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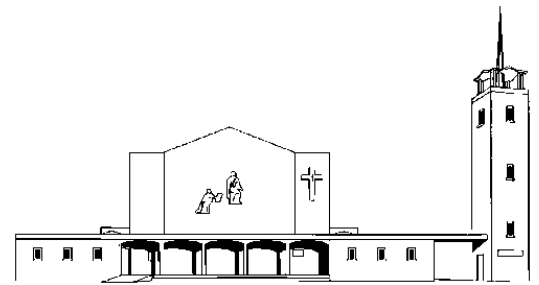
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Year B

CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

21ST NOVEMBER 2021

Gospel: John 18: 33-37

It is you who say that I am a king.

The seasons are changing. The leaves are turning to russet gold, but I'm not referring just to the natural year. Next week we start Advent, the time when we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Jesus but also a powerful reminder that he will be coming again; this time not as a child but as King. As if to hammer it home, the readings this Sunday celebrate Christ King of the Universe. Are we accustomed to thinking of Jesus as king? Perhaps not, if we think of how he is often depicted, for we are used to seeing



him as the Suffering Servant hanging upon a cross. It is of course through the cross that he reveals the essence of his kingship. To reinforce these royal credentials, we sometimes see Jesus depicted as the Christus Rex, wearing a crown and dressed in royal robes, white for resurrection, reigning as the Risen Lord with his arms outstretched but still reminding us that the cross is the emblem of his power. Regardless of these symbols, it is easy to misinterpret Jesus' words about kingship. Jesus said that his kingdom was not of this world. We can assume quite wrongly therefore that Jesus' kingdom doesn't relate to this world or with how we lead our lives, and that following him is merely a privatised or spiritual matter which affects only a relativized sphere of our lives. Nothing could be further from the truth. First Jesus' doesn't deny that he is a king. In fact, he is the king whose kingship is the prototype for all kingship. Jesus' kingship is not based upon the values of the world but upon what defines authentic kingship. Just as we are called to be in the world but not of it, so Jesus' kingship is not of this world, as he reminds us today, but is exercised within the world. And what is that world? It is not just the ground upon which we walk but as this Sunday's title reminds us the whole universe or kosmos. And Jesus is no constitutional monarch. Jesus doesn't just reign but he rules as well. The world rejects his claims. Do we, as we stand or kneel before him? If we love him, we will want to recognise him not just as the Saviour of our souls but as the Lord of our Life.

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not take place on Thursday evening.

MICHELE MELILLO of High Road, died recently aged 86. His funeral will be on **Tuesday 23rd November at 11.30am** with Fr Antonio.

MARIE LAYDON of High Road died recently, aged 94. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday 8th December at 10am**. There will therefore be no 9.15am Mass that day.

Our sympathies go out to their families.

May they rest in peace.

SYNODAL PATHWAY is an initiative from Pope Francis & is being conducted in all churches around the world. The Westminster Diocese website has detailed information on this <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/>. Attached to the newsletter is a letter from our Parish Rep, Michel Jordan, explaining more as well as 6 simple questions for you to reflect on and answer. This will also be added to our website. **Please answer the questions and return them to the box provided at the back of the church by the 29th November.** If you prefer, you can email or post your replies to the presbytery. Additional sheets are available at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED: Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are at the back of the church. Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering.

FR JULIAN'S FORMAL INDUCTION AS PARISH PRIEST will take place at the 6.30pm Mass on **Saturday 29th January 2022**. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be the principal celebrant, and it will be followed by a celebration in the crypt. Please do put the date in your diary. More details to follow in due course.

MUSICIANS are needed to help at the Sunday Masses. If you can assist, please do contact the presbytery.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS NEEDED at the 9.15am Mass. If you are available to assist, please do contact the presbytery.

FINANCE

CONTACTLESS GIVING AT MASS: since many people now carry little or no cash on them,

there is now a device for giving your weekly offering to the parish for its upkeep contactlessly, by card. The device is at the **LEFT HAND** exit door from church as you leave Mass.

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you so much to all who continue to give regularly by S.O., or by envelope. For those whose finances are more stable at present, please consider your parish giving to support the parish. Please see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264370

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:

<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an *automatic* visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward**, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.

Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently including Marie Laydon, Peter Dredge and Michele Melillo & for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Owen Parsons, Pietro Di Leto, Maisie & Maddy Morrissey, Richard Dundon, Catherine Mancey, Mett Curtis, Eileen Smith, Desmond Castle, John Donovan, Anne Fagan & Calogero Tagliarini. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

CATECHETICS

RCIA: 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Are you considering becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed? Come and discover more. We meet at the presbytery on **Tuesday 23rd November at 7.30pm.**

CONFIRMATION: Any young person who is in year 9 or above and is interested in being Confirmed, please contact the presbytery with your name, date of birth, school, school year and a contact number.

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Saturday 11th December 2021 at 11.30am** in church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

FOODBANK: Sadly, donations to the foodbank are currently not meeting the basic need, so the Foodbank is using its reserves to buy the necessary food. If you can donate, basic foods are needed of non-perishable foods: dry food, tins and long-life milk etc. FoodBank collection boxes are in the church porch.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world. Catalogues are now available at the back of the church.

SCHOOLS

ST CROSS SCHOOL: Reception 2022 Intake, New Parents Visits. We are inviting new and prospective parents to visit St Cross School in November. Should you wish to attend a meeting please contact the school office to book

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL will be holding Open Days for prospective Reception and Nursery Class Parents for the 2022/23 academic year on Friday 26th Nov 10am. To arrange a visit, please complete the sign up form at the following link : <https://staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/sign-upform>

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL have a vacancy for an Early Years LSA. Please visit https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view/learning-support-assistant-eyfs_67664.htm

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

ADVENT EXTRA magazine is available for £2.25 from the back of church. Please place your money in the newspaper box.

REPOSITORY: A volunteer is needed to help out after the 6.30pm Mass to open the repository.

If you can assist, please contact Carol on 07976.950359. The repository is now stocked with Christmas cards, so please do take a look!

HODDESDON CHRISTMAS FAYRE will be held in the town on **Sat 27th Nov** and Churches Together will be having a stall. If you would like to sing Carols in the Churches Together Choir from 2.15-3pm please email John Roberts at jsrob2005@ntlworld.com.

JOYEUX NOEL Ware Choral Society will be singing an Oratorio and Carols on **Saturday, 11th December**, at The Drill Hall, Ware, at 7.30pm. All Tickets, £15, from Anne Byrne, 467097.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund will be held on **Friday 14th Jan**, 7.30pm in crypt. £5 per head, payable on the night. Please contact Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747 485023 to reserve a table.

ST ELIZABETH'S CENTRE in Much Hadham have various job vacancies. Please visit <https://www.stelizabeths.org.uk/working-with-us/current-vacancies>.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna, Romeo Rodrigues & Sophie Lenguito. Thank you for your help.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

PRAYER OF THE SYNOD:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 20th Nov BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	Page 160 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Daniel 7: 13-14 <i>His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i>	Ps 92— The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.
Sun 21st Nov CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING 9.15am Mass <i>Bert Zwager RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1: 5-8 <i>Rulers of the kings of the earth.....he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.</i>
Mon 22nd Nov ST CECILIA, Virgin & Martyr 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David. Alleluia!</i>
Tues 23rd Nov ST COLUMBAN, Abbot 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.30am Funeral Michele Melillo RIP 6pm Exposition	Gospel: John 18: 33-37 <i>It is you who say that I am a king.</i>
Wed 24th November ST ANDREW DÛNG-LAC, Priest 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls – followed by coffee in the crypt</i> 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)</p> 1st Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4: 2 Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36
Thurs 25th November ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> NO Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
Fri 26th November <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 6pm Exposition	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 27th Nov BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> Any parishioner frail through illness or old age, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	

REGULAR EVENTS

Tues 23rd 1pm lunch club, crypt	Tues 23rd 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery
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NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO.
— NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** *Si pregano tutti i parroccchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio.*