

NEWSLETTER

CHRIST THE
KING

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When we think of a king, we usually think of a monarch, with power and majesty. In the case of Jesus he didn't exercise such power, he was born in a stable. He was not the majestic type. Recall when Satan showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and said they would be his if he would worshipped him? Jesus replied, 'It is written, worship the Lord your God, and serve only him'. Satan offered temptation to display power, but Jesus rejected the temptation and shunned all earthly power and authority.

Jesus is king, yes he has a kingdom, but his kingdom is totally at odds with any display of power. When we look at our world we see some heads and politicians who abuse their power, accumulate wealth and manipulate others. This has no place in Jesus' kingdom. Those with power can abuse their power but Jesus was totally powerless on the cross: recall what the jeering crowd said, 'He saved others, let him save himself if he is the Christ of God'. The values of ' kingdom is service and humility, if we want to be great we must be like children and we have to carry our cross each day and follow him. There is no place for violence and retribution in Jesus' kingdom. Pope Pius XI seeing nations and states abusing their power Instituted the Feast of Christ the King in 1925. This is a recent feast in the Church, and abuse of power that led to its introduction-using power in the opposite way to Jesus. Jesus didn't abuse his power, and he is our model, the humble king, is an example to those who abuse power, have no place in his kingdom. There is no greed, envy, or lust for power in Jesus.

Jesus' kingdom is totally at odds with any display of power in this world. He kept company with tax-collectors, sinners, and prostitutes, so much so that the authorities described him as 'a glutton, a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners. Kings receive important people and dignitaries, and other distinguish people, Jesus, received the lowly and people rejected by society of his time. King Charles would receive gifts at his coronation in May next year, Jesus gave gifts, restored health to the sick, brought the dead to life. He was not the kind of king in our understanding; he is a powerless king! Unlike Charles who would wear a gold crown. Jesus wore a crown of thorns and Charles would sit on a throne, but Jesus' throne of the cross. Jesus had people mocking him. His idea of king and power is totally opposite to the world's idea of a king and power.

Jesus is sitting on the most unusual throne of the cross, 'King of the Jews' was written over it. But that moment of pain and humiliation was passing, and when he ascended into heaven he sat on the throne on the right side of the Father.

The Feast of Christ the King is an invitation to all those who have power or authority to compare their use of power or authority with Jesus. Do they use their power to serve or to manipulate? Are they using their power in any way that might cause pain to others or help to alleviate pain? In the Our Father that Jesus taught us we pray, 'thy kingdom come' .Jesus has shown how to bring about that kingdom. Let's hope that nations and individuals will be humble enough to look at how Jesus used power and bring about the kingdom of God.

Fr. Christopher

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading— 2 Samuel 5; 1-3

Psalm 121;1-5 response cf v 2

2nd Reading - 2 Thessalonians 1:12-20

Gospel – Luke 23; 35-43

1st Reading— Isaiah 2; 1-5

Psalm 121;1-2, 4-5, 6-9 response cf v 1

2nd Reading - Romans 13:11-14

Gospel – Mathew 24; 37-44

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 19th, 2022

6pm - Holy Souls RIP

Nov 20th, 2022

9am— Pro Populo

11am— Holy Souls

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

On Saturday

(from 5pm until 5.45)

Remembering our
Faithful Departed

During the month of November we remember the souls of the faithful departed.

If you wish to put forward a list of your loved ones to be remembered write out a list (using the lavender paper provided and put it in the Holy Souls envelopes) which you can find on the table in the lobby of the church. If you wish to make a contribution, place your donation in the envelope; place your envelope in the basket at the altar; the money will be used to fund Mass intentions for the Holy Souls during the coming year. Alternatively, you could place the envelope in collection basket or hand it in to either John or Paul or put through the letter box. Thank you, *Fr Christopher*

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It was surely right, in view of the common teaching of Sacred Scripture, that the Catholic Church, which is the kingdom of Christ on earth, destined to be spread among all people and all nations, should with every token of veneration salute her Author and Founder in her annual liturgy as King and Lord, and as King of kings. She does this daily now in the prayers publicly offered to God, and in offering the Immaculate Victim. The perfect harmony of the Eastern liturgies with our own in this continual praise of Christ the King shows once more the truth of the axiom: *Legem credendi lex statuit supplicandi*, the rule of faith is indicated by the law of our worship.

The foundation of this power and dignity of our Lord is rightly indicated by Saint Cyril of Alexandria. 'Christ', he says, 'has dominion over all creatures, dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, but his by essence and by nature'. His kingship is founded upon the ineffable hypostatic union { of his divine and human natures}. From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject and must recognise his empire, by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures. But a thought that must give us even greater joy and consolation is this: Christ is our King by acquired as well as by natural right, for he is our Redeemer. Would that they who forget what they have cost their Saviour might recall the words: *Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you..., was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain* (1 Peter 1 : 18-19). We are no longer our own property, for we have been bought and paid for by Christ (1Co 6: 20); our very bodies are the *members making up the body of Christ* (1Co 6:15). When once people recognise both in private and in public life that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace, and harmony. The result will be a stable peace and tranquillity, for there will be no longer any cause of discontent. Peace and harmony will result; for with the spread and the universal extent of the kingdom of Christ, men will become more and more conscious of the link that binds them together.

Pope Pius XI

Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy
(Diary of St Faustina, 848)



**Divine Mercy
Advent Retreat**

Led by Marian Fathers
Sunday
11th December 2022
2:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Catholic Church,
Stafford Road, Kilburn West,
London, NW6 5RS

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

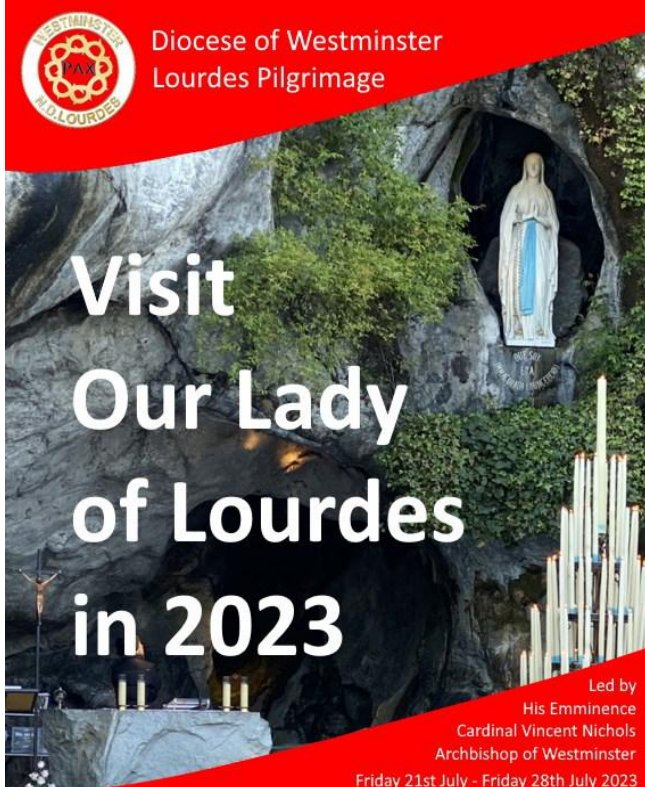
Advent Retreat Devotional Programme:

2:15 pm	Worship & Enthronement of the image of Merciful Jesus
2:30 pm	Talk on Mercy by Rev Dr Jacek Rygielski, MIC
3:00 pm	Hour of Mercy
3:30 pm	Holy Mass
4:15 pm	Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus
4:30 pm	Depart

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All welcome - Bring your family & friends to the Merciful Jesus

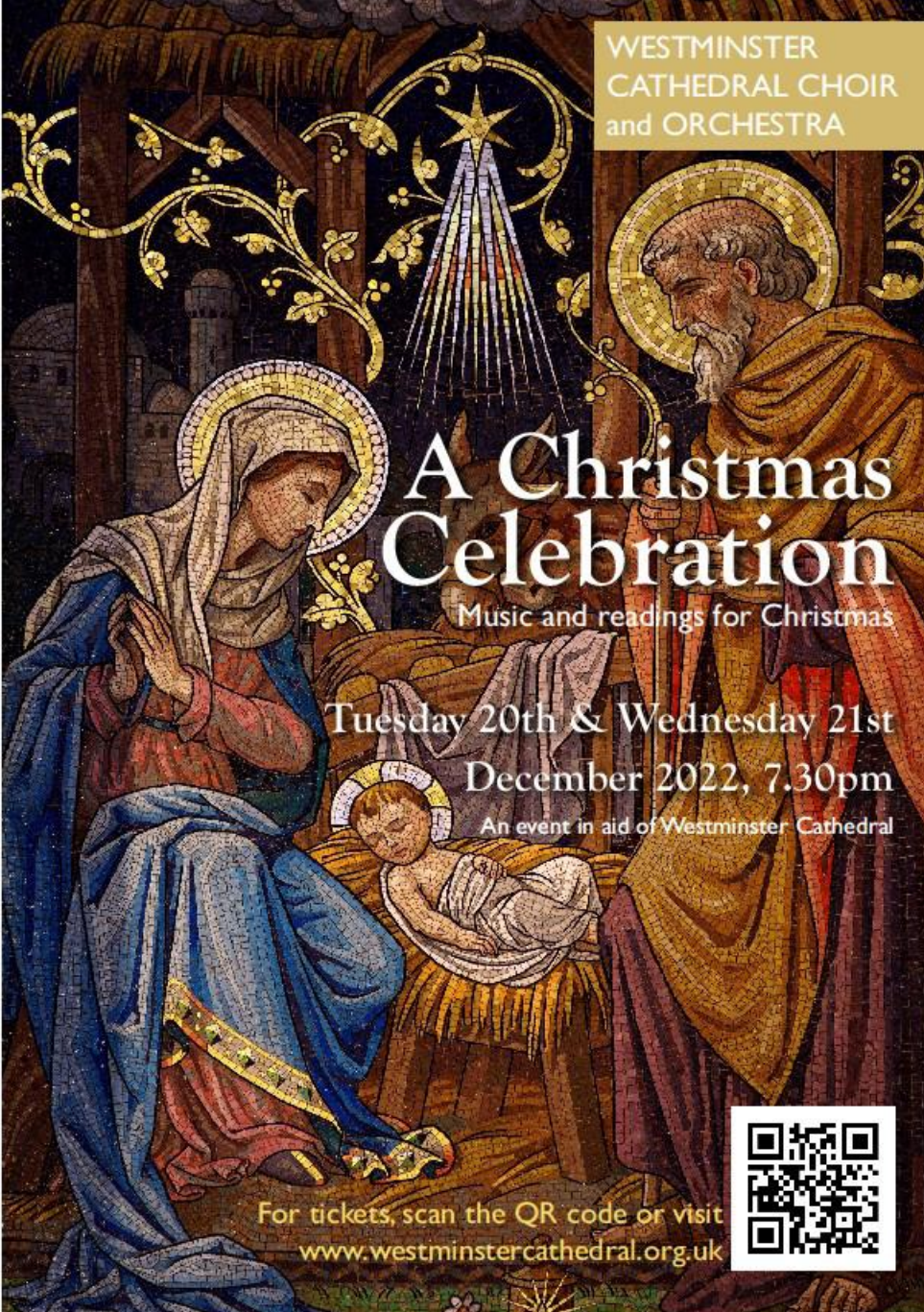
Diocese of Westminster
Lourdes Pilgrimage



**Visit
Our Lady
of Lourdes
in 2023**

Led by
His Eminence
Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster
Friday 21st July - Friday 28th July 2023

Contact the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office for more information
Tel 0207 798 9173
Email lourdes@rcdow.org.uk
Web www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes



WESTMINSTER
CATHEDRAL CHOIR
and ORCHESTRA


A Christmas Celebration

Music and readings for Christmas

Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st
December 2022, 7.30pm

An event in aid of Westminster Cathedral

For tickets, scan the QR code or visit
www.westminstercathedral.org.uk



RICHARD HOUSE

London's first children's hospice

Richard House is a children's hospice based in the heart of Newham that has been providing specialised free care services to seriously ill children and their families across East London communities for over 22 years. We are now supporting over 300 families and are asking you to consider supporting Richard House.

Many parents of seriously ill children are unable to work as their child due to complex medical conditions, requires 24/7 care, We offer free specialised care to these families and hope you can help us to continue to fulfil our mission. We get limited support from local authorities, with three quarters' of the money we need is coming from fundraising alone.

More information you can find on our website at www.richardhouse.org.uk

We hope you will consider supporting Richard House this Christmas season and beyond!

Your sincerely, *Charlie Grey*, Community Fundraiser, charlieg@richardhouse.org.uk

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

We are approaching that time of the year when parents request a priest's reference. Usually, it's the Catholic Practice form. Catholic Practice means regular attendance at Mass. It is a requirement that all Catholics attend Mass on Sundays and on holidays of obligation. While there may be genuine reasons for the occasional absences from Mass. It has been made clear that fortnightly or monthly attendance does not constitute the practice required by Church Law.

Since I've been here I have urged parents to come and see me to establish two things:

Any problems they might have in meeting the requirement to attend Mass every week and How we might establish proof as to what their attendance has been.

Most parents, don't think of the lead times that are involved. If you want your child to enter a new school in September 2022, the applications have to be in, depending on the school, somewhere between March and October 2021. Don't wait until then to speak to me about your problems or to discuss how to get evidence to support your request for weekly Mass attendance. You need to come to me a year prior to that.

Recently a problem has emerged: where families who, because of their situation, think they will not need a reference and so take no action to establish a basis; then circumstances change-they want to change school, and now they find themselves exposed, unable to get a reference that they need. It does not cost you to put a basis for a reference in place: please be prudent. Thank you,

Fr Christopher

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The office may be contacted by phone:

Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Mrs Diane Winship

Safeguarding Officer

Please pray for the people and the land of Ukraine 'Almighty God, Through Jesus' Divine name and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we humbly ask for your mercy, to obtain peace in the land of Ukraine. May all the people of that Country remain safe from danger. Please do not let Chaos and war reign in the land of Ukraine but only peace that come from you'. Amen

Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be

NEW DONATION BOXES OF ENVELOPES, For those registered in previous years, the envelopes are now ready for collection in our Sacristy. If you would like to sign up, and to increase your donation by £0.25p from every pound you donate, please, find a Gift Aid form on a table in church's lobby and leave it in the Sacristy or deliver to the office. Once you sign the declaration, I can prepare a box of envelopes for you. You can also donate by a standing order.

Do not hesitate to contact the office on Millwall@rcdow.org.uk you should have any question. Katherine

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £384.70 envelopes: £246.50 contactless collection last weekend: £352.00 total: **£983.20**

Standing orders in October; **£2255.00**

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 send your donation by bank. Parish account is on Parish Web.

Thank you for your Generosity

WRCDDT Charity No: 233699

BAPTISMS can happen now on a Saturday morning.

Parents are asked to come to see Fr Christopher first. Next, they must attend a Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – The **next baptismal courses will be in January 2023 from 7pm to 9pm on Zoom**. Please, drop an email to the office millwall@rcdow.org.uk asap if you are interested, also 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).

Please, note that we have been experiencing problems with our landlines. If you need to contact us, please, do it by email:

Millwall@rcdow.org.uk

FREE TEA AND COFFEE

There is free tea and coffee after 11 am Mass every Sunday. This makes a good time to meet your fellow parishioners. Come and join us.

Kingsley Nnaji

