

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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ST MARY'S – CURRENT CORONAVIRUS SAFETY MEASURES

Despite the current drive towards the normalisation of everyday life in response to the pandemic, there is still a significant concern over the Coronavirus in our community. Therefore, precautions are in place at St Mary's to reduce disease transmission between all those attending Mass and other services:

REGISTRATION: it is essential that those attending Mass complete the registration list with names in block capital letters and full phone number. These lists will be safely and confidentially retained for three weeks for Track and Trace.

PERSONAL PROTECTION WITHIN CHURCH: Hand sanitation, face coverings over mouth and nose, and social distancing remain essential, especially in receiving Holy Communion (which is given after the final blessing). No missals will be available **ALTHOUGH HYMNALS WILL BE WITH THE RETURN OF MUSIC TO MASS ON SUNDAYS. (SEE OVERLEAF)**. The 'one way system' remains in place - entry through the main porch exit through the wax sacristy. Parishioners should not linger in the porch as they enter or in the church as they depart. Please depart immediately.

VENTILATION: heating will be turned during Mass but because of Covid ventilation will be maintained. Doors and windows will be kept open, despite the energy waste. The Parish Pastoral Council advises all to come in warm clothing. These safeguards will be reviewed regularly as new information on the pandemic emerges. **THANK-YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

CHRIST: THE UNIVERSAL KING

"Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9-11).

In 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted the liturgical celebration of **CHRIST THE KING**, in his encyclical *Quas Primas*, to challenge the increasing secularism observed in everyday life by reminding all that Christ's Majesty superseded all earthly powers and dominions. In 1969, Pope Paul VI gave the celebration a new title: **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF ALL**. He also gave it a new date: the last Sunday in the liturgical year before a new year begins with the 1st Sunday of Advent (previously it was held on the last Sunday of October). Through this choice of new date *"the eschatological importance of this Sunday is made clearer. In proclaiming Christ as the King of the Universe we proclaim the reign of God's values in our lives"*.



The Sunday's reading for this Solemnity comes from that part of St John's Gospel (JOHN 18: 33 – 37) which forms part of the Passion narrative recalled each Good Friday. It focusses on the dialogue between Pontius Pilate and Jesus on the nature of latter's kingship. Jesus provided the clearest evidence on how His Kingdom was not of this world; not driven by the commonplace politics and governance of earthly life but of eternal and heavenly salvation, truth and love for those who wished to believe in the company of Almighty God. Because His kingdom was divine, Jesus would not be saved by legions of disciples fighting to protect Him on earth (much to Pilate's relief!). Instead, He would fulfil His salvific destiny by dying an ignominious death on the Cross before rising in glory to achieve His place in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus came to bring the light of Truth into the world, a place previously darkened by ignorance and sin, and through His love, we could be saved by His sacrifice, and join Him in Heaven. Such are the actions of a truly glorious, yet humble, King!

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS.

During November we pray more intensely for all those who have died, particularly in this time of Coronavirus, so that they may be welcomed fully into the Father's presence.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR CHILDREN



AFTER THE 10 AM SUNDAY MASS ON DECEMBER 12TH (appropriately **GAUDETE SUNDAY**), it is our intention to have a small Christmas celebration for the children of the Parish in the Parish Hall. There will be treats for the children and refreshments for all. Fr Christmas will be present. Please join us if you can.

BRECKLAND PARISHES STUDY GROUP/STUDY SESSIONS - CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN PHILOSOPHY & THEOLOGY FOR ALL

A series of monthly talks on human formation and the Catholic Faith given at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, Brandon.

Each event will begin with Adoration at 7 pm followed by the talk at 7.30 pm. All will be live-streamed (go to <https://stthomas-stjohnparish.com/>). The next scheduled talk is: **December 16th 2021:** "Positive Psychology and the Science of Virtue" A new domain in the field of *psychology has discovered what the Church knew all along!!*

WELCOMERS AND CLEANERS FOR THE CHURCH

If you can help as a **Welcomer and/or a Cleaner, particularly over Christmastide (where several Masses to celebrate the birth of Our Lord will be celebrated)**, please contact Paul Gilbert Tel: 07759 672434;

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Please Volunteer Now. Thank You

MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER	<i>ST EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR – PATRON OF THE DIOCESE</i>	5.30 PM - MASS	<p align="center">PLEASE NOTE: ALTHOUGH ALL LEGAL RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN LIFTED AT ST MARY'S PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO:</p> <p align="center">(1) LEAVE CONTACT DETAILS FOR TRACK & TRACE (2) WEAR A MASK DURING MASS (3) HAND SANITISE WHERE NECESSARY (4) OBSERVE THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM IN THE CHURCH.</p> <p align="center">THANK-YOU</p>
SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2021	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - SOLEMNITY	10.00 AM - MASS	
MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER	<i>ST CECILIA</i>	NO PUBLIC MASS	
TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER	<i>FERIA</i>	10.00 AM - MASS	
WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER	<i>ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC AND COMPANIONS</i>	NO PUBLIC MASS	
THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER	<i>FERIA</i>	10.00 AM - MASS	
FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER	<i>FERIA</i>	NO PUBLIC MASS	
SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER	<i>FERIA</i>	5.30 PM - MASS	
SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2021	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.00 AM - MASS	

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER - DURING ORDINARY TIME (AUTUMN) WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY FOR: THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL; THE HARVEST; JUSTICE & PEACE IN THE WORLD; ALL VICTIMS OF WAR; STUDENTS & TEACHERS; PRISONERS & THEIR FAMILIES; YOUNG PEOPLE

CONFESSION: Fr Peter is available for confessions between 5 pm and 5.20 pm on Saturdays, just before the Vigil Mass.

ALTERNATIVE DONATION METHODS: St Mary's has a contactless card payment machine, or payments can be made using the link on the front page of the church website (<http://www.stmarysthetford.org/>) The minimum donation in either case is £1.

ST CECILIA (2nd century AD) is believed to be a noble lady of Rome who, with her husband Valerian, his brother Tiburtius, and a Roman soldier named Maximus, suffered martyrdom. St Cecilia was buried at the Catacombs of Rome, before being transferred to the Church of Santa Cecilia. She is one of seven women, excluding the Blessed Virgin, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass. She is the patroness of musicians.



ST ANDREW DÚNG-LAC (1795-1839) & COMPANIONS: St Andrew was a Vietnamese Roman Catholic priest who died a martyr's death for failing to renounce his beliefs. His feast day also celebrates all the Vietnamese Martyrs of the 17th to 19th centuries (1625–1886).



ST MARY'S ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary and Angelus are said in the **CHURCH GARDEN BETWEEN 11.30 AM & NOON ON MONDAYS**. **SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE OBSERVED WHILST THERE.** Those who are unable to attend, please join us in spirit knowing that others are saying the rosary at that time. If people wish for the rosary to be offered for a particular reason, please send your intentions to this email address: thetfordrosary@gmail.com. Any requests will be acknowledged. **MANY THANKS.**



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR B)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	HOW WORTHY IS THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN, TO RECEIVE POWER AND DIVINITY, AND WISDOM AND STRENGTH AND HONOUR. TO HIM BELONG GLORY AND POWER FOREVER AND EVER.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	THE LORD IS KING, WITH MAJESTY ENROBED
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! BLESSINGS ON HIM WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! BLESSINGS ON THE COMING KINGDOM OF OUR FATHER DAVID! ALLELUIA!
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	THE LORD SITS AS KING FOREVER. THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE.

READINGS **1ST READING: DANIEL 7: 13 – 14; 2ND READING: APOCALYPSE 1: 5 -8; GOSPEL: JOHN 18: 33 - 37**

- MUSIC FOR SUNDAY**
- **ENTRANCE HYMN (INTROIT):** 320 Hail, Redeemer, King divine!
 - **MASS OF CREATION:** Holy, holy, holy (490) Memorial Acclamation (491) Lamb of God (495)
 - **HYMN BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION:** 321 Crown Him with many crowns
- Note: Please collect a hymn book from the trolley as you enter and place it neatly on the shelf of the trolley by the wax sacristy door as you depart.*

IN MEMORIAM PLEASE PRAY FOR **ELLEN MCSTEA, MARGARET BRENNAN, DAVID TRAPPES-LOMAX, PHILOMENA SOMERVILLE AND PATRICK O'DOHERTY** WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

PRAY FOR THE SICK PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS AT THIS TIME: **PEGGY LLOYD, MADELINE TANNER, HENRIETTA CONNOLLY, MERVYN DAS, FATIMA ANJO, MARY MATTHEWS, WINNIE CLARKE, PATRICIA AND VITTORIO COCUCCIO, EILEEN MOLONEY, ANNE HOOD, EMMA WRIGHT, ANNE STANWICK, MARIE BARBER**

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