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Sunday 20th November - Christ The King (C)

9.30am Francis Rodricks RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Deceased members of the Moysey family

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 21st November

10.00am The Presentation of Our Lady

12.00noon The Sheridan, Horrocks and Martin families

Tuesday 22nd November Requiem Mass for David Norris RIP

10.00am St. Cecilia

Wednesday 23rd November Fr. Michael

12.00noon Feria in Ordinary Time

Thursday 24th November The Sheridan, Horrocks and Martin families

10.00am St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying

for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.

Friday 25th November Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am The Holy Souls

A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat

Saturday 26th November Our Lady

10.00am Fr. Rudolph McElroy RIP

Sunday 27th November - 1st Sunday of Advent (A)

9.30am Alcuin Peter Noronha RIP

11.30am The Holy Souls

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

CONFESSIONS - Sundays 9.00am - 9.20am. 4.30pm - 4.50pm
Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

THE ROSARY - The Rosary is recited daily in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Sundays - 4.00pm Rosary & Bendiction

Thursdays - Exposition following the 10.00am Mass, concluding with Benediction at 12noon

TEA AND COFFEE - There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass on Sundays and after Mass on Wednesdays

1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - The 1st Holy Communion programme continues next Saturday morning at 10.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - During the 9.30am Mass on Sundays

Today is the feast of Christ The King. In the middle of St Peter's square in Rome, there stands an obelisk. It is about four and half thousand years old and was brought to Rome by the Emperor Caligula from Egypt. It was set in the middle of Circus of Nero, where St. Peter's Square stands today. It is here that St Peter was martyred and the obelisk may well have been the last thing on this Earth that he saw. On top of the obelisk in ancient times there was a gold ball representing the sun, there now stands a cross and on the pedestal of the obelisk, there are two inscriptions. The first of them in Latin, "Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat", which translated means, Christ has conquered, Christ now rules, Christ now reigns supreme. The other inscription, "The Lion of Judah has conquered". So here we have the language of victory. Christianity has triumphed by the power of the cross and triumphed even over the greatest power that the ancient world had known, the Roman Empire and here in the middle of St Peter's square stands the obelisk bearing those triumphant inscriptions.



Today's great feast of "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

In today's Gospel, St. Luke is describing the death of Jesus on the cross. All four Evangelists tell us that when Jesus was crucified on Calvary there was an inscription written on the upper arm of the cross which said that he was "King of the Jews." To the disgust of the Jewish leaders he insisted on putting the title of the crucified criminal, "King of the Jews," over his cross. In doing this, Pilate was proclaiming to the world, that these vengeful leaders of the people had condemned the messianic King, for whom they had been waiting for centuries, to the shameful death of the cross. He was doing even more. He was proclaiming that the innocent one who hung on that cross was the "King of Kings" the King of this world and of the next.

Today let us renew our loyalty to Christ our King. We are privileged and proud to be his subjects. As members of his Church on earth we are as yet in the preparatory stage of that kingdom. If we do the little that he asks of us, during this period of preparation, we are assured of being full citizens in his eternal kingdom of happiness and peace.

NOTICE TO ALL USERS OF THE CAR PARK

Could people please take extra care not to mount the grass verges in the new car park – sadly already there is evidence of tyre tracks on the new grass verges.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL RECEPTION 2023

St Joseph's, our Catholic Primary School, is holding tours for the Reception 2023 intake on this coming Wednesday 23rd November at 2.00p.m. Please telephone the school office on 020 8546 7178 to book a place.

'A DAY WITH MARY'

There will be 'A Day With Mary' at the Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon next Saturday, 26th November. The day will begin at 10.45 and conclude at 5.45pm

ADVENT READING – 'MY DAY BY DAY'

Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent and copies of the Advent edition of 'My Day by Day' are available at the back of the Church, they cost £1.00 (Please put money in the box marked Newspapers.) This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during advent and is an excellent way to prepare for Christmas.

BRASS CLEANING

On Saturday the 3rd December at 12noon, there will be a church brass cleaning session in the Hall. If you can spare a hour or so to come along and give our brass candlesticks and other church items a polish, please come along.

'RED WEDNESDAY'

Aid to the Church in Need is again promoting #RedWednesday this coming Wednesday, 23rd November to highlight the persecution of Christians and all faiths, globally. ACN has issued a report, "Persecuted and Forgotten" detailing the situation in 24 countries because of the state repression and/or attacks from extremists; and in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. On the 23 November itself, the main #RedWednesday event will be held in the Greek Catholic Cathedral in London from 17:45 until 21:00. For more information, please go to <https://acnuk.org/>

2ND COLLECTION

Today there will be a 2nd Collection in aid of the 'Catholic Youth Service'.

CHRISTMAS SALE - BUY THEM EARLY AND SUPPORT THE PARISH

There are Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards, Cribs and other Christmas gifts for sale in the hall. All proceeds will go to Church funds.

THE TABLET

Christine Jackson has a selection of past editions of the 'Tablet'. If you would like them – free of Charge, please email her christine777@btinternet.com