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Thursday 6pm  
Sat 8:15pm & Sunday 9am & 11am

# CHRIST THE KING 2025



“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Luke 23:42

**world youth day** In his Message for the **40th World Youth Day** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Pope Leo XIV says:

*“Christian witness arises from friendship with the Lord, who was crucified and rose for the salvation of all... Jesus chose to call his disciples ‘friends’...he considers us as his friends. He alone fully knows who we are and why we are here; young people, he knows your heart, your indignation in the face of discrimination and injustice, your desire for truth and beauty, for joy and peace. Through his friendship, he listens to you, motivates you, and guides you, calling each of you to a new life... you are invited by Christ to follow him and sit beside him, to listen to his heart and share closely in his life! Each one of you is a ‘beloved disciple’ for him, and from this love comes the joy of witness... Bear witness to this joyfully!”*

Thanks to your kindness we collected £229 for the **Sick and Retired Priests** of our diocese last weekend. Your generosity will provide essential care for them. God bless you!

**Simbang Gabi** Raffle tickets will be available after Sunday Masses in preparation for our Christmas Filipino mass on 14th December at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to join us!

**Jesuit Refugee Service Advent Service and Reception** Monday 1st December, 7:00pm at Farm Street. Join for an evening of carols and special performances.

Mass Schedule	
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	8:15pm The Neocatechumenate
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> November CHRIST THE KING	9am Deceased Relatives and Friends of Margaret 11am Pro Populo
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> November	7am Patience Edo-Benson RIP
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> November	12:30pm A White Well-being
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> November	12:30pm Anne Arthurs RIP
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> November	12:30pm Deceased members of the Ritchie Family 6pm Deceased members of the Hampshire Family
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> November	12:30pm Sam Harrison RIP

Take a look at the leaflet “**Advent 2025**” at the back of the church to find out about all the activities for children and young people taking place this Advent in our parish.

**Offertory Collections for October 2025**  
Sunday Masses: £964.04 Standing Orders: £2,009  
Contactless Offertory: £122 TOTAL: £3,095.04  
Thank you for your contributions.

**Music in St Charles Borromeo**  
Join our WhatsApp group to find the hymns to be sung on Sunday.



# Our God Reigns



*Beloved,*

*The Scriptures clearly proclaim it: "God is King" (Psalm 47:7).*

*The psalmist calls God "The King of Glory" (24:8), states that "the Lord sits enthroned as king forever" (29:10), prays: "I will extol you, my God and King" and declares: "Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations" (145:1.13).*

*Isaiah saw it and said: "my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" (5:6)*

*Through the prophet Malachi, God confirmed it: "I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations" (1:14).*

*When people asked the charismatic warrior, Gideon, to become their king, he said: "I will not rule over you, nor will my son rule over you. The LORD will rule over you" (Judges 1:14) and when the prophet Samuel had to give in before the people who kept insisting on having an earthly king just like all the other nations around them, the Lord told him: "it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king" (1 Samuel 8:7).*

*The powers of evil, sin and death fight against the reign of God but he continues to rule with super abundant generosity a world in rebellion.*

*Jesus came to put an end to that rebellion. He proclaimed the definite arrival of God's Kingdom and gave unmistakable signs of it's advent. He healed the sick were healed, the blind saw, lepers were cleansed, demons exorcised, bread multiplied and his disciples were instructed in the secrets of the Kingdom. And although at times people wanted to make him king, at the decisive moment the crowd cried out as one : "we have no King except Caesar" and sent him to die the death of a slave but while he hanged on the cross he accomplished that which the most powerful king of this world could have never accomplished. He secured paradise for one (and all) repentant sinners.*

*As Origen suggests, Christ came to rule in us. Raised, exalted and seated in us on the right hand of God – he will make his enemies (who are within us) into his footstool..."This can happen to any one of us, so that in us Christ says Death, where is your sting? Death, where is your victory?"*

*The moment we discover in the Cross the love that is stronger than death and are overpowered by it, God rules in us bringing about that first resurrection which is the grace of conversion and we are born again to the living hope of paradise. Yes, our God reigns! As the ancient hymn Vexilla Regis sings: "now we see God ruling the nations from a Tree".*

*Fr Oscar*