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MASS TIMES
Sunday
8.00 am & 10.00 am
Weekdays
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday No Mass
Friday 7.00 pm
Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)
Confessions on Saturdays 4.30-5.15pm in church or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

19/20 November 2022

Saturday 19 November
4.30-5.15 **Confessions**
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday
Nora Kilroy RIP

WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome back if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions. You are very welcome, and we are pleased to see you.

SUNDAY 20 November
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
[Daily Office Psalter wk 2]
8.00 **Mass** Alec & Kay Moody (Thanksgiving)
10.00 **Parish Mass** and **Angelus**
People of the Parish

PREPARATION BEFORE MASS –ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Until the bell at the start of Mass, please keep silent prayer.*

Monday 21 November
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial
No Mass this week:
Gospel – Luke 21.1-4

ANGELUS AT THE END OF MASS before the final hymn

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.** Hail Mary ...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **Be it done unto me according to Thy word.**

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh. **And dwelt among us.** Hail Mary...

Pray for us, holy Mother of God. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

If you've learned it, please join in the Final Prayer.

Tuesday 22 November
St Cecilia, Memorial
No Mass this week:
Gospel – Luke 21.5-11

Wednesday 23 November
Feria 34th Week of the Year
No Mass this week:
Gospel – Luke 21.12-19

The RED Parish Mass books will be replaced next week by a GOLD one – for Year A of the lectionary. **At the end of Mass please take all the current (red) parish Mass Books from the pews**, put them on the tables in the narthex, to help with the changeover. Thank you.

Thursday 24 November
St Andrew Dűng-Lac and Companions, Martyrs
No Mass this week:
Gospel – Luke 21.20-28

AFTER THE 10am MASS ... refreshments (often cakes!) and chance to connect in the Parish Hall. Everyone is very welcome.

Friday 25 November
St Catherine of Alexandria, Memorial
No Mass this week:
Gospel – Luke 21.29-33

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

*The Order of Mass can be followed in the red Parish Mass Book -- **first from p.7**– then after the Bidding Prayers, **from p.15**, and from the Lord's Prayer, **p.56**. (New Mass cards, far simpler to follow, are in preparation.)*

*The Readings for today's Mass are to be found in the red Parish Mass Book on **pp.167–69** The psalm response is: **I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'***

Saturday 26 November
Feria 34th Week of the Year
4.30-5.15 **Confessions**
5.30 **Vigil Mass** of Advent
Mrs Elaine Desouza RIP (Anniv)

SUNDAY 27 November
First Sunday of Advent (Year A)
[Daily Office Psalter wk 1]
8.00 **Mass** Patrick Shields RIP
10.00 **Parish Mass** and **Angelus**
People of the Parish

THE FEAST of Christ the King was added to the Church's worship in 1926 by Pope Pius XI soon after World War I. That war cruelly exposed the weakness of earthly kingdoms to protect their people. While some still exist within the European family they are all constitutional monarchs. Real power and responsibility lie elsewhere. It is against this background that we can see Jesus Christ as king – the kind of king no republican need ever fear. It is the crucified Christ who is at the focus of attention today. The cross is his throne. Jesus is the Alpha & Omega, the beginning and the end, and it is in the light of that

truth – expounded on by Paul in his letter to the Colossians – that we celebrate the ‘absolute monarchy’ of divine life and love, mercy, justice and mutual service.

First Reading (OT): 2 Samuel 5.1–3 Israel’s monarchy had a very troubled history. Getting it established at all was one thing, then how to position the king in society was another headache. The king was not at the centre, God was. Those kings who refused to give the priority to God (and they were the *majority*) courted deep unpopularity with the people. There were exceptions: David, not without failings, became the ideal king. His profile was as a shepherd who took care of his people.

Second Reading (NT): Colossians 1.12–20 Confusion, conflict and crisis seem to be increasing in the world, the powers of darkness and sin often seem to have the upper hand. Yet here St Paul presents the structure that lies behind the kingdom that has Christ as its king and centre, a reality in which he encourages the Colossians to place their faith. This is a great theological portrait of Jesus as mediator, and as Lord of all creation.

Gospel: Luke 23.35–43 Any claim in the Roman Empire to be a ‘king’ represented a full-frontal assault on the authority and dignity of the emperor in Rome. It was on the allegation that Jesus claimed was ‘king of the Jews’ that he was crucified. Jesus never gave up his claim to be a king, but of a kingdom ‘not of *this* world’. A threat to the Romans, a scandal to the Jews, and yet the centre of God’s eternal kingdom.

This week Fr Jonathan will be making a few days’ retreat before Advent begins. **Fr Guy Sawyer** will be celebrating Mass this weekend. *Please do thank him in person.* Weekday masses from tomorrow to Friday are cancelled. The gospel references have been provided in the calendar to support our prayers.

Next Sunday, 27 November, is **Advent Sunday**, and, as before the pandemic, an **Ecumenical Advent Prayer Service**, will take place at **5pm**, at St John’s Anglican Church. **We are all invited.**

Holy Souls envelopes continue to be available at the back of church. Please use the box provided.

The Parish’s Christmas Fayre will be held **Saturday 3rd December (11am to 2.30pm)**.

- If you would like to **volunteer** or have an idea for the fayre, please call Tim Goodger (020 8954 9463) or Robert Chandler (020 8204 1752).
- **Calling all bakers** - please let Tim Goodger or Daniella know if you would like to make/bake **cakes, pastries, breads, biscuits etc** for the cake stall.
- We are asking for donations of **good saleable items/gifts, bric-a-brac and toys**—but no jumble please—as well as boxes of biscuits, all type of **bottles/cans for our tombola**. As ever, thank you for your support and generous donations, which can be left in the narthex after Mass on weekends.
- **Raffle tickets will be on sale** after Mass for the next two weekends.

CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas

In Advent, let’s share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD’s World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church. World Gifts such as “super soup kitchens”, “trees for life”, or “water for a family” will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

A new system of counting the Offertory collection has been introduced. Our thanks to all the collectors who have served the parish down the years.

Sing-along Christmas concert On **Sunday 11th December at 3pm** our popular **sing-along Christmas Concert** will be back after Covid! We would like to invite any musicians, young or old, to join us in music-making for our Christmas Tea. You may only have just started with your instrument but you are still welcome. And on **Christmas Eve at 5.30pm** there’ll be the **Vigil Mass of Christmas** for children and families. We would also like to invite young musicians and singers to join us in music-making for this too. If you are interested in participating please email Daniela on dmca20@hotmail.com or pop upstairs to the gallery after Mass.

Readers Rota

<u>19 November 5.30</u> Monica Clifford	<u>20 November 8.00</u> Audrey Da Costa
<u>20 November 10.00</u> Readings Robert Chandler, Bidding prayers Monika Tabarrok	
<u>26 November 5.30</u> Noretta Reece	<u>27 November 8.00</u> Georgina Martins
<u>27 November 10.00</u> Readings John McIntyre, Bidding prayers Derrick Pereira & family	

Church Cleaning

26 November Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira

3 December Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Uzo Ziwanah