

NEWSLETTER

**OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, KING OF
THE UNIVERSE**

Christ Our King

O divine king, most amiable Jesus, my redeemer, my saviour, my spouse, my master and model, I renew today the total consecration of my being to you, begging you to take absolute dominion over me. Be my sovereign, my ruler, my guide. Direct and govern me entirely, so that everything may turn to your greater glory. Be king of my memory, of my intellect, of my will, of my emotions; I wish all to be completely subject to you and I invite you to reign in me.

Your kingdom is a kingdom of truth, of love, of justice, and of peace. Grant that your reign of truth may be established in my mind, destroying all error, deceit, and illusion. Enlighten me by your divine wisdom. Grant that your reign of love may be completely established in my will, to move it, draw it, and direct it always, so that I may no longer be moved by self-love or by creatures but by your Holy Spirit alone. Make this weak, mean, rebellious will of mine strong, generous, constant; make it grow stronger, by the persevering exercise of virtue, and by the gifts of your Spirit. Grant that your reign of justice may be established in all my actions so that all I do, having this characteristic, may be a work of holiness, accomplished with purity of intention and with the greatest fidelity in order to give you pleasure and accomplish your holy will. Grant that your reign of peace may be established not only in my soul but also in my sensibility, so that in harmony with the superior part of my soul it may give you glory and neither delay me nor be an obstacle to union with you.

Sr. Camela of the Holy Spirit, O C D

"Jesus, the God-with-us, gives us strength, his Heart gives us courage in adversity. So many uncertainties frighten us: in this time of the pandemic we have found ourselves to be smaller, more fragile... That is why we need consolation... The Heart of Jesus beats for us, always repeating those words: "Courage, courage, do not be afraid, I am here!" Courage, sister, courage, brother, do not lose heart, the Lord your God is greater than your ills, He takes you by the hand and caresses you, He is close to you, He is compassionate, He is tender. He is your comfort."

Pope Francis

"What you did to the least of these, you did to me.' and 'Whoever welcomes this little one, this poor person, in my name he welcomes me.' That is why we say that the poor are the treasure of the Church."

Pope Francis

21st- "We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us"

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 20th , 2021

6pm - Holy Souls

Nov 21st, 2021

9am— Pro Populo

11am— Nancy Robins RIP

For weekday mass intentions please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confession on Saturday between 5.15-5.45 pm

or by appointment.

ADORATION

Every Saturday

from 5pm until 5.45

The Prayer for

Synodal Journey,

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.

With You alone to guide us;

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 you,

who are at work

in every place and time,

in the communion

of the Father and the Son,

forever and ever. Amen

Readings for this & next two Sundays

1st Reading— Daniel 7: 13-14,

Psalms 92;1-2, 5, response v 1

2nd Reading - Apocalypse 1; 1-8

Gospel – John 18; 33– 37

1st Reading— Jeremiah 33: 14-16,

Psalms 24;4-5, 8-9, 10, 14, response v 1

2nd Reading - Thessalonians 3; 12-4;2

Gospel – Luke 21; 25– 28, 34-36

1st Reading— Boruch 5: 1-9,

Psalms 125, response v 3

2nd Reading - ~Philippians 1; 4-6, 8-11

Gospel – Luke 3; 4-6

A Prayer for Advent

My hidden Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You with profound gratitude for uniting Yourself with fallen humanity. When You first entered into this world. You remained hidden for nine months in the immaculate womb of Your Blessed Mother. She carried You, body and blood, soul and divinity, within the sanctuary of her body. She also carried You within her heart as a result of her perfect love for You and her perfect obedience to the will of the Father.

Precious Lord, as I embrace this Advent Season, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive these effects more fully this Advent.

May I become a sanctuary in which You dwell so that I, like Your dear Mother, may bring Your Presence into the world.

My loving Jesus, I choose you, this advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said 'Yes' to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son. Amen

Author Unknown

'Synodal process'

Meaning 'journeying together'

We begin with our own situation, with our own experience, especially this last year and a half which has surfaced both strengths and weaknesses in our life as the Church.

Some questions we can explore are these:

1. During this terrible pandemic what strengths did I find my faith and faith community?
2. How, during this time, was I disappointed and sorrowful?
3. In what ways did the grace of God most clearly touch and uplift me?
4. Whom did we neglect the most?
5. Who feels left out?
6. What could we do better?

How do we choose priorities for our own mission?

'The purpose of the Synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be, to make hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts and restore strength to our hands for our common mission' (Vademecum 1.3)

On 30th November there is an Area Meeting headed by Bishop Nicholas Hudson at St Mary and St Michael, 2 Larkin St, E10AA at 7pm where the discussion would centre on our Journey together. You bring your own views and concerns. If you are interested in attending, please give your name and details to the parish office and we would forward it to the Co-ordinator.

Thank you. Fr Christopher

There is still chance to leave your November Dead Lists

Sill available on the table in the church's porch. Please, put your deceased loved ones on the list and put it in the envelope with your donation. Leave the envelope in the basket which is in front of the Altar.

MEDITATION taken from Sister Faustina's Diary:

MISSION OF MERCY

Meditation: My daughter, give Me souls. Know that it is your mission to win souls for Me by encouraging them to trust in my Mercy. (*Diary*, 1690).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, help me to win souls for You by prayer and sacrifice. Help me to encourage souls to trust in Your Mercy. Like St Faustina, the great Apostle of Divine Mercy, may I make this my mission in life. (*Diary*, 1056).

. TEACHING ON FEELINGS

Meditation: During Holy Mass, I saw Jesus stretching out on the Cross, and He said to me, **My pupil, have great love for those who cause you suffering. Do good to those who hate you.** I answered, "O my Master, You see very well that I feel no love for them, and that troubles me." Jesus answered, **It is not always within your power to control your feelings. You will recognize that you have love if, after having experienced annoyance and contradiction, you do not lose your peace, but pray for those who have made you suffer and wish them well.** (*Diary*, 1628).

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Jesus, for teaching me about my feelings when annoyed by people. Help me to love them and remain in peace. Whenever I think of them, remind me to pray for them.

Thank You; Dear Friends, I thank you for supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection. The priests of our Diocese have and continue to give dedicated service and it's only right that we ensure they live their days with the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available in the lobby of the Church or you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations or by card at the back of our church; thank you once again for your generosity. Do keep our sick and retired priests and all the clergy, and me in your prayers. God bless you all.

Fr. Christopher

The Church Boiler

Dear Friends, Our Church boiler installed when the Church was built has now become unserviceable, after 20 years of service. To replace it with a New one which is a necessity, would cost us **£4,000.00**. As the cold weather is almost upon us the Church needs to be heated. Therefore, I ask for any donations towards the cost of a new Boiler would be greatly appreciated. Donation envelopes are available on the table in the lobby of the Church, please take one; put your donation in and bring it back next weekend. Alternatively, you could pay by card using contactless given. I thank you for your generosity and help. God bless,

Fr Christopher

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

RCIA - you will shortly receive an invitation for the first meeting and the whole program.

Confirmation The course will start in December 2021. Sessions will be on Saturdays at 3.30 pm. Please, see the dates below:

4 December, 11 December, 8 January, 15 January, 22 January, 29 January, 5 February, 26 February, 5 March, 12 March, 19 March, 26 March. April—volunteering, May—Confirmation.

First Holy Communion

Parents Meeting will be on 2 December 2021 in the evening. Exact time will be given next week.

Dates of First Reconciliation Couse:

9 January 2022, 16 January, 23 January, 30 January, 6 February, 20 February 2022

First Reconciliation on 26 February 2022

Dates of First Communion Couse: 27 February, 6 March, 13 March, 20 March, 27 March, 3 April 2022

First Holy Communion on 9 April 2022

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The office may be contacted by phone:

Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Those who might be in Need

If you are aware of anyone who might be in need at this difficult time, do let the parish office know, by giving their details after having consulted with them. We can assist with food vouchers and one of our neighbours are willing to help with groceries. Do let us know if anyone might need help. Thank you, Fr Christopher

ALTAR SERVERS If you have made your First Holy Communion, and would like to be an Altar Server, could you submit your details to the parish office. We hope to commence training initially after the 11am Mass. Lauren, Joseph and Izabella will conduct your training. Thank you. *Fr Christopher*

BAPTISMS can happen now on a Saturday morning or afternoon.

Parents are asked to come to see Fr Christopher first. Next, they must attend a 2-session Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – The **next baptismal courses will be on Wednesday, 1st December 2021 at 7pm**. Please, drop an email to the office if you are interested, also to book your appointment with Fr Chris. Later, we will need your email address to invite you to join the session on Zoom. Before you do the course you need to come to the office to buy a baptism pack (£10).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN THE CHURCH. If you can spare an hour or two monthly to help us to keep the church clean, please, contact the office to discuss details. Thank you.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £155.30 envelopes: £251.00 contactless collection last weekend: £175.00 total: **£581.30**
Standing orders in October **£2643.30**

Sick & Retired Priests,

Last weekend we collected **£246.91** for the second collection for our Sick and Retired Priests' Fund. Once again I thank you for your generosity. God bless you all. *Fr. Christopher*

As a charity we rely on your donations only. As you have not been allowed to come to the church, we only were receiving donations set up as standing orders. We will be grateful for your financial support when you are back.

Your new sets of gift aided envelopes are available for collection before/after any mass or from the office.

Alternatively you could sent your donation by bank. Parish account is on Parish Web.

Thank you for your Generosity

WRCDT Charity No: 233699

PARISH PROJECT

Before the pandemic, a small working group of parishioners were looking at extending the hall and re-ordering some of the parish rooms. We have picked up this project again and would welcome your feedback on the architect's plans before we make further decisions and consider financing it. Plans will be on display in the church during Advent. Please look out for further announcements. Thank you, *Fr Christopher*