SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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Psalter Week 4
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	21ST NOV	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	6.00pm	Parishioners who have died during the year
SUN	22ND NOV		10.00am	
MON	23RD NOV	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Well Being of Jeffrey November Remembrance List
TUES	24th NOV	ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC + COMPANIONS	10.00am	Michael Trew R.I.P November Remembrance List
WED	25th NOV	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Well Being of Ashley McNally
THURS	26th NOV	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	November Remembrance List
FRI	27th NOV	NO MASS		
SAT	28TH NOV	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Jim Cowley R.I.P
SUN	29TH NOV		10.00am	November Remembrance List

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Richard McCarthy who passed away recently. May he rest in eternal peace,

This week we also pray for Lynda Hayes, John O'Brien (1983), William Slugg (1984), William Tracey (1985), Dominic Hayes, Frederick Jones (1986), Edward Young (1987), Thomas Jeremy, Margaret Kloppe (1989), Armando Casella (1990), Kevin Cruise (1993), Edward Parle (1995), Joan Thomas (1997), Mary Sloman (1998), Michael Molloy (1999), Annie O'Leary, Patricia Jeenes (2001), James Power (2003), Louis Sultana, Fr J H Volan Evans (2005), Charles Davey, Alma Mackie , Jean Thomas (2007), James Thomas (2010), Irman Davies (2011), Thomas Gibson, Edward Brocklebank (2012), Sidney Dorgan (2015), Jim Cowley (2016), Joseph Foley (2019), and all whose anniversaries we remember at this time.
We pray for those in our families or in our Parish Community who may be sick, housebound, worried or in need. We ask that the Love of the Lord be with them during the coming week.

CANDLES You can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left at the Sacred Heart or Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week candles will be lit for Jimmy Cowley and a Special Intention**

PARISH CHRISTMAS EVENT: This will be on **Sunday November 29th after the 10.00am Mass.** It will be in the Grange Pavilion. It is free, but will be a ticketed event as numbers as restricted. All the tickets have now been allocated. **Raffle tickets will be on sale.** £1.00 a strip. (Main Prizes : £100, £75, £25 plus lots of other prizes.) There is also a Tombola, Carols and Christmas Songs. If anyone would like to help set up, we will be meeting at the Pavilion at 9.00am

NEWS ON ASHLEY MCNALLY from the Beda College in Rome this week. Ashley has applied and been accepted as a candidate for Holy Orders . Candidacy marks his first formal step towards ordination. He will be admitted as a Candidate on Wednesday at a celebration of Mass in Rome. Please keep Ashley in your prayers on the day.

ADVENT RETREAT FOR SECONDARY PUPILS: 5th Dec 10.00-4.00pm St David's College. See Poster on Board and scan QR code to register.

RED BOXES: MISSIO I will be emptying Missio Boxes for 2026 starting from this weekend until 20th December. Please leave boxes, in the Sacristy – not at the back of the Church. Thank you for your support to Missio. Gerry McCarthy.

NOVEMBER ARCHDIOCESAN NEWSLETTER: See on the Parish Website

CROSS OF WALES: Please see Poster on the Event's Board at the back of the Church.

REGISTRATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: THIS IS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN YEAR 8 AND ABOVE. PLEASE COLLECT A REGISTRATION FORM FROM CHRIS GERMAN.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION . Anyone who would like to receive this Sacrament please see the priest after any of the Masses. There are guidance leaflets at the back of the Church.

PIETY STALL: Come and look at our Christmas Stock…. Cards, candles stocking fillers. LOTS!!

"THE CHOSEN" is a groundbreaking, multi-season historical drama series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, seen through the eyes of those who met him. Download the link https://watch.thechosen.tv/ and start at series 1. Well worth watching.

SUNDAY SERMON FROM BISHOP ROBERT BARRON: See the link on the Parish website. These are thought provoking and only last about 14-15 minutes.

MASS INTENTIONS At the back of the Church there are envelopes for you to put your donation and the details of when you would like a Mass and for whom. Please indicate if the person is deceased.

SAFEGUARDING: Helplines on the Parish Website and on the Parish Noticeboard First Aid Box is in the Sacristy.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain. If you are a relative and would like the Catholic Hospital Chaplain to make a visit please leave the name of the person you want them to see and Ward details if possible. Chaplaincy 02921 843230 Please leave your contact details.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion contact Canon Mike.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS : 8TH NOV --- £ 511.12 16TH NOV -- £ 602.91

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

"Doesn't time fly when you're enjoying yourself!" I heard two people saying this during the week at the check-out. I think it was said with 'tongue-in-cheek', a throw away line, a little black humour.
Soon it will be December, leading to Christmas and the New Year, but for the Church, this Sunday will be the last in the Liturgical Year: the Feast of Christ the King. For me, the year HAS flown by, with all its ups and downs !! so I leave you to say if it's been a Good or Bad Year, but an interesting one for all.

The Solemnity of Christ the King, Jesus King of the Universe is a relatively recent addition to the Church Calendar, having been instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius Xl . It's there to honour Jesus as Lord of all Creation and yet in a few weeks time we will gather to pay homage to the Christ Child, not born in a palace surrounded by flunkies dressed in fine clothes but in an outhouse with shepherds and animals and friends and neighbours.

During the preparation for the children making their First Holy Communion we talk about where a King or Queen would sit. We all know how hard it is to visit Royalty, to be allowed into their presence and yet an invitation is given to us to meet Jesus Christ, King of the Universe each week.
When asked " Where does a King or Queen sit?" the answer comes back loud and strong " On a throne."
Our hands become a Throne, a place of welcome, an encounter, and when we hold Jesus, King of Time and Space, Son of the Living God, in our hand, we cry out the small, simple word " Amen". A word that has great meaning, we believe.

I believe, but don't fully understand that it's a King asking for me, wishing to meet me, wanting to Love me. It's mind blowing, but true.

" My Lord and My God"

So on this weekend's Feast don't think of fine silks, orbs and sceptres, lords and ladies in waiting, but simply that Jesus, the King, Body, Soul and Divinity, is present to me and to you.

Happy Feast Day

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