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Solemnity of Christ the King

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SUNDAY REFLECTION:



CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

Kingdom rise and fall, rulers come and go, but Christ's kingship is eternal. Once again this week prophet Daniel does not communicate his message in clear words but with apocalyptic images as he did last Sunday. We need to read the whole of chapter 7 to fully understand the message. At the beginning of this chapter, Daniel saw in a dramatic night vision, the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea and beasts coming out of the sea: a lion (Babylon), a bear (Medes), a leopard (Persians), and the fourth beast terrifying and dreadful and exceptionally strong that devoured and crushed everything with its iron teeth (the kingdom of Alexander the Great

and his successors and among them was the wicked king Antiochus who persecuted the Jews who wanted to be faithful to God) Dn 7:17-27.

Like them we have seen the rise of many kingdoms who infringed on human rights, right of worship, who were tyrants and inflicted suffering and injustice on the poor and defenseless. They may have towered higher than the mountain and seemed invincible, but they fell. Daniel ended the vision as he offered a ray of hope: he saw thrones being set up and an old man (God) took his place to judge. The sentence was that all the beasts are deprived of their power and the last one is killed, destroyed. Today's reading begins from here; he saw the son of man, (now a man to rule with a human heart) to whom God entrusted all kingdoms. Jesus has established a new kingdom where the weak and the poor are no longer oppressed, but served. And his kingdom/empire will never be destroyed.

May all in leadership roles both in the church and in the world learn from Christ the King. May they bear witness to the truth and be friends of all who are on the side of truth.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: People who suffer from depression. We pray that people who suffer from depression or burnout will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Next weekend the second collection is for **The Catholic Youth Service**.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF HOLY SOULS: Forms are available at the back of the church for parishioners to list the names of deceased friends and family that they would like prayed for at a Mass in November. Please put the form in the envelope provided along with your donation.

TEA AND COFFEE ROTA: Can you help serve tea & coffee after the 10am Mass once every few months with a friend? Please sign up at <http://bit.do/soap-tea>, or for more info contact Ed Smith ednsmith@gmail.com / 07897194483

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARSTON AND NORTHWAY ADVENT STUDY GROUPS.

During four weekly sessions starting on **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25TH** the theme will be **"LONG EXPECTED"** based on Charles Wesley's hymn "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus".

To join the group meeting at 10.00am contact Ian Simpson on 078 6020 9998 or alternatively to join the group meeting at 7.30pm contact Val Stalton on 01865 246157.

BAPTISM: Diana will be baptised this Sunday at the 10:00am Mass. Please remember her in your prayers this week, along with her big sister Sophia and her parents Nina and Ricardo.

BREDA DWYER RIP: Breda's requiem is on Friday 26th November at 12 noon. May she rest in everlasting peace.

OXFORD PRO-LIFE SOCIAL EVENING: Tuesday 30th November. 7.30pm at the Britannia Inn, Headington (free parking!). A get-together for those in the Oxford area interested in doing a little drop of good for the pro-life cause in the melee of everyday life, together. No experience required and all ages welcome. For more info and to RSVP (optional but helpful), contact Ed Smith: ednsmith@gmail.com/07897194483.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS: The 10:00 am Mass next Sunday, 28th November 2021, will be offered for all those who have died, those we presented their names in the parish book of remembrance. Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

WALK WITH ME: Copies of the Advent edition of the Walk with Me daily reflections and prayers are now available. Please take a copy and make a donation of £1.

CHURCH VENTILATION: The side door of the church will continue to be opened during Mass in order to achieve adequate ventilation. With the weather getting colder, please dress warmly, especially if you sit near the side exit, because heating the church is not only a big expense for the parish but using gas unnecessarily is contrary to the green ethos of the Catholic Church.

Last Sunday Offering Collection:

Loose Collection	£352.39
Gift Aid Envelopes	£25.00
Card Reader Machine collection	£100.00
Online giving via website	£10.00
Total	£487.39
Votive candles	£53.53

Last Sunday second Collection for The Johnson association :

Loose Collection	£163.95
Gift Aid Envelopes	£12.00
Card Reader Machine collection	£35.00
Total	£210.95

SANCTUARY LIGHT OFFERINGS: A reminder that an offering can be made for the sanctuary light to be dedicated to your intention for a week, which would be noted in the bulletin. Forms are available at the back of church.

COVID REGULATIONS: Following the lifting of certain regulations on July 19th the Bishop's Conference has issued guidelines for Catholic churches. Although some regulations will be lifted, care must be taken to ensure that churches continue to be places where people feel safe to gather to worship.

The full guidance can be viewed via the following link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/covid-guidance-collective-worship/>

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass **remains suspended** until the First Sunday in Advent, and we will continue to stream the Mass on YouTube

TIMETABLE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD.

- Masses are public and live-streamed at the times below.
- Private prayer with **exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 5:45 – 6:15 pm on Saturday
- **Confessions** can be arranged by appointment or between 5:45 – 6:15 pm on Saturday.
- **The rosary** will be recited after the 9:00am Mass if numbers allow and will be live streamed.

Date	Time	Day	Intention
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Saturday 20 th November	9:00 am	Feria in Ordinary time	Donor's intention*
	6:30 pm	Vigil Mass	Brendan McNally RIP*
Sunday 21 st November	8:30 am	Solemnity of Christ the King	Birthday thanksgiving for Ronel Ciocson *
	10:00 am		People of the Parish
Monday 22 nd November	9:00 am	St Cecilia	Donor's intention*
	6:30pm		John and Edna Doory's intention*
Tuesday 23 rd November	9:00 am	Feria in ordinary time	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary*
	6.30pm		Thanksgiving for Fafa's birthday*
Wednesday 24 th November	9:00 am	St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions	Mrs Ann Ashfield RIP*
	6:30 pm		Pierce*
Thursday 25 ^h November	9:00 am	Feria in ordinary time	La's deceased relatives in Vietnam*
	6:30 pm		Donor's intention*
Friday 26 ^h November	9:00 am	Feria in ordinary time	Mary Untier of Knots. Thanksgiving*
	12 noon	Requiem Mass for Breda Dwyer	Breda Dwyer RIP
	6:30 pm		Patrick Kelly Intention*
Saturday 27 th November	9:00 am	Feria in ordinary Time.	Canon David Oakley's intention*
	6:30 pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 th November	08:30 am	First Sunday in Advent	Donor's intention*
	10:00am		For all those who have died and whose names are in the parish book of remembrance

Coronavirus matters:

Latest guidance from the Catholic Bishop's Conference (as of 19th July 2021).

In summary:

- Hand sanitising and face coverings are still strongly recommended in church.
- The individual desire for social distancing still needs to be respected (see below).
- Holy water fonts are to remain unfilled.
- The sign of peace remains suspended and Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind, and it is recommended that it is received in the hand.
- The church will be open for private prayer from Monday 26th July.
- Votive candles will be available to light (30p per candle).
- The offertory collection is to be resumed (with the bags on poles to minimize handling), but online and contactless giving is encouraged.
- Congregational singing is to be reintroduced. **Those who want to join in with the singing should wear a mask at this time.**
- Stewards should no longer be necessary, but we would hope that people would continue to exercise good responsible behaviour especially when moving to receive Holy Communion and should avoid getting too close to each other.
- The one way system will no longer be enforced

Those who wish to socially distance will be allowed to do so.

St Anthony's will accommodate this by designating the Lady Chapel as an area where 1m+ social distancing will be maintained. We suggest that parishioners who want to use this facility enter and leave the church by the side door.

Mass intentions or the names of those for whom you would like us to pray should be sent to the Parish Office address by email or phone (01865 762964 or 07484 271876) by 10am Sunday one full week in advance for guaranteed inclusion.

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the parish: Fr John Baggley, Pat Hodgson, Elizabeth Johnson, Frank and Helen Kennedy, Margaret Wipp, Maureen O'Sullivan, and Gordon Robson.

Please pray for those who have recently died: Breda Dwyer, Moira Redfern, and Michael Bishop

Also pray for those whose anniversaries occur in November: Patricia Kirwan, Brendan McNally, Mary Murphy, and Margaret Denning.

Memorial list: If you would like a deceased family member or friend to be remembered in the bulletin during the month of the anniversary of their death please email their name and date of death (day and month) to stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

Please contact the Parish Office with the names of those to be included whose deaths occurred in the month of November.

Food bank donations can now be brought to church at either of the public weekend Masses and placed in the box at the back of church. Any non-perishable goods are welcome, especially tea, coffee, sugar, pasta, rice and tinned vegetables and fruit. The pandemic continues to have an impact on the financial situation of many people so please give generously.

Thank you from Jane Benyon at the Community Emergency Food Bank:

At the beginning of the pandemic, we had to close our three collection points at St Francis Church, Hollow Way, Barton Community Church, and Littlemore Baptist Church. We then opened again, providing a delivery service to the homes of all those who have been referred to us by our many referring agencies. The criteria of who received our food remained the same; we provide food parcels for those in need of emergency help.

There was a huge rise in numbers needing our help during this period, mainly due to the Covid 19 epidemic and the subsequent financial difficulties so many people found themselves in. The number of people being referred to us being higher than in previous years. but our new delivery service coped well with this increase.

The problem with providing a delivery service was that we had no contact with those in need of our help as we were providing a Tesco's style service. We were, therefore, delighted to be able to return to our CEF cafés at St Francis Church, Barton and Littlemore in August and meet people again and support them in other ways as well as with food.

On-line prayer and faith resources. A range of resources is given on our parish website stanthonyofpadua.org.uk/resources/.

Keeping in touch. We send a weekly *Bulletin* by email: please let us know if you would like to join our email list and forward the bulletin to anybody who may be interested. We have a *WhatsApp* group. Let Shalini Lalvani know (via the parish email address) if you would like to join, and follow us on Facebook

“Thank you”

.... To Fr Mark for the poignant service of Remembrance last weekend,
.... and to Manus and the music group for making Michael Bishop's requiem so beautiful.

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Ashna Sebastian	Jane Kennett
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Georges Yindom	Jimmy Antony
10:00 am	Alex Thankachan	Philip Mountford
Vigil collectors	Jane and Mary	Jane and Mary
<u>Sunday collectors:</u> 8:30 am	Hilary	Hilary and Mary
10:00 am	Mary and Eugene	Mary and Eugene
Intercessions	Grey book	Grey book
Altar flowers	Lidia Molinska	No flowers in Advent
Tea and coffee after Sunday mass	Jenny and Geoff	Mary G

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Watch this space.

