

Solemnity of Christ the King
21st November 2021

Thought for the Week

Of all the titles we could bestow on Jesus, that of King would seem to be one of the most inappropriate. It smacks of the kind of things he rejected. When we think of a King we think of a throne, a crown, palace, great wealth, power, prestige, and of course a great army. When we look at Jesus what do we see? There is no throne, no crown, no palace, no army. We see him walking in the dusty roads of Palestine with the little band of disciples. He is surrounded by the poor and the sick, by sinners and outcasts. The sort of people who in a worldly Kingdom are looking through the gates of the royal palaces, even if they get that close.

And yet the title King is appropriate and stands for something true and real in Jesus. It stands for his divinity. God is the Lord of all, the King of the universe. But even on a human level the title makes sense, Jesus was the greatest source of goodness, light, and hope in a dark world. Jesus did speak of a Kingdom - the Kingdom of Heaven. His Kingdom represents all those things which the world doesn't stand for but which deep down longs for - all that is right and true all that is beautiful, just and good.

Though Christ doesn't need or want soldiers and tanks, he does need warriors, people who are ready to fight for justice, truth at peace. Let us then be people who fight for this Kingdom.

Canon David Hopgood

November – We Remember the Dead

During this month we remember in a special way those who have died and gone before us to God.

28th November 2pm - Blessing of graves in Windsor Cemetery and Oakley Green Cemetery.

Confessions

The sacrament of reconciliation will be available every Saturday from 11:00 - 11:30 at St Edward's

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed upon the Altar each Friday from 10:00 until 16:00 for private prayer. Why not make a visit to the Church for this lovely time of prayer.

Offertory + Special Collections

Envelopes	£ 218.76
Loose	£ 512.98
SO/DD	£2,058.00

Mass Times + Intentions 20 - 28Nov

Sat	20	18:00	Theodosia Rogers – RIP
Sun	21	09:30	Peter Hutton - RIP - St Mark's
		11:00	People of the Parish
Mon	22	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue	23	18:30	Eucharistic Service
Wed	24	10:00	Betty Butler + Alice Williams - RIP

Thur 25 10:00 Eucharistic Service
Fri 26 12:00 Isobel + George Young - INT
Sat 27 18:00 People of the Parish
Sun 28 09:30 William Johnson - RIP- St Mark's
11:00 Stanley Hughes - RIP

Parish Diary

Sat 20 10:00 First Holy Communion Prep – St Edward's
15:00 Confirmation Group – P/C

Sun 21 12:15 Baptism – Cillian McConkey

Wed 24 17:30 Mini Vinnies – P/C

Thurs 25 10:30 Bereavement Group Meeting – P/C
13:00 Mass Readings Explained-P/C

19:00 R.C.I.A. - St Brigid's Room

Sat 27 10:00 First Holy Communion Prep -St Edward's
15:00 Confirmation Prep – P/C

Sun 28 12:00 Baptism Prep – St Brigid's Room
12:15 Baptism – Alva Walsh

Fr David's Diary

Fr David will be in Rome this coming week joining the other jubilarians who celebrate their 40th, 50th, and 60th anniversary of priestly Ordination.

HCPT Fundraising

Group 128 need your help! We urgently need some donations of items for our Christmas Fair - prizes for the tombola, new unused gifts for children and adults, bottles of wine/spirits, Christmas decorations and cakes for the cake stall. Items can be given to Pat Burke, Sharon Cole or left at the Parish office. The money raised from the fair will help to pay a child's fare to Lourdes next Easter. Information about HCPT can be found at the back of both churches.

Thank you.

Christmas Cards

There will be a selection of Christmas cards available in the repository after the Masses on Saturday and Sunday at St Edward's.

First Holy Communion Programme - 2022

For those families wishing to enrol their children (who are in year 3 or above) we shall be having a threefold programme

Step 1: 'Come and See' (John1: 39-41)

For 8 weekends from the 12th December to the end of January. The candidate is required to attend at least 6 weekend Masses with Family members.

Step 2: 'They sat at the feet of Jesus' (Luke 10:38-42)

The Saturday morning sessions start at the beginning of February where the candidates will prepare with their parents for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Step 3: 'Jesus Sent them Out' (Luke 10:1)

The Holy Communion Mass will be followed by an invitation to do something for the community and will be introduced to the Mini Vinies in the parish (Junior SVP).

To enrol in step 1 please fill in an application form that can be found on the parish website and email this to the parish office.

The introduction and the unfolding of the programme will be on Thursday 9th December at 18:30 in the parish centre. At this meeting of parents, you will receive the 'Record Card' that needs to be stamped when you attend Mass. Further dates will be given at this meeting.

Advent Reflections

Letter of Saint James - led by Rev Jeremy Hurst.

This 4-week Advent Study Course will take place in the vestry of All Saints Church, Frances Road. It will begin on Tuesday 23rd November from 11.00 and finish promptly at 12.00. It will take place on the four Tuesdays of Advent.

Please bring a Bible (any version) and be ready to join in the discussion. For more information, email Sr Patricia:

Mums and Tots group

They meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 09:30-11:00. Mothers uplifting mothers spiritually. You're welcome to join us. If you would like more info call/text Kim 07729 058433

SVP

Are looking to purchase a new lighter weight, demountable wheelchair (i.e., lighter frame, wheels, footplates and the handlebars can all be detached from the frame). This will allow our team to lift and transport the wheelchair more safely. If there is a wheelchair in the parish community, which could be donated to, or purchased by the SVP?

Please contact Barry Thompson on 07547 514467 or email

PresidentB170321@svp.org.uk<mailto:PresidentB170321@svp.org.uk> Thank you

Safeguarding

It is now a requirement of the diocese that all volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults in the Parish complete online safeguarding refresher training every year. This will be done through Educare. All volunteers will be contacted by Pat Burke (Safeguarding rep) with a link to the diocese in the next few weeks.

Inviting New Readers

The ministry of Readers for Scripture & Prayers is an important one for the Liturgical life of the parish. It is the ministry of proclaiming of the Word of God to the whole assembly, and on behalf of the 'people of God' assembled in our parish, for Eucharistic and other Liturgical celebrations.

We would like to invite you to consider this ministry in the parish. Please get in touch with the Parish Secretary, Fr David or Sr Patricia and come along to a meeting in the Parish Centre on Saturday 11th December, 10-11am.

Email address: mpmulhall@yahoo.co.uk<mailto:mpmulhall@yahoo.co.uk>

We will be delighted to welcome you!

The Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal

This helps children in need and since the pandemic the need has only grown greater. Christmas is a Holy time of year, but for so many sadly it is a time they dread. Temporary housing with no

decorations can be so disheartening, but with your donation you can install happy holiday memories for children between 0 to 16 years old. Some examples of donations they are looking for are:

* Dolls of mixed ethnicities, books, stationary sets, clothes, bath toys, make up, toiletries and toys for children with special needs such as fidget toys (such as poppets and tangles).

Your donation can help remind young people that even in the darkest of times, the Lord is always with us.

If you have any inquiries, please do not hesitate to email me at Sionnamadden@gmail.com<<mailto:Sionnamadden@gmail.com>>

CYMFed Faith in Action Award

We would like to invite young people between the ages of 10 -16, school years 6 to 13 to enrol in the Faith in Action award. The CYMFed Faith in Action Award rewards young people's active service in helping to build the Kingdom of God on Earth.

More information can be found via this link

<https://faithinactionaward.co.uk/> If you would like to find out more about this or how to enrol your child please contact confwindsor22@gmail.com<<mailto:confwindsor22@gmail.com>>

Vacancy – The Marist School

SEN Assistant (temporary) at Prep School – part time – 15 hours per week. Closing date: 9am Friday 26th November, interviews on Tuesday 30th November. Please visit www.themarist.com

On-Line Shopping for Christmas

In the run-up to Christmas, we will all be shopping online more than ever. This is a golden opportunity to help Parish Finances without it costing you a penny.

Please download the link below to your device and Give As you Live will redirect you to your chosen shop via GAYL.

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/st-edwards-r-c-church>

This will earn the Parish a small percentage of everything you spend. We are already getting hundreds of pounds a year from the few Parishioners that use it. If we all did, it would be thousands. The time to act is now before seasonal spending starts. Thank you.