



**PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER**

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RECENTLY DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Gillian Morrison, Martin McAnulty,*

Congratulations and prayers to Nancy & Con Bowe who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER

Universal: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization: That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope

**PRAYER TO CHRIST
THE KING**

**O Christ Jesus,
I acknowledge You as King
of the universe. All that has
been created has been made
for You. Exercise over
me all Your rights.
I renew my baptismal
promises, renouncing Satan
and all his works and empty
promises. I promise to live a
good Christian life and to do
all in my power to procure
the triumph of the rights of
God and Your Church.**

SANCTUARY LAMP THIS WEEK
Sponsored in loving memory of
Donna O'Brien RIP
**LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF
WALSINGHAM** is Sponsored in loving
memory of **Leo & Olga Barco RIP.**

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Weekday readings Year 1: week 34
Divine Office Week 2

**The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury**



**Sunday 22nd November 2015
CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING**

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors and particularly those who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you which will tell you about this week's celebration and the activities during the week and also to remind you of our Liturgy today.



TODAY'S MASS

"Christ's Kingdom is not of this world"

It is difficult for us to understand the manner in which Christ is a king. His sovereignty will never pass away nor will his empire ever be destroyed, since his power comes from God and not from men. He has made us a line of kings to serve God until the end of time.

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

The prophet Daniel sees "one like a son of man" coming from the heavens into the presence of God. This Messiah king receives from God the Father power and kingship over all nations. His rule is universal and it lasts forever. No one can take it away from him.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

In this reading from the beginning of the Book of Revelation, the inspired author has a vision of the second coming of Jesus Christ. He comes in the clouds as the "ruler of the kings of earth." He is the "First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." He is the faithful witness to God's promises and the first to rise from the dead. Now he is honoured as a crucified and risen King.

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

What kind of king is Jesus? In the passion story in John's Gospel, Jesus provides us with his own answer. Pontius Pilate asks Jesus if he is the king of the Jews. Jesus assures Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world. He is not one who rules by force. However he is a king who came into the world to "testify to the truth." All who recognize him as "the way and the truth and the life" will hear his voice.

Sunday reflection by Mgr. Jeremy

Jesus was crucified for his claim to be the Messiah King who would rule not only over his people Israel but ultimately over all the nations as well. What is the significance or meaning of Jesus' kingship for us? Kingship today seems antiquated, especially in democratic societies where everyone is treated equal and free. God at first did not want to give his people Israel a king. Why? Because God alone was their King and they needed no other. Nonetheless, God relented and promised his people that through David's line he would establish a kingship that would last for eternity (Psalm 89:29). The Jews understood that the Messiah would come as king to establish God's reign for them. They wanted a king who would free them from tyranny and from foreign domination. Many had high hopes that Jesus would be the Messiah king. Little did they understand what kind of kingship Jesus claimed to have. Jesus came to conquer hearts and souls for an imperishable kingdom, rather than to conquer perishable lands and entitlements. When Satan tempted Jesus during his forty day fast in the wilderness, he offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world (Matthew 4:8-9) Jesus knew that the world was in Satan's power. And this was precisely why Jesus came – to overthrow Satan's power and rule over the

earth. Jesus knew that the way to victory was through submission to his Father's will and through the sacrificial offering of his life upon the cross for the sins of the world. As Jesus was dying on the cross, he was mocked for his claim to kingship. Nonetheless, he died not only as King of the Jews, but as King of the nations as well. His victory over the power of sin, Satan, and the world, was accomplished through his death on the cross and his resurrection. Jesus exchanged a throne of glory for a cross of shame to restore us from slavery to sin to glory with God as his adopted sons and daughters. In the Book of Revelation Jesus is called King of kings and Lord and lords (Rev. 19:16). The scriptures present us with the choice between two kingdoms – the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. The choice is ours to make voluntarily. Which kingdom do you serve - the world that passes away or God's kingdom which endures for all time? God's kingdom remains forever because it is built on the foundation of God's eternal love and justice. To accept Jesus as Lord and King is to become a citizen of an everlasting kingdom which is governed by righteousness, peace, truth, and love. Today each of us are asked to recognize Jesus Christ as our King and Lord.



ROME PILGRIMAGE in April 2016. Only 2 single rooms left. Full details in the porch.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CATECHISTS WANTED. Would you like to join a team preparing families for the baptism of their children. The commitment would be a couple of times a year. Please speak to a member of the Parish Team if you'd like to know more.

FRIENDS OF JESUS: If your child is of primary school age but is not attending a Catholic school they are welcome to attend Friends of Jesus at 5.30pm on Friday evenings. For further information please see one of the parish team.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The session on Tuesday 1st December will be for children only.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION— Please check the rota each Sunday. If you are on the rota please cover your duty. If you are not on the rota please come forward only if there is a need. Thank you.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR VOLUNTEER ROLES INVOLVING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS - If you have been given/sent an application form, please complete and return it to the Parish Office this week. If you have any questions or concerns about the DBS procedure please speak to the Safeguarding Officer or any member of the Parish Team. Thank you!

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING DATES: NEW DATE: PRIMARY and NURSERY: **WEDNESDAY 2nd December 7.30—9.00pm.** The meetings will be held in the Parish Centre. Please try and stick to this date as it is really difficult for clergy to sign forms at the church door after Mass.

THE WHITE SANCTUARY LAMP BY THE TABERNACLE has been sponsored this week in loving memory of Donna O'Brien RIP.

THE LAMP BY THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM is sponsored this week on loving memory of Leo and Olga Barco RIP

If you would like to sponsor the blessed sacrament lamp or the lamp by the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham with a particular intention, the cost is £10 for the week - Please see Toni in the Parish Office.

CHURCH CLEANERS: New volunteers are needed now. If you are able to help please call Julia on 8904 5324 or contact the parish team.

SUDBURY CHRISTMAS LUNCH will take place this year as usual on Christmas day. Flyers and Booking forms are now available. All are welcome to this if you are alone or just want to be with friends. Because of huge generosity last year there is still enough money to cover this year's cost.. So this year as our "UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE" offering we are asking for gifts **before Christmas.** These will be distributed to those at the Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day. So what are they asking for? A Present,

gift wrapped of up £10 in value but no more. It should be marked whether it would be more appropriate for a male or female. These we are asking to be brought to Church on the LAST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 20th December.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP for adults (18 – 30's) – Friday 27 November, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. We continue our journey through the Year of Consecrated Life with Sr Camilla and Sr Gabi from the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham reflecting on new expressions of consecrated life. For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

JINGLE ALL THE WAY—a brand new sketch show for all the family exploring the true meaning of Christmas. Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm at St Anselm's School Hall, Harrow. See notice in porch for more details.

WHITE/YELLOW FOLDER INFORMATION FOR THE FOLLOWING: (See in church porch)

- ◆ **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** helps separated, divorced or widowed Catholics.
- ◆ **SMART LOVING SEMINAR** for married couples.
- ◆ **CATHOLIC SINGLES** information
- ◆ **RETROUVILLE**—a lifeline for married couples.
- ◆ **WIDOWED YOUNG**—support events.
- ◆ **CALIX CENTRE**—A Catholic ministry to addicts.
- ◆ **ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES.**
- JOB VACANCIES:**
- ◆ **HEAD TEACHER** required for Pope Paul Catholic Primary School, Potters Bar. (C/d 26 Nov).
- ◆ **Various Diocesan Vacancies.**

FOLDERS in the church porch: look for pilgrimages and retreats, job opportunities, schools and colleges. Info.

OFFER OF FURNITURE: two full size armchairs with wooden legs—comfortable and large. If you'd like them they can be delivered to you or you can collect. Please speak to the parish office.

HOUSE SHARE— would suit 2/3 sharers. Please contact fenglish2008@hotmail.com

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NEWS & VIEWS



THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY begins on 8th December. Please take the special leaflet prepared to explain more about this wonderful spiritual opportunity for you, your family, our parish and the whole Church.

ST. GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION "ASIAN STYLE"

Saturday 12th December
7.00pm -10.30pm

Dinner—Bar—Live Band & Dancing—raffle
...and above all—good fun!!

Tickets on sale TODAY AFTER MASS

Adults: £10 Children : £5 (yrs 5-11)
Under 5 yrs— free

WELCOME to all who have come to Mass today. Please stay on if you are able, for TEA & COFFEE after the 9.45am and 11.15am Masses, in the Parish Centre.

NEW TO THE PARISH? if you are, please know you are very welcome. Please fill in one of the new parishioners forms at the back of church and we'll get back to you ASAP.

MARY'S MEALS—RAGS TO RICHES THIS SUNDAY 22nd November (morning ONLY): collection of unwanted bedding and clothing. Please see large poster for more details. Thanks in anticipation to all who have brought old clothes today.

SMALL GROUPS: Our Diocesan sessions for Small Group entitled "Love Divine" reflecting on the graces bestowed in the Sacraments continues on Mondays, after the 9.30am Mass & Rosary, in the Sacristy until 21 December. Booklets to accompany this course are on sale in the repository at £2.00. All are very welcome!

THANK YOU to all who helped with our Bethany Mass especially welcoming and serving refreshments.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2016: Parents and Candidates (year 10 and above) are invited to an Information Evening on **Monday 23rd November at 8pm.** For further information please contact Peter Kingsley the Pastoral Assistant.

PARISH DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 22 November:
Tea & Coffee after the 9.45am & 11.15am Masses
Panto 3.00pm

Monday 23 November:
Confirmation Information Evening 8.00pm

Tuesday 24 November:
Over 60's 1.00pm
First Holy Communion 7.30pm

Wednesday 25 November:
Panto 7.30pm

Thursday 26 November:
Church Cleaning Group C 10.30am
Baptism Preparation 6.30pm
Prayer Group 8.00pm

Friday 27 November:
Teas after morning Mass
Friends of Jesus 5.30pm

Saturday 28 November:
Panto 3.00pm

LOOKING AHEAD

ADVENT SUNDAY and the beginning of the new Church year—next Sunday, 29th November.

PRAYER WITH TAIZE CHANTS—Monday 30th November at 7.30pm. All welcome!

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER Saturday 3rd December Mass at 9.30am followed by the veneration of the relic of St. Francis Xavier.

OPENING OF THE JUBILEE OF YEAR OF MERCY AND SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—Tuesday 8th December Mass at 9.30am & Sung Mass at 8.00pm

PARISH RECONCILIATION LITURGY with the opportunity for individual confessions on 17th December at 7.30pm

CAROL SERVICE on Sunday 20th December at 7.30pm

NEXT FRIDAY after 9.30am Mass there will be a celebration in the Russell Room with a Scottish flavour in honour of St. Andrew's day . All welcome!

HOLY BAPTISM: Information packs are available from the parish office. You can sign up there for the preparation evening. Parents to be, i.e. before birth, are welcome to attend. Please note that our next baptism preparation evening has been changed to **Thursday 26th November at 6.30pm (not Friday 27th November)** in the Parish Centre. There will be no course in the month of December.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15 noon (Solemn), 5.30pm, **WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday – Saturday 9.30am, **HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9.30am, 8.00pm, **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Saturday 5.15-6.00pm **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm and any time by appointment, **DIVINE MERCY:** Tuesday 10.30am, **PRAYER GROUP:** Thursday 8.00pm **FRIENDS OF JESUS:** Friday 5.30pm.

Gd	Sun	22 November	CHRIST THE KING OF THE YEAR	Sat. Vigil	6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	Irma Nardone RIP Dee Kelly Loader RIP PRO POPULO Margaret Rynne RIP Joan Barfoot RIP
R	Mon	23 November	S. Clement I		9.30am	Dan Sullivan Intentions
R	Tues	24 November	S. Andrew Dung Lac & comps.		9.30am	Martin McNulty RIP
R	Wed	25 November	S. Catherine of Alexandria		9.30am	Mr. & Mrs. W. De Lima RIP and Mrs & Mrs. H. Da Costa RIP
G	Thur	26 November	feria		9.30am	Brian Drake RIP and Tony Corcoran RIP
G	Fri	27 November	feria [Friday abstinence]		9.30am	Gillian Morrison RIP
W	Sat	28 November	Of Our Lady		9.30am	Wally & Dorothy Watts RIP Marita & Robbie Ledo RIP Hermosinda Toucedo RIP

ABOUT THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 for the universal church in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. He connected the denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism. At the time of *Quas Primas*, secularism was rising, and many Christians (including Catholics) began to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority. Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of dictatorships in Europe (Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin), and saw Catholics being taken in by these earthly leaders. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when the feast was most needed. In fact, it is still needed today, as these problems have not vanished, but instead have worsened. Pope Pius hoped the institution of the feast would have various effects. They were: 1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state (*Quas Primas*, 32). 2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ (*Quas Primas*, 31). 3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bod-

ies (*Quas Primas*, 33). Today, the same distrust of authority exists, although the problem has become worse. Individualism has been embraced to such an extreme, that for many, the only authority is the individual self. The idea of Christ as ruler is rejected in such a strongly individualistic system. Also, many balk at the idea of kings and queens, believing them to be oppressive. Some even reject the titles of "lord" and "king" for Christ because they believe that such titles are borrowed from oppressive systems of government. However true these statements might be (some kings have been oppressive), these individuals miss the point: Christ's kingship is one of humility and service. Jesus said: You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:42-45) and Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"... Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b, 36-37).

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Rev 5: 12; 1: 6

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.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal

sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 92:1-2,5

R/. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. **R/.**

2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R/.**

3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **R/.**

Second reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and

power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Mk11:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it'

answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Prayer over the Offerings

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray, that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 28: 10-11

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

Prayer after Communion

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.