



Sunday 21st November 2021

CHRIST THE KING

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year B

Weekday Readings
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Divine Office
Week 2

For children,
download a weekly sheet:
[http://www.sdc.me.uk/
sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 21 Nov 6.15pm (Vigil)	CHRIST THE KING Jamira & Sales Dias (25th wedding anniversary)
8.30am	Valerian Fernandes RIP
9.45am	Margaret & Thomas Ryan RIP
11.15am	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5.30pm	Max Perera RIP
Mon 22 Nov 9.30am	S. Cecilia Blandina Francisco Fernandes & Felicidade Fernandes
Tues 23 Nov 9.30am	S. Clement I Gervasio & Protasio Pereira— (Thanksgiving)
Weds 24 Nov Comps 9.30am	S. Andrew Dung Lac & Agnelo Mascarenhas RIP
Thurs 25 Nov 9.30am	S. Catherine of Alexandria Ita Kervick RIP
Fri 26 Nov 9.30am	Of Requiem Denis O'Donnell RIP
Sat 207Nov 9.30am	Of Our Lady Joyce Leo RIP
Sun 28 Nov 6.15pm (Vigil)	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Maurice O'Grady RIP
8.30am	Angela Mascarehas RIP
9.45am	Gnanaathikham Chinnaiya RIP
11.15am	Irene Pereira
5.30pm	Max Perera RIP



TODAY'S MASS



Today Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair. In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel prophesies about the coming of the Son of Man.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus is the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of all.

Gospel Reading: John 18:33b-37

Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is "King of the Jews."

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world."

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday – Saturday 9.30am.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan Jocalyn Almeida,

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Jamira & Sales Dias (25th)

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Mary Steele, Maura Crowley
Fr David Irwin

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Denis O'Neil RIP

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Barbara Lyons RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Remedios Menezes & family

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:

People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony.

— Pope Pius XI —

AZ QUOTES

A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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.

NEWS UPDATE



Thank you for wearing your face covering in church and for considering others



WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions. **From this weekend** you will not be required to sign in though you can still choose to do so on the QR Code. Please continue if you are exempt to wear a face mask to protect yourselves and others. We know from mainland Europe that Covid 19 is still "out there". There will be no required social distancing in Church from next Sunday. However the top left hand side of the church will be kept for those who wish to do so. We ask that you sanitise in and out of church but if you wish to sanitise before communion we ask you bring your own and do so yourself. **As of next weekend, advent Sunday the Bishops have lifted the freedom of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays, so we are now obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.** However...things may change!

THANK YOU to all who have worked as stewards over the past many months enabling us to come to Mass safely and securely. We are all so grateful to you all.

COFFEE & TEA AFTER MASS will recommence next Sunday and the following Friday for those who wish. The café/Bar is looking very underused and we have a new updated coffee machine too. See you there!

A CALL TO LISTEN AND WALK TOGETHER: SYNOD 2022-2023 The questionnaires are out for you to consider and complete. If you didn't receive one last week please take one today. Then there will be a designated Sunday when we can listen and talk to each other and make our response—limited as it will be—to the diocese.

LOST PROPERTY ...and there is plenty of it!! There will be a table outside the porch. Have look today to see if there is something you have lost.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

REBUILDING OUR PARISH: After months of restrictions we now need to carefully and slowly rebuild many of the ministries that have not been possible. Can you continue where you left off? Would you like to start in a new ministry? If our parish is to thrive, we need YOU to help and think clearly where you might use your talents in the rebuilding of our community.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - This week, in Session 6, the children will be reflecting on 'The Sacrament of Reconciliation' as they look forward to making their First Reconciliation. Thank you for arriving promptly for the start of the session at 7pm. Parents/Carers will also receive some resources, including a video link, this coming week via email to make it as simple as possible for the children to practice their First Reconciliation at home as they look forward to this important moment in their life of faith.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS - All being well the Children's Liturgy will start-up again at the Parish on Sunday 28th November at the 9.45am Family Mass. We are looking for new volunteers to help the younger children (4-7yr) reflect on Sunday's Gospel during Mass in a fun, creative & simple way. If you might consider helping once every six weeks, joining an established group of experienced Catechists, please contact Una Moran una@bfmconsult.co.uk or peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY (VIGIL MASS) - All being well, the Children's Nativity will once again be taking place at St. George's at the Family Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm. Commitment is required for rehearsals on Saturday 18th December from 10.30-11.30am & Sunday 19th December from 2.00-3.00pm. If your children (in Year 3 or above) would like to take part or you would like to help please contact Bushra on 07843 053 076 / bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk.

SIGNING SCHOOL FORMS In the parish centre:

(Secondary Schools is now closed)

Primary Schools 6.00-8.00pm Friday 10th December All in the parish centre. Please obtain the Certificate of Catholic Practice & a supplementary form from the back of church. These must be completed beforehand.

VOTIVE CANDLE PRICES sadly during the lockdowns the companies making church votive candles suffered with a lack of demand. As a result the prices of our votive candles have shot up. Very reluctantly we have had to raise the price. So please note: **LARGE CANDLES:£1.50, SMALL CANDLES 50p.**

PARISH CENTRE & CAFÉ: this will be slowly opening up for small groups and we hope to have it all up and running as usual by Advent Sunday. This is also an important date when the bishops have restored the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass. Please note there will be NO commercial lettings of the hall until 2022.

CONFIRMATION 2022 - Young people in Year 10 & above are welcome to join our Confirmation Programme to prepare to receive this Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are a young person wishing to be confirmed in 2022, please join us in the Parish Centre with a Parent/Carer for the **Confirmation Information Evening at 7.30pm on Mon-**

day 10th January 2022 when Registration Forms will be provided to those attending wishing to be confirmed.

VOLUTEERS FOR FRIDAY HOSPITALITY - We are hoping to restart Teas & Coffees in the Café Bar after the Friday Mass on Friday 3rd December. Following the COVID pandemic, a number of our generous volunteers have had to step down so we are seeking **new volunteers**. If you might consider helping please contact **Angela Traynor** at angelatraynor@btinternet.com

CHURCH CLEANING - Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass**. All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already helping out.

ALTAR SERVING - If your child would like to help with Altar Serving at Mass please note that you must first complete an Altar Serving Form, providing Parental Consent. Blank forms are available for completion from the Sacristy. Only once this form has been completed can your child begin serving at Mass.

CHURCH LAMPS: These have now been rehung and the ship lamp at Our Lady of Walsingham has been restored. These can be booked each week in memory of someone. Just contact the parish office. We have several empty gaps!

RCIA—Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults. Do you know anyone (or it may even be yourself) who would like to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian? If so, please speak or contact to Fr Julio.

SUPPORT WEEKLY FLOWERS AT ST. GEORGE'S How you can help? Give a general donation in an envelope handed to Monsignor or one of the Flower Team (these can be found at the back of the Church). A special donation of arranged flowers for one week. Perhaps for a Wedding Anniversary, Birthday or in Memory of a loved one. An indication of costs follows:- Please place donations, name and words in an envelope and hand to Monsignor or one of the Flower Team. (Envelopes are at the back of Church).

OPEN MORNING AT ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - St. George's Catholic Primary School is holding an open morning on Tuesday 30th November at 9:30am for parents of children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 looking for a place in September 2022. Further details regarding the admissions process and Admission Policy can be found on the school website www.stgeorgesprimary.org.

THE PASSAGE, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Thursday 25th Nov on the theme Bohemian Rhapsody, featuring popular works by Dvořák, Mahler and Smetana. Full details and booking at <https://passage.org.uk/night-under-the-stars>

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

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.

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*

Allelula, allelula!

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

Blessings on the coming kingdom

of our father David!

Allelula!

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.