

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIS, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 20TH NOVEMBER 2022

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OUR LORD JESUS 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).

About a century ago, Pope Pius XI instituted the liturgical celebration of Christ the King to challenge the increasing secularism observed in everyday life by reminding all that Christ's Majesty superseded all earthly powers and dominions.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 the new started on 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 the Passion narrative of St Luke's Gospel (LUKE 23: 35 - 43) usually read on Palm Sunday (*in liturgical year C*). It focusses on the moment when people at the foot of the Cross, including the Roman soldiers, ridiculed Jesus for purportedly being the King of the Jews, and yet unable to save Himself as they expected, despite the many miracles He had performed for others. Unwittingly in their mockery they, by adorning His cross with the inscription 'This is the King of the Jews', revealed the profoundest of truths about Jesus, a truth recognised only by one person at that time, a wretched thief condemned to die beside Jesus. In that one moment the thief recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and by exulting Him despite his own predicament found his way to salvation. Jesus' offer of salvation to this penitent thief fully demonstrated His love for the sinners of this world, for even at this darkest moment of Jesus' life on earth, He continued His mission to bring hope and love to those who sought Him despite His suffering. Jesus came to bring the light of Truth into the world, a place previously darkened by ignorance and sin, and through His love, we can 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, SO THAT THEY MAY BE WELCOMED FULLY INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD THE FATHER. ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM

REMEMBRANCE TREE THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER

During November, parishioners are invited to write the names of family/friends who have passed away on a tag which will be hung from the **REMEMBRANCE TREE** in the Sanctuary. If you can't reach the tree, leave the tag at the back of the church and it will be hung up for you. For this year, this will replace the usual white box that is placed on the Altar.

RED WEDNESDAY – 23RD NOVEMBER

This Wednesday is **RED WEDNESDAY**, a day where we remember our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their Christian faith, and those of other faiths who suffer the same oppression, throughout the world. The evidence indicates that Christians suffer more – from harassment to murder – than any other faith group in more countries throughout the world. Most suffered in silence. On Wednesday we are asked wear something red, to pledge our prayers and action to 'break the silence' on this. Red Wednesday is organised in the UK by 'AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED', a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church: to read more go to <https://acnuk.org/about/>



A PRAYER FOR RED WEDNESDAY*

God our Father, on this Red Wednesday we offer our heartfelt prayers for the persecuted Church throughout the world. Confident in the saving blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death brought life to the world, we pray for all who profess the Name of Jesus the Nazarene and for all people of goodwill who suffer, even unto the blood of martyrdom, on account of violence, religious discrimination and intolerance on religious grounds. Amen.

(***ABRIDGED – WHOLE PRAYER AT [HTTPS://ACNUK.ORG/RESOURCE/REDWEDNESDAY-2022-PRAYER/](https://acnuk.org/resource/redwednesday-2022-prayer/)**)

FR PAT ON BBC RADIO NORFOLK: Fr Pat has just recorded an interview for the Sunday morning programme on Radio Norfolk. The show runs between 6 and 10 am but Fr Pat is uncertain when within that timeframe it will be aired. The programme will be available on the BBC website for a week or so <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0d9y8vn>

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

- **THE RETURN OF THE 8 AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY – 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** it has been agreed to reintroduce the 8 am Mass for a trial period during Advent and Christmas to assess if we should bring it back permanently in the New Year.
- **THERE ARE MASSES EACH WEEKDAY NEXT WEEK: ON MONDAY** there is a Requiem Mass for **ROSEMARY WAINE – may she rest in peace and rise in glory – at 11 am.** On **TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY** Masses will be celebrated at **9 am.** Masses on **THURSDAY AND FRIDAY** will be celebrated at **10 am.**
- **THERE IS NO CONFESSION ON SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER. THE SACRAMENT WILL RETURN NEXT SATURDAY (26TH) BETWEEN 10-10.30 AM**

THE ADVENT POSADA JOURNEY

The season of Advent begins next Sunday (27TH NOVEMBER). As part of the season Parishes within the Diocese re-enact this Posada journey: here a statue of Mary and Joseph and the donkey travels from home to home, staying a few nights in each. The Posada provides an opportunity for hospitality and a sharing of our Christian faith with family and friends. By hosting the statue, we can join this simple but effective form of evangelisation. Posters and a rota and some prayers to say together are available on the evangelisation page of the diocesan website at rcdea.org.uk. If you wish to participate this Advent, please let Fr Pat know.



FOODBANK COLLECTION: The Christmas Foodbank collection will take place at **TESCO'S ON THURSDAY 1ST, FRIDAY 2ND AND SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER, FROM 9AM AND 5PM.** If you can donate food on any of these days, please do so as the demand on the food bank is very high this year because of the financial crisis. **GOD BLESS YOU ALL. Julia Phypers**

ST MARY'S REPOSITORY is in the Sacristy and contains many items that can be purchased. It contains Christmas, Mass cards and occasion cards plus advent calendars and candles, year calendars and rosary beads. Also, there are small devotional booklets. Please see Mary Patrick or Fr Pat if you would like to purchase any of these items. Thank you.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER	<i>FERIA</i>	5.30 PM VIGIL MASS – JERRY HADLEY'S INTENTIONS
SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2022		10 AM HOLY MASS - DECEASED PARISHIONERS
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MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER	<i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	11 AM REQUIEM MASS FOR ROSEMARY WAINE
TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER	<i>ST CECILIA</i>	9 AM HOLY MASS - MICK AND BRENDA McDONALD +
WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER	FERIA (RED WEDNESDAY)	9 AM HOLY MASS
THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER	<i>ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS</i>	10 AM HOLY MASS - DAVID BIRKETT +
FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER	<i>FERIA</i>	10 AM HOLY MASS - MARY MCCALL +
SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER	<i>FERIA</i>	5.30 PM VIGIL MASS - POWER FAMILY DECEASED MEMBERS. +
SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2022		8 AM HOLY MASS - PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
		10 AM HOLY MASS - HENRIETTA CONNOLLY'S INTENTIONS

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: *there will no confessions this Saturday (19th November) as Fr Pat is required elsewhere. However, confessions will be available in the church next on Saturday morning from 10.00 am until 10.30 am.*

ST MARY'S ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary and Angelus are said in the **CHURCH GARDEN BETWEEN 11.30 AM & NOON ON MONDAYS.** Those unable to attend, please join us in spirit knowing others are saying the rosary at that time. If people wish for the rosary to be offered for a reason, send your intentions to: thetfordrosary@gmail.com. Requests will be acknowledged.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: tradition tells that Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, on being told they would have a child after years of being childless took their daughter to the Temple in Jerusalem to give thanks for her arrival. Other sources indicate Mary remained there to be prepared for her role as Mother of God. **ST CECILIA** (2nd century AD) was a noble Roman lady who, with her husband Valerian, his brother Tiburtius, and a Roman soldier named Maximus, suffered martyrdom. St Cecilia was buried in Rome's Catacombs 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 DUNG-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).

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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:	I REJOICED WHEN I HEARD THEM SAY: 'LET US GO TO GOD'S HOUSE'.
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: 2 SAMUEL 5: 1-3; 2ND READING: COLOSSIANS 1: 12 – 20; GOSPEL: LUKE 23: 35 - 43
MUSIC FOR SUNDAY	320 HAIL REDEEMER KING DIVINE, 532 GLORY TO GOD, 535 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, 598 O KING OF MIGHT & SPLENDOUR, 584 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, 585A MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION, 590 LAMB OF GOD, 325 CHRIST IS OUR KING LET THE WHOLE WORLD REJOICE

IN MEMORIAM PLEASE PRAY FOR **KATARZYNA SUCHANEK, ELLEN McSTEA, MARGARET BRENNAN, DAVID TRAPPES-LOMAX AND PHILOMENA SOMERVILLE** WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT NOW

PRAY FOR THE SICK PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS AT THIS TIME: **PEGGY LLOYD, MADELINE TANNER, HENRIETTA CONNOLLY, FATIMA ANJO, MARY MATTHEWS, WINNIE CLARKE, PATRICIA AND VITTORIO COCUCCIO, EILEEN MOLONEY, ANNE HOOD, EMMA WRIGHT, ANNE STANLEICK, MARIE BARBER, ALFRED ROITS, RAY MOLONEY. ALAN PEMBROKE & JOAN MACDOUGAL**

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