

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. When Pius XI was elected Pope, much of the world was in shambles. The year was 1922, and while the bloodletting of World War I had ended, widespread peace and tranquillity were not evident. The overthrow of the Romanov Tsars by the Russian Revolution had created great upheaval in Russia and brought immense suffering. Governments were in economic chaos, unemployment was rampant and people in many places were literally starving to death. In their distress, people clung to anyone who offered them hope, offered direction out of the chaos and promised to put food on their tables.

In all these developments, the new Pope saw that people were denying Christ in favour of a lifestyle dominated by secularism, material advantage and false hope created by the tyrants. He realised that he had to address the political and economic forces that were crowding out the kingship of Jesus Christ. As a start, he dedicated his reign as Pope to "The Peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ" (Pax Christi in Regno Christi). In 1925 when the Church celebrated the jubilee in honour of the 1,600th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, and to acknowledge perpetually the supremacy of Jesus Christ over all men, nations and earthly allegiances, the Pope issued the encyclical Quas Primas, which added the feast of "Our Lord Jesus Christ the King" to the annual Church liturgical calendar. The encyclical provided for the feast to be celebrated each year on the last Sunday of October. In 1969, Pope Paul VI changed the name to "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of All" and changed the date to the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

TODAY'S READINGS

The first reading tells us how David, after defeating all his enemies, was anointed king over all Israel. The second reading describes how Jesus became king over all by humbling himself. The Gospel gives account of the crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus was not proclaimed king as he sat on a throne, but when he was nailed to the cross.

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MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 167**Office: psalter week 2; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 34**

Sunday morning Mass is livestreamed and will be available for viewing later on our parish YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

| Date | Time | Occasion | Intention/Details |
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| Saturday | 6pm (vigil) | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE | Gregory and Juliana De Souza RIP |
| Sunday 20 th Nov | 9:30am | | Tony Burton RIP |
| | 6pm | | People of the Parish |
| Monday | 9:15am | PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | Doris and Jim Mattinson |
| Tuesday | 7pm | ST CECILIA | Catenian Circle 14 Deceased brothers |
| Wednesday | 9:15am | | Christine Troberg |
| Thursday | 9:15am | STS ANDREW DUNG-LAC AND COMPANIONS | Mary Irene Stewart RIP |
| Friday | 12pm | | Holy Souls |
| Saturday | 10am | | Joan Zsebok RIP |
| | 6pm (vigil) | FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT | Joseph and Ida Fernandez RIP |
| Sunday 27 th Nov | 9:30am | | Roy Rawlinson RIP |
| | 6pm | | People of the parish |

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for Susan Hesketh, Alban Lakeland and all who have died recently.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 11am-12noon and on request.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday-Friday 5pm-6pm, Saturday 11am-12noon. The church is usually open during the day for private prayer.

ROSARY: After 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass on Fridays.

ANNIVERSARIES: Marie Turner, Frank Hall, Jim Whelan, Anthony Ainsworth, Harold Singleton, Bridget McNulty, Patricia Morris, Michael McCombe, Margaret Fowler, Margaret Panasiewicz, Patricia Barnish, Mary Bond, Peter Butler, Roy Rawlinson, Kath Bernie, Jack Wright, Baby Caprise Sherriff.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish especially Edward Alan Jackson.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: For children who suffer-

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

READERS REQUIRED: We are in need of help filling our reader's rota especially at the Sunday 9:30 morning mass. If you would be interested in reading at any of our masses, please speak to one of our sacristans or priests.

NOVEMBER LIST ENVELOPES: Available for collection from the Narthex. Please return them with names of any deceased relatives and friends you wish to pray for. The names will be left in a box by the altar throughout November. Donations for Holy Souls Masses are also welcome. Please include these in the envelopes.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: There is a food bank collection this weekend 19th/20th November.

TOY COLLECTION: The Salvation army are collecting new toys to give out at Christmas to the families who receive food parcels. Could any donations please be left at the presbytery along with donations for the food bank.

RED WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER – On this day we especially remember those Christians throughout the world who are persecuted for their faith. We will bathe our church in red light and hold a prayer service during Holy hour 5-6pm for those who are suffering for following Jesus.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 391 (90/158/93 NCW 50). Collections: £605.69. Thank you for your presence and generosity.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today is youth day, there will be a special collection for the Diocesan youth services. There will also be a collection next Sunday for the Poor Missions Fund.

FULWOOD CHRISTMAS FARMERS MARKET: will be held on Saturday 26th November from 9:30 till 1pm at Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road. There will be Christmas gifts and cards plus all the normal market stalls.

CAMINO: Could anyone who owes money for the sponsored Camino walk please give it Rita Hunter as soon as possible or put in a clearly marked envelope and post it through the presbytery door.

CHRISTIAN PASTORAL WORKER: Bethany house is a Christ centred home for older adults, providing excellent care and spiritual encouragement. An opportunity for a Christian pastoral worker has become available working with the residents, their families and staff, full details www.bethanyhouse.org.uk/jobs

Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

| Day | Time | What? | Where? |
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| Sunday 20 th | 10:30am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Parish Hall |
| | 6:45pm | Anointed & Sent groups (ages 11-18) | Parish Hall |
| Mon-Friday | 3:20pm | After School Club* | Parish Hall |
| | 5-6pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | Church |
| Monday | 6pm | Cubs | Parish Hall |
| | 8pm | Scouts | Parish Hall |
| Tuesday | 6pm | Seekers (ages 8-11) | Parish Hall |
| | 7:30pm | NCW Liturgy of the Word | Side chapel |
| Wednesday | 10am | Parish Coffee Morning | Parish Hall |
| | 5-6pm | Red Wednesday Holy hour with prayer service for persecuted Christians | Church |
| | 7:30pm | NCW Liturgy of the Word | Church |
| Thursday | 6:15pm | Beavers | Parish Hall |
| Friday | 7pm | Lectio Divina | Side chapel |
| Saturday | 9:15 – 10:30 | Holy Communion Programme * | Parish Hall |
| | 10:30 – 12pm | Spanish Classes | Parish Hall |
| | 11am-12 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions | Church |
| Sunday 27 th Nov | 10:30am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Parish Hall |
| | 10:30am | Parents' session Holy Communion Programme* | Narthex |
| | 6:45pm | Anointed & Sent groups (ages 11-18) | Parish Hall |

Events marked * are open only to members or those who have booked ahead.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS RETREAT – A Day retreat led by Philip McParland on the theme of preparing for Christmas will be held at JMc Conference centre, Corpus Christi high school on Saturday 3rd December 2022 from 10:30 to 4:00pm. Suggested donations for this event are £20, please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. Philip's new book "This might help" is also available to buy from the Narthex.

OLSE LADIES' GROUP: The next meeting will be on Thursday 24th November and will be a quiz on "Antique household and farming objects". Meeting in the Parish Centre at 8pm. Admission £3.00, visitors welcome.