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Mass this Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe (A) 22nd November 2026

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17 We are presented with an image of God as our shepherd, watching over us and rescuing us from our struggles. We are free to roam, knowing that God is watching over us with eyes of love.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28 Even though things might be messy now, Christ will bring about the kingdom which will encompass the whole of creation and will present it to the Father.

Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus uses the image of sheep and goats to explain the importance of caring for, and nurturing, everyone.

Mass This Week			**Intention**
Saturday 21st	6:30pm		Rosaleen Butler (RIP)
Sunday 22nd	9:00am		Stephen Harradence (RIP)
	10:30am	***Baptism, Confirmation and Mass*** **(RCIA)**	For Our Parishioners
Tuesday 24th	6:00pm	St Andrew Dung-Lac	Holy Souls
Wednesday 25th	9:15am	Weekday	Mary Dorey (RIP)
Thursday 26th	9:15am	Weekday	Holy Souls
Friday 27th	9:15am	Weekday	Holy Souls

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Peace

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

Mass Offering
This QR code will take you to our parish online donation page.

The Giving Tree We will erect our *Giving Tree* this week. This year our gifts will be going to Herts Young Homeless. Please note that **all gifts must be in by 13th December**. They request things to help keep warm (Hot water bottles, Hats and Gloves, slippers, socks), Gift sets (Body Wash, skincare, make-up, hair care, diffusers, colouring pens/pads), Gidt cards (Supermarkets, Amazon, One4all, wishcard, Love2shop), Chocolates and sweets. They cannot accept used items, company branded items, razors, candles, sharp knives or footstuffs.

Fair Trade A selection of Christmas treats, including Advent calendars and other festive goodies, will be on sale after the Masses this weekend. By purchasing Fair Trade products, you are helping farmers and producers in developing countries receive a fair price for their work. Thank you for your support.

Advent Afternoon Of Reconciliation The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for prayer and priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation from 3pm on Saturday 12th December. Please use this precious Advent time to prepare for the Lord to come to you.

Advent Together Saturday 12th December, 12pm to 3pm in the Parish Hall. Hot chocolate and mulled wine, carols and a moment of prayer, open to all and especially young children. Bring and share lunch welcome (no nuts please).

St Mary's School Christmas Fayre Next Saturday 28th November, from 2pm to 4pm. Come along and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with games, refreshments, festive stalls, and the opportunity to meet Santa in his grotto. ***Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend*** at £1 per ticket, with lots of wonderful prizes to be won, including a £100 first prize. The raffle draw will take place at school on Monday 7th December

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Thank you to everyone who donated to the collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church or you can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/SRP Please do consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their old age, or at a time of illness. This fund is a priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say "Thank You" to the priests that have served us. May God bless you for your kindness.

The **Saint John Henry Newman School** invites senior citizens and older members of the community to their **Community Christmas Morning** on **Friday 27th November, from 10am to 11.30am**, a festive morning of seasonal music, entertainment and refreshments. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by calling **01438 314643** or emailing **events@jhn.herts.sch.uk**. When replying, please let them know of any dietary requirements or mobility needs.

The Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for November
For The Proper Use Of Wealth Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Town Twinning Visit A school party of German students , aged between 15 and 17yrs old from Grossalmerode (our twin town) are visiting the UK to improve their English skills and to develop international relations. We are looking for host families who would be willing to host one or two students for two nights from 16th to 18th April next year. They will arrive in Royston on Friday evening and will depart on Sunday morning.
If you are able to help us please contact Liz Cox at lizcox31@googlemail.com

The Feast of Christ the King



This feast was established by Pope Pius XII in 1925. In the wake of the First World War there was much social and political disruption. This feast responded to rising anti-clericalism, secularism, communism, atheism and ultra-nationalism, as well as the so-called 'Roman Question' – the status of the temporal power of the popes as rulers of a civil territory in the context of the Italian *Risorgimento.* The feast emphasised that Christ the King was over all earthly rulers. Today reminds us that while governments and ideologies come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. The date of this feast was fixed on the last Sunday of October. The colour of vestments for the feast were red.

After the second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI moved the celebration to the last Sunday of the Church's Year. In doing so he amended the title of the Feast to *Domini Nostri Iesu Christi universorum Regis* (Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe). Through this, the eschatological importance of this Sunday is made clearer – our devotion is orientated to the end of time and the fulfilment of all things in Christ. The liturgical vestments for the day are white or gold.

The feast has also been long associated with young people in the Church. In 2020 Pope Francis moved *World Youth Sunday* to the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Thus this feast speaks into the circumstances of our now with a vision of God's future. It also connects our present time with the young people of the Church and all that they do now and will do as participants in what will be.