benedict Jonak O.P. *Read all*

It's a long way off but inside it
There are quite different things going on:
Festivals at which the poor man
Is king and the consumptive is
Healed; mirrors in which the blind look
At themselves and love looks at them
Back; and industry is for mending
The bent bones and the minds fractured
By life. It's a long way off, but to get
There takes no time and admission
Is free, if you will purge yourself
Of desire, and present yourself with
Your need only and the simple offering
Of your faith, green as a leaf.

R S Thomas

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Sunday Cycle: Year A
Week Day Readings Year: 2
Divine Office: Week 2

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THANK YOU, CALLUM

After the 10am Mass ON CHRIST THE KING we will celebrate and thank Callum Moore in the Parish Centre, over Coffee and Bacon Rolls. Callum served for over 8 years as a Youth Worker and Co-ordinating Catechist in Hemel West Parish and ASCAT Schools. He continues working at JFK School as a lay chaplain and is now going to his local Church in Tring within walking distance of home.

THANK YOU, Callum, for your dedication and commitment to your work among us and for bringing so many of our young people to a deeper understanding of their faith in the Lord Jesus and the practice of the Catholic Faith.

SMSJ: *Ss Mary & Joseph Church, St John's Road, Boxmoor, HP1 1NR*
SM: *St Mark's Church, John F Kennedy School, Hollybush Lane, HP12PH*

Date	Holy Mass Intentions
Sat 21 Nov	*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
(SMSJ) 8am	Adoration & Confessions
(SMSJ) 9am	Mass Holy Souls
11am-3pm	***STASHBUSTER ART SALE in the Parish Centre***
(SMSJ) 4-4.45pm	Confessions
(SMSJ) 5pm	Vigil Mass Holy Souls
Sun 22 Nov	**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
(SMSJ) 7.30am	Holy Hour of Adoration
(SMSJ) 8.30am	Mass William Hegarty (15th RIP ANNIV)
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass People of the Parish *followed by Parish Brunch in the Parish Centre*
(SM) 11.30am	Mass Holy Souls
Mon 23 Nov	*Feria*
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass Holy Souls
Tues 24 Nov	*St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, Companions, Mm*
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass Holy Souls
(SMSJ) 6pm	Mass Holy Souls
7pm	***Adult Formation (RCIA) in St Joseph's Hall***
Wed 25 Nov	*Feria*
(SMSJ) 7.30am	Mass Holy Souls
(SMSJ) 9am	Holy Hour of Adoration
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass Therese D'Offay (RIP)
5pm	***Confirmation Group B in St Joseph's Hall***
Thurs 26 Nov	*Feria*
(SM) 8.15am	Mass for JFK In Thanksgiving
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass Holy Souls
7pm	***Baptism Preparation in St Joseph's Hall***
Fri 27 Nov	*Feria*
(SMSJ) 9am	Holy Hour of Adoration
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass Holy Souls
(SMSJ) 11am	Funeral Mass for Sylvester Nolan (RIP)
5pm	***Confirmation Group C St Joseph's Hall***
7pm	***St Joseph's Mens Group***
Sat 28 Nov	*Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
(SMSJ) 8am	Adoration & Confessions
(SMSJ) 9am	Mass Holy Souls
(SMSJ) 12 noon	Baptism Louis Mardon & William Hill
(SMSJ) 4-4.45pm	Confessions
(SMSJ) 5pm	Vigil Mass John (Sean) Sweeney (RIP ANNIV)
6.15pm	***Fundraising Supper by Cochin Indian Restaurant, Parish Centre £21***
Sun 29 November	**1st Sunday of Advent**
(SMSJ) 7.30am	Holy Hour of Adoration
(SMSJ) 8.30am	Mass Holy Souls
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass for Holy Souls *with the Rite of Acceptance of Catechumens & Reception into full Communion Of Ozana into the Catholic Church*
(SM) 11.30am	Mass People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
Saturday 8am-8.45am & 4pm-4.45pm at SS Mary & Joseph Church

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of common good and solidarity of those who have less.

THE SICK: Pippa Marchant, Paula Moore, John Ranch, Margaret Marchant, Tommy McLoughlin, Chrissie Ward, Juliet Edgar, Peter & Rose Gray, Andrew Cooper, David Turner, Andy Swift, David O'Mahoney, Rosie Fletcher, Lucy Chapman, Ellen Brett, Susana, Fr Dennis Opoku, Sabina Xavier, Jacqueline Austin, Merril Delaney, Marie Anthony, Terry Pearson, Mary Alcock, Louie Reidy
RECENTLY DEPARTED: Sylvester Nolan (Funeral Friday 27 Nov, 11am) Hazel Charles (Funeral Wed 2 December 11am), Vera Gavin (Funeral Monday 14 Dec 11.30am), Adrian Flowerdue.

Explore FORMED for free. A new means of catechesis and evanglization for the whole family, young and old.
Login: 'Hemel Catholic'. We are using **SYMBOLON** for RCIA.

STASHBUSTER on Saturday is a family fun day of selling & buying art & materials at bargain prices. Ideas for Christmas, colouring, tea and cake.

RAFFLE AT ST MARK'S: There will be homemade Christmas knitted goodies and young children's cardigans at £1 per raffle ticket on sale. All donations will go to Parish Building Fund.

RCIA (Adult Formation in the Catholic Faith) Next Session: Tuesday 25 November, 7-8.30pm. *See the website for all of the dates.*

FUNDRAISING SUPPER for the Building Fund: Saturday 28 November, 6.15pm in the Parish Centre. Food by Cochin Indian Restaurant. £21 for a starter main and dessert. Bring your own drinks. Quiz and raffle. ***Bookings and payments must be made by 24 November.*** Contact Irene Soares on 07377804128 or email valsoares@aol.com

ST JOSEPH'S MENS GROUP will meet on **Friday 27 November**, at 7pm in the Presbytery. All men are welcome.

The CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE will meet on Thursday 3 December, at 7.30pm in St Joseph Hall. Jane Gonzalez will present an Advent Reflection, ending with coffee/tea. For more details, contact Eileen know on 07831511543. All welcome.

HEMEL YOUNG ADULTS 18-35 meet on the first Friday of the month. **Next meeting is on Friday 4 Dec at Our Lady's, 7.30pm (not SMSJ)** for Adoration & Confessions in Church, followed by a Social.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT DAY: "RECEIVE & RESPOND" at Christ the King, Cockfosters, N14 4HE on Sat 28 Nov, 10.30am-5.30pm. See flyer & register **here**

HERTS NEWMAN ASSOCIATION: Newman and The Logic of Faith A Video of a talk by Dr Daniel Pratt Morris Chapman (Wesley House, Cambridge). Wednesday 9 December, 2.30pm at Ss Alban & Stephen, 14 Beaconsfield Road, AL1 3RB. All are very welcome.

Knights of St Columba (KSC) NATIONAL CHRISTMAS PAINTING COMPETITION for all younger members of the parish. Please click **here** to see all the details. Loads of prizes!

Throughout NOVEMBER Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls. Please place your names & envelope in the boxes in front of the Altar.

ST ROSE'S SCHOOL: To book onto the Pre School, Nursery and Reception 2027 tours please click **here** ***A Certificate of Catholic Practice is not required for St Rose's and St Cuthbert Mayne Schools***.

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL: Click **here** for details of the Year 3 Open Events at St Cuthbert Mayne School, HP1 3EA.

CATHOLIC HOME-SCHOOLING Regina Caeli Academy is holding an information session on 23rd January next year.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE in either the first or second week in October 2027. If you are interested in going, please contact Pat Henry

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FORTHCOMING DATES:

+ Saturday 5 December 3.30-4.45pm: **BOXMOOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** will be turned on by the Mayor in Wharf Road, 12 foot Christmas tree in our grounds. Hemel band, combined Choirs & Carols. Refreshments.
+ Sunday 6 December, 2pm Blessing of Crib in the Marlowes – come and witness to Christ the Lord by singing Carols and praying together.
PLEASE NOTE: 5pm Mass will move to 5.30pm on 5 December.
+ Rorate Masses (of Our Lady in expectation): 7am on Wednesdays in Advent by candlelight.
+ Friday 18 December (SMSJ): Carols by Candlelight at 7pm

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