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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR B) - 25TH NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY THOUGHT

Today is the last Sunday in the Church's year: the Solemnity of Christ the King, when we pause to reflect on Jesus as King of the Universe, of the earth and of our lives. In today's Gospel reading, two opposing kingdoms come together as Jesus and Pilate stand face to face. On one side Pilate represents worldly values - a man with far-reaching economic, political and military power, a prefect of the most successful empire the world had ever seen. On the other is Jesus, a humble carpenter and yet the Kingdom of God personified. Christ the King rules with love, not with military might or financial strength. He is a just judge, compassionate and forgiving, and a good shepherd who lives in peace with his people. Our King teaches us that those who serve are first and greatest, that those who give freely are filled and cared for; that in dying comes life, and that in faithfulness comes wholeness. He died willingly to save his people, not in battle but through a glorious victory planned before the world began, and he rose to receive what all the rest craved - a worldwide dominion that will never pass away.

Pilate is torn between the pressures of the people and what he knows is right in his heart. He tries to avoid making a decision about Jesus, just as many people do today, but the truth is that there is no neutral position - it is all, or nothing. If we follow Jesus, we must give over to him the absolute power of our entire lives: our faith, our love; our money, family, friendships, studies, politics, sexuality. In doing so we find that we always become more, never less.

Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those with eyes of faith were able to see. Today's feast invites us all to see with eyes of faith and wonder, to recognise and proclaim that through his crucifixion and death, Jesus Christ is indeed King of the Universe, ruler of all creation, and Saviour of all.

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Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Response to Psalm: The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2; Luke 21:25-28. 34-36 (Gospel)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Rickmansworth: Envelopes: £339.40; Loose Plate: £264.38; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1306.86**

Mill End: Envelopes: £275.60; Loose Plate: £135.61; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £588.17**

Chorleywood: The Offertory collection for the month of October - **£2366.85**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 25TH NOVEMBER	8.45am 9.15am 11.30am 12.45pm	First Communion Class First Communion Class - Hall Sunday Brunch - Hall Baptisms	St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
MON 26TH NOVEMBER	10.00am for 10.15am 10.30am - 11.30am 5.30pm 8.00pm	Quiet Space - Upper Room Mum's Connect - Hall First Communion Class - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
TUE 27TH NOVEMBER	7.30pm	Alpha - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 28TH NOVEMBER	7.30pm 7.45pm	Choir Rehearsal 1 st Communion Parents Meeting - Hall	St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 29TH NOVEMBER	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 30TH NOVEMBER	10.00am 7.00pm - 8.45pm	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall Alpha Youth - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 1ST DECEMBER	10.00am - 12.30pm 11.00am 5.30pm 5.30pm	NO Holy Hour and Benediction today Charity Christmas Fair Children's First Reconciliation Service Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist St John Fisher

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SAT 24TH NOVEMBER <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs</i>	10.00am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Joseph Casey RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) Tony Finucane RIP (Anniv.)
SUNDAY 25 TH NOVEMBER <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	8.30am Private Intention 11am For the People of the Parish 6pm Ellie Enright RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Bill O'Regan RIP	9am For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 26 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Catherine Ryan RIP (Anniv.)	NO MASS TODAY	
TUESDAY 27 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		NO MASS TODAY
WEDNESDAY 28 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Charles Borthwick RIP (Anniv.)	NO MASS TODAY	
THURSDAY 29 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER <i>St Andrew, Patron of Scotland</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		NO MASS TODAY
SATURDAY 1 ST DECEMBER	10.00am Fr Charles Michael Reddan RIP	6pm (Vigil) Bernard Loughlin RIP	6pm (Vigil) Fr Charles Michael Reddan RIP
SUNDAY 2 ND DECEMBER <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8.30am For the People of the Parish 11am Terry Thompson RIP 6pm Fr Charles Michael Reddan RIP	10.30am Robert Gibson (Ints.)	9am For the People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, Brenda Reynolds, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Joan Townend and Clive Powell-Williams.

St John the Evangelist: Rita Murray; Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, John Connor, Michael Dixon, Mary Gardner, Robert Gibson & Jimmy Hughes.

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Fr Peter Stevens, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson, Betty McGuinness, Anne Trenchard and Vicky Williams.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LEAFLET 2018

The leaflet giving the times and locations of Advent Praise and Worship, Advent Reconciliation and Christmas Masses across the three parishes is now available. Please take a copy home with you this weekend.

ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS are now available (£1 per booklet).

ADVENT PRAISE AND WORSHIP

On **Monday 3rd December** at 7.30pm at Our Lady's, there will be an evening of Advent Praise and Worship with contemporary Christian worship songs, scripture, reflection on an Advent theme, silence, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. We hope that many parishioners from across the three parishes will come and join us in giving praise to the Lord at the beginning of the Advent season.

BARBARA MARKE RIP

The funeral of Barbara Marke will take place at St John Fisher at 11.00am on Thursday 6th December, followed by committal at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery. We commend her to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for her family at this sad and difficult time. *Please note that the parking restriction on Shire Lane (single yellow line) has been lifted for the day.*

CONFIRMATION

For all young disciples in year 9 and above who would like to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation this academic year: registration will open on **Sunday 8th December 2018**, and close **January 21st 2019**. Prospective candidates are expected to be building up their relationship with Jesus, especially through a regular habit of prayer, the sacraments, and/or the parishes' youth programme. The celebration of confirmation will be at St John the Evangelist, Mill End, **7.30pm, Friday 24th May 2019**. Details of the sacramental preparation will be agreed after registration. If you have any questions, please contact Anke, the youth co-coordinator.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – NURSERY AND RECEPTION 2019

Fr Shaun will be available for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice on **Monday 10th December** – 5.00pm to 6.00pm and **Wednesday 12th December** – 5.30pm to 6.30pm. These sessions will be held in Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth. There is no need to make an individual appointment or to bring with you the child for whom you are applying for a place; please just turn up for the date and time that best suits you. ***Please be sure to bring your Mass attendance card.*** If you have been regularly attending Sunday Mass elsewhere please remember to bring the documentation outlined in the letter which accompanied your Mass attendance card.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE – NURSERY AND RECEPTION 2020

Parents with a child who will be applying for a Nursery / Reception place in a Catholic School for **September 2020** are asked to collect a letter and Mass attendance card from Fr Shaun or Fr Damian after Mass this weekend. Please read the letter carefully, as it contains **very important** information regarding what is required of you in order for us to be able to provide a Certificate of Catholic Practice for your family. *Please note that St John the Evangelist Primary School and St Anthony's Primary School no longer require a CCP for the 2020 school admissions.*

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 16th December. St John's Church Hall, Mill End. 11.30am - 1.30pm. Children from all three parishes, who are primary school age or younger, are most welcome. Children cannot be left unattended and must be accompanied by an adult. There is no pre-booking required and there is no charge. Details about what food to bring will be in the newsletter nearer the time. The children have a great time and it's a chance for parents to get together.

SVP – URGENT MESSAGE: VINNIE PACKS FOR THE HOMELESS

We now have details of dates and location for assembling Vinnie Packs for distribution to the homeless. Please come and join us if you can. **Packing dates: 17th, 20th, 22nd, 26th November** and **1st December**, all from **10.00am to 4.00pm.** **Location: SEIDs, Empire Way, Wembley HA9 0RJ.** Free parking is available - but please ask for a Vinnie Pack cover sheet to put on your dashboard on arrival. Nearest underground station: **Wembley Park.** Thank you.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Are appealing for donations of long-life milk, toilet rolls and cleaning detergents for the Catholic Worker Farm who provide accommodation for refugees at the farm and at Mary House. Collection boxes in the church porches. *Could we politely ask that nothing else be left in the porch other than the requested items.* Thank you.

SVP CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Do you know anyone who is on their own this Christmas? The SVP are hosting a Christmas Day Lunch at St John's RC Primary School. Doors open at 11.30am and a traditional Christmas dinner will be served at 1pm. The suggested donation is £5 and it will be a day of festive fun and laughter. To find out more information, or to book your place, please ring Geraldine or Emily Page on 01923 776100. We can offer lifts within Rickmansworth and the surrounding areas.

CATHOLIC WORKER FARM - CHRISTMAS GIFTS

This year we will again be making up Christmas gifts for the ladies currently being given shelter at CWF. We have done this for a few years with great success and we are appealing again to your generosity. We are asking for toiletries, either in box sets or individually: shower gels, soaps, body lotions/creams etc. There is a collection box in the church porch of each of the three parishes. Thankyou, SVP.

THREE PARISH WALK GROUP

The group has gone into hibernation but will Spring!! into action March or April next year. Watch this space.

FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY - A THREE PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE POET ROBBIE BURNS

There will be Pipes and Dancing girls and Scottish Fayre in the neutral surroundings of the Chorleywood Memorial Hall. A chance for the men to show off their knees and for the ladies to bring decorum to the occasion. **PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY.** More info to follow.

PLEASE TAKE HOME A CAFOD WORLD GIFT CATALOGUE AFTER MASS

Stuck for a Christmas present? CAFOD World Gifts offers a great alternative for friends or family who don't need anything, but might appreciate a gift which helps poor communities to access services like basic healthcare, clean water, and education. CAFOD provides you with a certificate detailing a gift that has been given to a community overseas on your behalf. Please take home a CAFOD World Gift Catalogue after Mass.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

ADVENT FAIR, SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 9.00AM – 1.00PM

Please hold the date in your diaries and invite your family, friends and neighbours. We need your help make it a success! Please continue to bring in donations for the tombola and raffle e.g. wine, spirits, unwanted gifts. Boxes are in the porch. Can you help by baking for the cake stall? Cakes to be dropped off on the day from 8.00am onwards. All proceeds to Michael Sobell. Please contact laura.sharp@live.co.uk with any queries.

THE AFTERPARTY

Will be on **Sunday 2nd December** after the 6.00pm Mass so starts at about 7.00pm in the parish hall. There will be tea and hot chocolate waiting for you, as well as ping pong and table football. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS - please join us in the hall for our coffee morning after Mass next Sunday.

INVITATION TO COME JOIN THE FOLK GROUP

With Christmas approaching, we would love to welcome new singers and instrumentalists (woodwind and string) to the Folk Group. We meet every Sunday at 5.30pm to rehearse before Mass at 6pm. There is no need to audition, but we do ask that instrumentalists be at Grade 4 standard. So, why not come and give us a try? We would love to have you. For any more information, you can email Katy Pione (cepione@hotmail.co.uk).

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CANDLES on sale in the repository.

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

As we come towards Christmas, please don't forget to save the stamps received on cards and parcels, for the Missions. Just cut about an inch or so around the sides, and leave them in the box in the church porch. As well as this, a little reminder, please ask for Nativity stamps at the post Office when buying your own! *Sheila Harrington*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be no 9.30am Mass on Monday 26th November and Wednesday 28th November as the church parquet flooring is going to be sanded and re-polished. There will be a 9.30am Mass on Monday at Our Lady's and the Wednesday 9.30am Mass will be transferred to Our Lady's.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

The next meeting of the Mill End PPC will take place on **Monday 26th November**. Parishioners with ideas or suggestions they wish the PPC to discuss should contact the Chair at millendppcchair@rcdow.org.uk. Alternatively, parishioners can ask a PPC member known to them to raise the matter on their behalf.

CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

We are asking for Donations of Bottles, Sweets, Chocolates and Homemade cakes to support the fair. Please bring in Bottles, Sweets and Chocolates for the Tombola's; all donations can be left at the back of the porch between now and the Saturday 8th December. Please bring Homemade cakes on the morning of the Fair (9th December). If you are interested in, running a stall, or simply have something to donate please speak to Liz Townsend or Geraldine Page. If you would like to help set up the fair, we will meet in the Church hall at 10.00am on Saturday 8th December.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on **Sunday 25th November** after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need. We hope that you will come and join us!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale after the 6.00pm Saturday vigil and before and after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday. First prize is £100 and second prize is £50. Other prizes to be announced. The draw will take place at the end of the Christmas Fair.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair will take place after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 9th December**. If you are interested in helping with the fair, setting up, running a stall, clearing away or simply have something to donate please email liztownsenduk@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS CARDS, ADVENT & CHURCH ART CALENDARS are now available in the repository.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

WEEKDAY MASSES - please note there will be no 9.30am Mass on Tuesday 27th November and Friday 30th November.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR IS VERY NEAR NOW

PLEASE COME ON SATURDAY MORNING 10.00AM - 12.30PM TO SUPPORT OUR CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR AND HAVE FUN AT THE SAME TIME. We will be moving furniture after Mass this Sunday and returning it next Saturday after the Fair. Please continue to bring all goods, including bottles, during the week and cakes and perishables on Friday or Saturday morning. Raffle tickets and Silent Auction also this weekend. More thanks to you all. *Mary & co.*

Stop press: Just arrived at our Silent Auction: A portable Yamaha Keyboard, model PSR-510, in case. Same models being advertised on eBay and Gum Tree at £150. Our reserve price £90. Come and bid or phone Mary Latimer for more info 284975.

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
24 & 25 November	A Roberts	E Page	C Johnson	M Fields	H McGrath	F Holly	Patsy &	V Terrill
1 & 2 December	GF	C Pierce	E O'Sullivan	M Calvert	A Opie	L Turnbull	Francis & Kate	C Steet

DIOCESAN NOTICES

YOUTH MASS

On **Saturday 8th December** (starting 3.00pm) at St. Dominic's Priory (Southampton Rd, Belsize Park, London NW5 4LB), Westminster Youth Ministry will be celebrating its annual diocesan Youth Mass. Led by Bishop John Wilson, young people from all parishes are welcome. The music for the Mass will be provided by Catholic artist Edwin Fawcett and the young Music Ministry scholars who spent a year preparing for this day. For more information about the Youth Mass, as well as to apply for next year's free music scholarship, visit dowym.com.