



ST. EDMUND'S CHRONICLE



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Divine Office: Psalms Week 2

CHRIST THE KING

22ND NOVEMBER 2020

We meet in Christ's name from many different backgrounds and circumstances to acknowledge our complete dependence on him and to receive from him the strength we need to serve him faithfully in the world.

CHRIST THE KING Sunday 22 nd November	PRIVATE	People of The Parish	PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Leona Chris, Baltasar Domingues, Ann Doherty, Ann Singleton, Richard Pereira, Katherine Pereira, Emily Cleary, Connie Hewson, Riky Langham, John Simpson, Roy Edwards, Rachael Boyle, Phillip Dear, Peter & Anne Rutzler, Freida Batshon, Min Wilde, Jacqueline Turner, Teresa Gilbert, Michael Garvey, Pat Scammell, Bridget Martin, Mary Hepworth, Colm Brennan, Brigid Lonergan, Justina Nathan, Kevin O'Neill, Jim Tobin, Parul Peters, Charmaine Peters, Ken Stalder, Steve Simpson, Veronica Lapworth, Mollie Cundy, Neri Fernandes, Anna O'Keeffe, Rose Fox, Patricia Corry, Christian Gibbins, Jeff De Haas, Phyllis Walsh, Geraldine Mullan, all who are sick and the families who care for them. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Cyril Davey, Atwell DeSouza, Quinton Luis, Fr Derek Peel and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, all who have recently died and the families who mourn.
Monday 23rd November St Clement	PRIVATE	Tom Blake Sr. (RIP)	
Tuesday 24th November St Andrew Dung-Lac	PRIVATE	Jeremiah Murphy (RIP)	
Wednesday 25th November St Catherine of Alexandria	PRIVATE	Pauline Eyres (RIP)	
Thursday 26th November	PRIVATE	Clive Bullock (Birthday & Thanksgiving)	
Friday 27th November <i>Friday abstinence</i>	PRIVATE	Patricia & Roy Bullock (RIP)	
Saturday 28th November Blessed Virgin Mary	PRIVATE	Dec'd members Knights of St Columba & families	
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday 29 th November	PRIVATE	People of The Parish	

During the month of November we pray for the priest and people of Twickenham

MESSAGE FROM FR NIGEL

The Feast of Christ the King is the last Sunday of the Christian Year and the Gospel and the other readings portray Christ both as Shepherd and King. This year we have been reading St Matthew's Gospel, which in various places shows us Christ's kingship. For example the visit of the Magi shows the infant Jesus to be King of the Jews, though this is only recognised by the Magi through their royal gifts to the Christ child; and in his Passion Jesus is described in kingly terms – Pilate asks him if he is a King, the soldiers dress him up as a mock-king, and the title on the cross, though intended ironically, describes Jesus of Nazareth as the King of the Jews. But on the day of judgement, described in the parable of the sheep and the goats, Jesus is recognised by all as King in all his splendour, seated on his throne of glory. On this feast we are anticipating the day when Christ's universal Kingship will be recognised. In the parable he judges the nations on the basis of the way they have treated the least of his brethren, (meaning his disciples).

Some have truly served their needs, and in doing so have served Christ himself. They are the sheep who will have a place in Christ's kingdom for their heritage. Some have not served their needs, and so have also not served Christ. They are the goats, who will go to eternal punishment. The least of Christ's brethren is often extended to mean not just his disciples, but all those who suffer. The first reading by contrast shows us the Lord as the Good Shepherd tending to the various needs of his sheep – looking for the lost, bandaging the injured – but ends with him judging between sheep and goats. In the Middle East mixed flocks of sheep and goats were common, but were separated by the shepherd in the evening, because goats need to go into the warm, but sheep prefer to stay outdoors. The sheep are the more valuable, which is why they symbolise the righteous. Our prayer is that by the way we serve Christ in the least of his brethren we may be counted among the sheep on the day of judgement.

Fr Nigel

GUIDELINES FOR COMING TO CHURCH

Public masses are suspended for the duration of 'lockdown' by order of HM Government. The church is open each day for a time of private prayer Sunday to Monday 9am to 10am, Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am .

HOLY SOULS

For the whole of this month we have our November List placed near the altar, the departed will be remembered at each mass. The November plenary indulgences for those who visit a cemetery have been extended this year to cover the whole month of November.

KEEP IN TOUCH

The Chronicle will be published each week on parish.rcdow.org.uk/whitton/ and circulated to all on the parish email list (to be added please email whitton@rcdow.org.uk). We also have a St Edmund's Parish page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/StEdmundWhitton/ If you have any need please do not hesitate to call Fr Nigel 07809 667562.

WAYS TO GIVE

CONTACTLESS GIVING IS HERE!

We now have contactless giving using a debit or credit cards. It is also easy to give online from your bank account. The parish account is **WRCDT ST EDMUNDS CANTERBURY WHITTON, 40-05-20, 61094564**. Another way to give is through **Virgin Money Giving**. Simply go to tiny.cc/StEdmundVM. Your generous donations are helping us to keep the church running. Planned Giving envelopes for those in the scheme are now available for collection in church.

PRIMARY/RECEPTION SCHOOL ENTRY

Due to current government restrictions, CCP form signing will not be done in the usual way. If you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice for an application for a Catholic Primary School [Reception] please download the form here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/whitton/school-admission/> Please complete the top part and deliver the form together with a self addressed envelope and a parent's contact telephone number to the presbytery. I will return the signed and sealed form to you as soon as possible. (If you are only applying to St Edmund's, I will forward the certificate directly to the school.)

MISSIO

Red boxes cannot be collected in the usual way because of Covid-19, but you can open your own box and send a cheque or online donation to MISSIO. missio.org.uk

BAPTISM

Suspended for duration of lockdown, but new dates can be arranged by emailing the parish office.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION

You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Andrew Dung-Lac was a priest who worked in Vietnam with the Foreign Mission Society of Paris. Andrew was imprisoned and repeatedly tortured in the persecutions of Minh-Meng and was one of the Martyrs of Vietnam. Christian missionaries first brought the Catholic faith to Vietnam during the sixteenth century. During the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, Christians suffered for their beliefs. Many were martyred, especially during the reign of Emperor Minh-Mang (1820-1840). One hundred and seventeen martyrs are in the group. They were proclaimed saints by Pope John Paul II on June 19, 1988. The martyrs of Vietnam suffered to bring the greatest treasure that they possessed: their Catholic faith. These martyrs were able to endure the torture they were put through because of their belief that Christ was with them in everything.

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AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

RED WEDNESDAY

Be a #RedWednesday champion of faith on 25th November 2020. Will you join with Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) and stand up for Faith and Freedom? The world is largely silent when it comes to religious persecution, so it is up to us to defend religious freedom and shine a light on the suffering of persecuted Christians and others. Wear something red on 25th November. There are many upcoming ACN events. To find out more please visit: www.acnuk.org/events