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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Recent events in Paris and the developing dangers across Europe are shocking and unsettling. We may well ask 'what has given rise to this?' In the aftermath of terrorist atrocities, our leaders tell us that our 'core values' have been attacked. But what are these 'core values'? The prevailing mind-set in Europe is that it is fine for individuals to believe and act as they please, and that it is inappropriate to assert that some ways of thinking, believing and acting are objectively evil. But if our society's core belief is that there are no right and wrong ways to think and act – and all is opinion – then anything can be justified, including abortion and assisted suicide.

This is unacceptable for Christians. Today is the feast of Christ the King, established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI to remind the world of the sovereignty of Christ over all dimensions of life: private and public. Back then, the Pope said, 'the many evils in the world are due to the fact that the majority of people have thrust Jesus Christ and His holy law out of their lives,' and, 'as long as individuals and states refuse to submit to the rule of Christ, there is no really hopeful prospect of lasting peace.' 90 years on, these words remain true.

The question of truth, 'What is truth?' is a crucial one for the future of Europe. It is the question Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, after our Lord said He had come into the world to bear witness to the truth, that all who are on the side of truth listen to His voice, and elsewhere that He is 'the way, the truth and the life'.

God has created us with the gift of reason, and has given us conscience so that we can discover and know the truth, and free will so that we can respond to it correctly.

The history of our continent is built upon a certain understanding of God and of the human person, emerging from its Catholic heritage. The one God is a Trinity of Persons, with whom we are called into relationship. Man is created in the image of God, and has inherent dignity, though living in a fallen state. Christ, the second Person of the Trinity came into the world to save us by dying in love for us, and to show and teach us the values of His Kingdom – which are mercy, justice and peace, emanating from our relationship with Him. The other faiths and the secular values of this world all reject these truths to some degree, and do not have the power to save us.

With the abandonment of Christ, Europe has grown weak, and the forces of atheism and Islam have entered this void. It is crucial at this point that we take a stand for our Catholic faith, that we use our ability to reason to assert the Kingship and superiority of Christ and His way. As the first reading tells us, Christ is sovereign over all, and one day, everyone – Buddhist, Christian, Jew, Muslim, Atheist, etc. will bend the knee and acknowledge His kingship.

To Him be glory and power, forever and ever!

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 7th December at 7.30pm.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

PARISH BAZAAR: The parish bazaar will take place this coming week, on Friday 27th November 7-9pm and Saturday 28th November (11-4pm) If you have any more donations of good quality items, please leave them in the Church foyer. If you have any unsold raffle tickets, please try to sell them before the event and return the counterfoils and money to the presbytery. Above all, please come along to the Bazaar! We look forward to seeing you there and thanks for all your support.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ON RETREAT: This weekend our Confirmation candidates are on retreat at Walsingham House on Canvey Island, as part of their preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation next May. Please keep the 32 young people and their families in your prayers.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY: This Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, is the day when the Church across England and Wales particularly celebrates young people. The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service and Walsingham House are a key part of our support for young people within the Diocese, and there is a second collection this weekend to help their work.

NOVEMBER: PRAYER AND MASS FOR THE DECEASED During the month of November we pray especially for our deceased loved ones. There will be sheets in the Church porch on which you can write the names of your deceased family members and friends, and place these in the purple box in front of the Altar. Please do not put any money in this box.

FIRST COMMUNION: The next session of the First Communion programme will take place on Saturday 5th December at 10am. The children meet in the Parish Hall, and the parents will as usual meet in the Lower Site of OLSG Primary School.

RCIA (BECOMING A CATHOLIC): The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group meets on Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Church meeting room. This group is for people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and exploring the possibility of entering the Church – or for adults who may have been baptised but never received First Communion or Confirmation. For more information speak to one of the priests.

NEW CD FOR AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Our parishioner Kristina Coeur-de-Lion has recorded a new CD called *Be Still*, priced at £7. All proceeds will go to Aid to the Church in Need. The CD will be available at the Parish Bazaar, and also in the Repository. For more information visit www.jesushopeinmyheart.com

WALK WITH ME ADVENT BOOKLETS: Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. The Walk With Me booklets are a good way to prepare spiritually for this season. They are available in the repository priced at £1.

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH: This year's Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch (organized by the SVP St George's Conference) will take place on Sunday 13th December at 3pm in the Lower Site of Our Lady & St George School. Further details and a sign up list for those who would like to attend are on the noticeboard in the porch. We would like to thank parishioners who donated towards the second collection last weekend; £622 was raised which will go towards this lunch, and supporting people over the Christmas period.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting of the Finance Committee is Monday 23rd November at 8pm.

RECEPTION INTAKE, OUR LADY & ST GEORGE SCHOOL: If your child was born between 1.9.11 and 31.8.12 they are due to start school in September 2016. To apply to OLSG School, you will need to complete the common application form available at www.eadmissions.org.uk and return to Waltham Forest Admissions by 15th Jan 2016. You will also need to complete the Supplementary Information Form, available from www.olsgweb.org, which needs to be returned to the Lower Site School office by 15th Jan 2016. For more information contact Mrs Moloney on 0208 520 8500.

SIGNING OF PRIMARY SCHOOL FORMS: Fr Maurice will be available to sign primary school application forms by appointment, or after Masses on Sundays.

PARISH PILGRIMAGES: An evening out has been arranged for all those who travelled to Assisi on parish pilgrimage, at Adriatico Restaurant, 423 High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0XG, on **Friday 11th December @ 7.30pm**. Please note the deadline date for deposits for **Pilgrimage to Knock 2016** is December 18th. Further details contact Stella 0208 527 3879.

UNWANTED LAPTOPS: Unwanted laptops in good working order urgently needed to help unaccompanied minors who are seeking asylum in the UK improve their English and maths. Small local charity would love your help. Please contact Kevin Perkins on 07733 373 790.

DIOCESAN ADVENT CELEBRATION: You are invited to join with other members of the Diocese of Brentwood in celebrating the Inauguration of the Season of Advent, the beginning of the Church's liturgical year, on Sunday 29th November at 4pm in Brentwood Cathedral, Ingrave Road, CM15 8AT. Bishop Alan Williams will preside over the event, which incorporates traditional Advent hymns and carols led by the Brentwood Cathedral Choir, and the Lucernarium, the lighting of the first candle on the Advent wreath.

MASS TO OPEN EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: Bishop Alan will celebrate a Mass opening the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis, on Tuesday 8th December at 7pm in Brentwood Cathedral, Ingrave Road, CM15 8AT.

SICK CALLS TO HOSPITAL: In light of strict data protection rules it is important that on entering hospital you tell the nurses that your details or those of your relatives be passed to the Catholic chaplain, if you wish to be visited. We visit the wards during the week and also provide a 24-hour on-call service in case of emergency.

RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Bernard Finney whose funeral will take place at the City of London Crematorium on Thursday 26th November at 11.30am

May he rest in peace.

ROTAS – NOVEMBER

Hospital	1/11 A	8/11 B	15/11 D	22/11 A	29/11 B
Counting	1/11 D	8/11 C	15/11 F	22/11 B	29/11 E
Christian Kitchen	7/11 Nor1	14/11 C	21/11 Nor2	28/11 D	

The offertory collection for 14th/15th Nov was £1304.48
Many thanks for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George this week

6.00pm	Tim Campbell (RIP)
Sun 22 nd Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (Solemnity) (B)
8.30am	Laurence, Victor, Unice & Margaret Egenti (Ints)
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Veronica John-Baptiste (RIP)
Mon 23 rd Nov	Feria
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Benedict D'Souza (RIP)
Tue 24 th Nov	St Andrew Dung Lac (Priest) and Companions (Martyrs)
7.00am	Isabel Noronha (RIP)
9.15am	Tim Campbell (RIP)
Wed 25 th Nov	Feria
7.00am	Lazaro De Souza (RIP)
9.15am	Lazaro De Souza (RIP)
Thu 26 th Nov	Feria
7.00am	Carmen De Souza (RIP)
9.15am	Veronica John-Baptiste (RIP)
Fri 27 th Nov	Feria
7.00am	John D'Souza (RIP)
9.15am	Cyrene D'Souza (RIP)
Sat 28 th Nov	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10.00am	Esther Mitchell (Ints)
6.00pm	Veronica John-Baptiste (RIP)
Sun 29 th Nov	First Sunday of Advent (Year C)
8.30am	Deceased members of R&S Rodrigues' family
10.00am	Parish
12.00pm	Joseph & Cynthia Moise (Thanksgiving)

We pray for those in our parish community who are ill:

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr & Mrs Charles, Maureen Bee, Denis Collins, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Angelina Hoareau, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Masangela Tardioli, Alix Charlery, Natalie Rosario, Ronald Rolle. Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati. Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Mary and Anthony O'Boyle, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Margaret Perry, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George & Issac, Luis & Lukas, Anne Hutton, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Colin Nye, Padraig Hester.

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

Weekdays after morning Mass

Mon – Fri: 7.30am-8.30am and at the following times:

Mon: 10.00am – 7.00pm Weds: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Fri: 9.45am – 10.45am, Sat: 10.30am-11.30am

Sat. 10.30am – 11.00am. 5.00pm – 5.30pm. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request; please call at the house.