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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR B) - 21ST NOVEMBER 2021

King of the Universe

It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of "King". He is said to reign "*in the hearts of men*," both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind. He reigns, too, *in the wills of men*, for in him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the Holy Will of God, and further by his grace and inspiration he so subjects our free-will as to incite us to the most noble endeavors. He is *King of hearts*, too, by reason of his "*charity which exceedeth all knowledge*." The title and the power of King belongs to Christ as man too. For it is only as man that he may be said to have received from the Father "*power and glory and a kingdom*," since the Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created.

Do we not read throughout the Scriptures that Christ is the King? He it is that shall come out of Jacob to rule, who has been set by the Father as king over Sion, his holy mount, and shall have the Gentiles for his inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for his possession. Here it is foretold that: "*And he shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth*." The testimony of the Prophets is even more abundant. That of Isaiah is well known: "*For a child is born to us and a son is given to us ... He shall sit upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom*."

This same doctrine of the Kingship of Christ which we have found in the Old Testament is even more clearly taught and confirmed in the New. The Archangel, announcing to the Virgin that she should bear a Son, says that "*the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father, and he shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end*." Moreover, Christ himself speaks of his own kingly authority: in his last discourse, speaking of the rewards and punishments that will be the eternal lot of the just and the damned; in his reply to the Roman magistrate, who asked him publicly whether he were a king or not; after his resurrection, when giving to his Apostles the mission of teaching and baptizing all nations, he took the opportunity to call himself king, confirming the title publicly, and solemnly proclaimed that all power was given him in heaven and on earth.

It was surely right, then, that the Catholic Church, which is the kingdom of Christ on earth, destined to be spread among all men 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.

Extract from Quas Primas, the Encyclical of Pope Pius XI which instituted the Solemnity of Christ the King in December 1925.

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SUN 21ST NOVEMBER	9.30am 10am 11.30am 11.30am 12.30pm 2.30pm	Westminster Synodal Pathway Event Westminster Synodal Pathway Event Westminster Synodal Pathway Event Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall SVP Community Lunch - Hall Blessing of Graves	Our Lady Help of Christians St John Fisher St John the Evangelist St John the Evangelist St John's School Woodcock Hill Cemetery
TUE 23RD NOVEMBER	7.00pm	Memorial Mass - Fr Jim Duffy RIP (refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards)	Our Lady Help of Christians
WED 24TH NOVEMBER	7.30pm 7.30pm	Alpha - Hall Alpha Prayer Ministry—Church	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
THU 25TH NOVEMBER	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
FRI 26TH NOVEMBER	10.00am	Burial of Ashes - Gillian Wilton RIP	Our Lady Help of Christians
SAT 27TH NOVEMBER	10am	St John Fisher's Charity Christmas Fair	Mary's Garage
SUN 28TH NOVEMBER	9.30am 11.30am	Our Lady's Christmas Fair - Hall Tea and Coffee after Mass - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am James Harbird RIP (Anniv.)	6pm (Vigil) Intentions of the Kenny Family	
SUNDAY 21 ST NOVEMBER <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	8.30am In Thanksgiving 11am Patrick Mantle RIP 6pm In Thanksgiving	10.30am Mary Rapa (Ints.)	9am For the People of the Parishes
MON 22ND NOVEMBER <i>St CECILIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR</i>	9.30am Holy Souls		
TUESDAY 23 RD NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls 7pm Fr Jim Duffy RIP		9.30am Holy Souls
WED 24TH NOVEMBER <i>St ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</i>	9.30am Holy Souls	9.30am Holy Souls	
THURSDAY 25 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls		
FRIDAY 26 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Gillian Wilton RIP		
SATURDAY 27 TH NOVEMBER	9.30am Holy Souls	6pm (Vigil) Mickie McManamon (Ints.)	
SUNDAY 28 TH NOVEMBER <i>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	8.30am Peadar Cafferky RIP 11am Grace Bloom RIP 6pm Jessie Pione RIP	10.30am Paddy O'Donoghue	9am For the People of the Parishes



Mass Intentions

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Do you want a Mass offered for a particular intention? Perhaps you would like a deceased friend or relative remembered, or you would like a Mass said for someone who is sick or for your own intention. For Mass to be offered it is the tradition that a stipend is donated to contribute to the upkeep of your priests. Please contact the parish office if you would like a Mass offered over the coming weeks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Brenda Reynolds, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Heather Kean, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Maureen Douglas, Josie Westhrop, Michael Gaukroger, Molly Gray and Leslie Edwards.

St John the Evangelist: Rita Murray, Michael Dixon and Alfredo Rock.

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Kitty Finucane, Anne Trenchard, Paul Kennett, Ann Penn, Paddy Goble, Pam Fitzpatrick, Julian Harris and Canon Robert Plourde.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

ST PATRICK MISSIONARY SOCIETY APPEAL

This Sunday we will be joined by Fr Richard Filimar who will speak to us about the work of St Patrick's Missionary Society and make an appeal for our financial support. Fr Richard will be present at the following Masses: Rickmansworth (8.30am & 6pm) and Mill End (10.30am).

There will be a retiring collection at each of the Masses to support St Patrick's Missionary Society.

DEAN OF WATFORD

Cardinal Vincent Nicholas has recently appointed Fr Andrew as the Dean of Watford. This role involves additional responsibilities pastorally supporting the clergy, religious and laity of the Watford area on behalf of the Archbishop and the Diocese. Please keep Fr Andrew in your prayers as he takes up this role.

GILLIAN WILTON RIP

The ashes of Gillian Wilton will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 26th November.

WESTMINSTER SYNODAL PATHWAY

As has been mentioned over the past few weeks we will have some moments of reflection on the questions of the Synod in some of our existing forums and groups but primarily in our three parishes we will come together for this period of listening on **Sunday 21st November** at the following times:

Our Lady's Hall, Rickmansworth 9.30-10.30am

St John Fisher Church, Chorleywood 10-11am

St John the Evangelist Parish Centre, Mill End 11.30am-12.30pm.

We would encourage all parishioners to try and attend one of these sessions if at all possible. It is only by listening and reflecting together, that we as a Church will learn to grow stronger together and live out our calling as missionary disciples.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

To aid ventilation the church doors and windows will remain open during the celebration of Mass. We encourage parishioners to wrap up warmly, especially as we approach the colder months.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS

The Advent Walk With Me booklets are now available (£1 per booklet).

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Damian will be blessing graves at Woodcock Hill Cemetery on Sunday 21st November at 2.30pm

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next SVP Community Lunch is on **Sunday 21st November** at 12.30pm in St John's School Hall. Please do come along and have a meal and befriend our guests. Spread the word. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

We desperately need volunteers to help with the set up, help in the kitchen, and to clear away. If you are able to help, please email Geraldine on geraldine.page21@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are happy to announce the popular children's party will be back this year on **Sunday 19th December 2021** at 11.30am in St John's Parish Centre, Mill End. Please put the date in your diaries. All children from across our parishes who are primary school age or younger are welcome to come along. We would ask that parents stay with the children please. Mr Marvel will be there to entertain the children while the parents can relax and enjoy a cup of tea. No booking is required, please just turn up.

ALPHA - INVITATION TO PRAY

This year Alpha launched on Wednesday 22nd September. We are inviting all parishioners to join some of the Alpha team at Our Lady Help of Christians church for one or more alternate Wednesdays from 7.30-8.30pm to pray for the guests and team attending Alpha. In addition to this we would also love to invite you to pray daily for our parish community and its ongoing formation. Maybe you could consider praying the following prayer:

Thank you loving Father for all those you have called to participate in Alpha; we ask your blessing upon all, both team and guests. Without you we can do nothing you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Pour out your Holy Spirit and abundant blessings and gifts during this Alpha. May Alpha ignite or re-ignite the flame of faith in all hearts so that we may experience the wonder, joy and hope that being in relationship with you brings.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit... Amen

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you know someone who is sick and housebound in our parishes who would like to receive Holy Communion, please let the parish office know so that we can be in contact with them.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive the weekly parish newsletter by email then please email the parish office with your contact details so that you can be added to the distribution list.

GIFT AID

Thank you to everyone who has Gift-Aided their offering. Gift Aid adds 25p to the value of every £1 given, at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your offering please contact Kerry. ***Please let us know if your tax circumstances have changed so that we do not ask for a tax refund if you haven't paid the associated tax.*** We also need to know if you have changed your address since you signed your Gift Aid declaration.

GDPR COMPLIANCE

If you are a parish volunteer (eg a member of a parish committee, a catechist, a reader, a Minister of Holy Communion, a helper with teas and coffees, a member of the choir, welcomer, cleaner, etc) and have not signed a Confidentiality Agreement, please contact Kerry who will send one to you to complete. Thank you.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR JIM DUFFY

Fr Jim was the parish priest of Our Lady's for 26 years and sadly when he died nearly a year ago it was not possible for many of the parish to attend his funeral. The parish will be having a Memorial Mass for Fr Jim on Tuesday 23rd November at 7pm in Our Lady's Church before his ashes are taken to Ireland for burial. All are most welcome to come to this Mass and give thanks to God for Fr Jim's service to our parish and to pray for the repose of his soul. Food and drinks will be served in the hall afterwards. We will need volunteers on the evening to serve food and to help set up and clean up after Mass. Please contact Angela if you're able to help aodonovan@ntlworld.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are in need of a team of volunteers to assist as leaders and helpers so that we can revive our Children's Liturgy at the 11am Sunday Mass. All volunteers would need to have DBS Check and will receive training. If you are interested in this role, please contact Fr Andrew for further information.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

We're looking forward to the return of our Christmas Fair. We would be grateful to receive donations of bottles of wine/spirits and new unwanted gifts for our tombola/raffle. A box will be in the church porch. Are you available to help on the day? Please email laura.sharp@live.co.uk or aodonovan@ntlworld.com. All proceeds from the fair will be donated to the Catholic Worker Farm.

APPEAL FOR CLEANERS

Would you have a couple of hours to spare every 6-8 weeks to help us keep our beautiful church clean, shiny and safe? We have a small, dedicated team of volunteers already, but we would really need to boost our numbers to have more flexibility. You'd have a 'cleaning buddy' and it's surprising what friendships can develop while vacuuming, mopping or dusting. If you think you might be able to help, or if you have any questions, please contact Cristina on 07470 266 284 or at cristinapersonal19@gmail.com. Thank you!

FOLK GROUP - APPEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS

We wanted to extend a warm invitation to anyone who would like to join the Folk Group as a singer or as an instrumentalist, we are always keen to have new woodwind, string, and guitar players. If you are an instrumentalist, there is some sight-reading involved, so all we ask is for you to be at a good standard to be able to learn any new music. We rehearse before the 6pm Mass each week and would love to have you join us. If you have any questions, please drop me an email (cepione@hotmail.co.uk). *Katy Pione*

APF MISSIO

Would promoters please collect the magazines and calendars from the church porch and also start collecting monies. Thank you.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are planning to restart the Children's Liturgy group at the 10.30am Sunday Mass as soon as possible. We really need extra volunteers to help run the sessions. All materials are prepared by Liz and Regina, volunteers are needed to help on the day. New volunteers will always be paired initially with an existing member of the team. We have a team of 4 at the moment, 2 people are needed each week. Ideally we need a minimum of 6 volunteers therefore each person would only need to help once per month. If you are interested, please email liztownsenduk@gmail.com or speak to Fr Andrew or Fr Damian. All volunteers need to complete a DBS check arranged by the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

A number of parishioners who use planned giving envelopes but are currently unable to attend Sunday Mass have contacted us regarding their planned giving and the offering that they make to their parish using them. For any parishioner who is in this situation and wishes to make a Sunday offering, we invite you to either drop your envelopes, together with your donation, at the parish office at the Presbytery at Our Lady's or to post a cheque made payable to St John Fisher, Chorleywood, together with at least one planned giving envelope, to the Parish Office. Alternatively, you could make a donation via an electronic payment to St John Fisher parish using the following details:

Account Name: **WRCDT Chorleywood**
Sort Code: **40-05-20**
Account Number: **21095552**

Please annotate the payment as: **Sunday Offering**. Thank you for your continued and valued support.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR IN MARY'S GARAGE

Only one week to go. All proceeds will be donated to the **Cardinal Hume Centre** and the **Franciscan Missionaries in Africa**. My garage is still full of goodies, jewellery, gifts toys, frogs!! etc. There are not many hyacinths left and I believe Marguerite only has about 3 cakes left. You can phone me any time for an appointment and we will also be open on Thursday 25th 2-4pm and Saturday 27th from 10am-12 noon when Fr Andrew will draw the raffle and announce the winners of the silent Auction and then the **fair will close**. Please come if you can. Love from *Mary* 284975 xx
If you have kindly ordered a **Christmas Cake** from Marguerite please collect it on Saturday 27th November, or I could deliver it if there is a problem, just let me know. Thank you, *Marguerite* 282780.

MISSIO APF RED BOXES.

Please can I have your donations for our worthy missionaries within the next two weeks? Cash in the boxes or notes or cheques in envelopes, direct to me or in the church. All is good!! Thank you and love from *Mary* xx 284975.