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### Mass this Sunday: Christ the King (B) 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

#### Today's Readings

*Daniel 7:13-14* Daniel's vision is one in which God conquers over all that is evil, cruel and abusive, and restores the triumph of goodness.

*Apocalypse 1:5-8* The word "apocalypse" may suggest drama, horror, vengeance and violent upheaval. But John's vision is one in which the enemies of God's purposes will be confounded, not by being overthrown but by realising the immensity of God's love.

*John 18:33-37* Jesus comes face to face with the greatest power in the world, with nothing but the weapon of truth as his protection. Salvation is accomplished by one who looks like a failure, but even the great empire of Rome cannot overcome the love and mercy of God.

#### Mass This Week

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm Weekday

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 9:15am St Andrew Dung-Lac

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Weekday

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Weekday

#### Intention

Holy Souls

For Our Parishioners

In Thanksgiving (MQ)

Holy Souls

The Church in Vietnam

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**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns for a private intention (AO)

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment.

**Parish Pastoral Council** Our new PPC will meet at 7:30pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November, probably in the Sacristy but with the contingency plan for Zoom. Anyone is welcome to attend. Amongst items for discussion are our Advent and Christmas plans, monitoring our protocols at mass and thinking through the re-starting of our Children's Liturgy.

**Baptism Catechist** We are still seeking a Catechist to help with baptism preparation. Please let Fr Philip know if you can help.

**Re-booting our Parish** As we move step by step forward we are re-introducing and reconstituting our various rotas to help share out the burden of the things that need to be done. We will be establishing a new rota for **Church Cleaning**. A splendid but small group of people have been doing a great job every week but it is now right, both to thank them and help them. We would want to have several teams of cleaners so that it doesn't fall to the same people every week. If you can help, please see Fr Philip.

### **Five Bible Studies On The Advent Sunday Gospels**

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions.

Five Wednesdays: 24<sup>th</sup> November/ 1<sup>st</sup> December/ 8<sup>th</sup> December/ 15<sup>th</sup> December/ 22<sup>nd</sup> December (7-8pm)

Free of Charge - LIVE sessions on YouTube.

Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

### **Royston Foodbank**

Please be reminded that non perishable food donations are greatly received. We have been advised that the foodbank are in particular need of long life milk, tinned puddings, custard (both tins and packets), jams, biscuits (sweet), tinned pasta (no dried pasta), 'fruit' squash, pasta sauces, tinned meat, Colman's packet mixes for casseroles.

They would also appreciate personal hygiene items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, toilet rolls, and sanitary protection. Thank you.

**Christmas Cracker Making Workshop** Are you looking to add a personal touch to your Christmas table this year?

Then join us in the Parish Hall **at 2.30 pm on Saturday 4th December** for an afternoon of family friendly Christmas crafting fun.

Enjoy a glass of festive fizz and a mince pie as you learn to handcraft a personalised cracker for each of your guests.

Your crafting pack will include materials and trimmings, some 'bad' jokes, paper hats and the all important cracker snaps, so all you need to bring along is some seasonal creativity (stickers, stamps or ribbon to tie in with your chosen colour scheme) and your preferred small gifts to go inside the crackers. By making use of recycled and recyclable materials, the crackers will be simple to recycle after use - except for the trims which can easily be repurposed.

**Price: £15 for 6 crackers and a mince pie with a glass of fizz** Please contact [Roystoncatholic@gmail.com](mailto:Roystoncatholic@gmail.com) to book your place.

**Parish Synod** We will continue to use the doors of the Sacristy Cupboards as a 'Listening Wall'. Please feel free to add post-it notes to the various categories: Learning from the Pandemic, Communion, Participation and Mission.

Among questions to respond to are:

1. During the pandemic what strengths did you find in your faith and faith community? In what ways did the grace of God most clearly touch and uplift you? How might you have been disappointed or sorrowful?
2. What gives you joy in belonging to your Parish or community?
3. When we say "our Church", who is part of it – and who is missing? What areas of mission might we need to develop?
4. To what extent do you feel welcomed, loved and valued for who you are in your Parish or community?
5. What steps might the Holy Spirit be inviting the Church to take in order to make our Parishes and communities more welcoming, inclusive and missionary?
6. What dreams for the Church do you have?

A downloadable response sheet with these questions can be found at:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/att/files/synod/share%20your%20thoughts.pdf>

#### *Listening events*

There will be an **Area Listening Event** with Bishop Paul McAleenan on Monday 29th November, 7-9pm, at Garston Parish, Watford WD25 ONE. Booking is required through [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk).

There are also three **online listening events**: Details of these and other of Diocesan Synod events at:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/>