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23rd November 2014

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

Pope Pius XI instituted the Solemnity that we celebrate today, the Solemnity of Christ the King, in 1925, to be observed on the last Sunday of the Church's year. On this Sunday, he instructed the bishops and priests to preach to the people in every parish in the world the meaning and importance of the Kingship of Christ. We are to consider how to order our lives so as to be faithful and obedient to Christ. There is no aspect of our lives that is not subject to His reign.

When Pope Pius XI occupied the Chair of Peter, the First World War had recently ended, and the forces of communism and extreme nationalism were growing and beginning to dominate society. Hostility was growing against the Church, and societies that had once been strongly Christian were being incited to reject God and see the state as supreme. In our times, there is little evidence of Christ reigning in society, with attacks on life and the family, a decline in moral standards, even confusion and scandal within the Church. Added to this, there is right now an escalating persecution of Christians and others throughout the Islamic world, and growing fears for the safety of our own country.

Pius XI said that the manifold evils in the world are due to the fact that the majority of men and women have thrust Jesus Christ and His holy law out of their lives. The pope was saying that if Christ is sovereign over our lives and His will guides our decisions, then, and only then, will there be a prospect for lasting peace. All of the readings today speak of our Lord's sovereignty. The First Reading from Ezekiel foretells His coming as king, describing Him as the Good Shepherd, compared to the corrupt earthly leaders of the time, who have failed in their duty to look after the people. They feathered their own nests without regard for those for whom they had responsibility.

By contrast, the Gospel tells us what defines Christ's Kingdom. His is a Kingdom of love, in which all of the members are concerned for the welfare of others. A Kingdom where the hungry are fed, the thirsty are given to drink, the stranger welcomed, the naked clothed, the sick and imprisoned visited. Ultimately, as Jesus said, His Kingdom is not of this world. But to the degree that we live up to the requirements of His rule, it is being established now. In the Our Father we pray, 'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.' Our obedience to the Lord will determine how we are judged, when Christ sits on His throne, as St Paul describes.

In this time of great uncertainty, the solution for society's ills is for each one of us to really strive for personal holiness. Now is the time to put aside all that is dark within us, and submit our wills and minds to the Lord. Society will not change until we do, as individuals. The only thing we can change is ourselves, with God's help.

In our faith there is a long tradition of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Many of you will have pictures in your homes of the Sacred Heart, depicting our Lord with a crown of thorns around His heart, which is enflamed with love. Associated with this picture is a prayer of consecration to the Sacred Heart, which summarises the meaning of today's feast. It says, 'Lord Jesus Christ, by the burning love of your Sacred Heart, you desire to rule over Christian families. In order to please you, we proclaim your full sovereignty over our family, and all of its members.' On this day, the last Sunday of the Church's year, let us renew our allegiance to the Divine Kingship of Christ.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

PRAYER FOR HOLY SOULS: November is the month dedicated to prayer for the deceased. You can write down the names of your deceased loved ones and place them in the purple box in the Church. We will pray for them during this month. Please do not put any money in the box.

PARISH BAZAAR: The Bazaar is next week. Thank you so much for all your support thus far. This week we need donations of stationery, games and toys, CDs, DVDs and bottles (including wines and spirits), toiletries and bric-a-brac. There are posters available this weekend, which you can display in your window to promote the event. Above all, please come along for the Bazaar itself, which takes place on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th November.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Were you baptised Catholic but never made your First Communion? Or were you never Confirmed? Baptised as a non-Catholic Christian? Never baptised at all? Are you interested in becoming Catholic? If you answered yes to any of these and are over 16 years of age, the RCIA programme is for you. Sessions take place on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm in the Church meeting room. Please tell any friends or relatives who may be interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith.

FIRST COMMUNION: The next session for the First Communion programme will take place on 13th December at 10am.

CONFIRMATION: The next session for the Confirmation programme is this Sunday 23rd December at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Candidates are reminded to come on time. Thanks.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: For all those who were commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion earlier this year, Sr. Anne Marie is running a follow up evening on Tuesday 25th November at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

FLOWER ARRANGERS: The Flower Team needs new members to help and support the team in preparing and/or maintaining the flowers in the church. Commitment, dedication and a love of flowers are all that is required. Not all the activities involved flower arranging but if required training would be given. If interested or if you require more information please contact Tessie 07553834737, Pam 07956153074 or Edna 07740735097.

ADVENT VIGIL: The Walthamstow Ordinariate Mission, in conjunction with the parish of St John the Baptist, Ilford, warmly invite you to join with them for their Advent Vigil – on Saturday 29th November at 7.30pm at the Church of St John the Baptist, Wanstead Park Road, IG1 3TS. This beautiful devotion from the Ordinariate Use includes readings, hymns and Eucharistic adoration / benediction.

PARISH ASSISI PILGRIMAGE: There will be a pilgrimage to Assisi in honour of St Francis, 22nd-27th September 2015 - £719, 6 days H/B. Deadline for receipt of deposits is 5th January 2015. This is a very popular destination so book now to avoid disappointment. For more information contact Stella on 0208 527 3879.

PADUA PILGRIMAGE GET-TOGETHER: An evening out has been arranged for all those who travelled to Padua, Italy, on Wednesday 26th November at 7.30pm at EAT17 restaurant, 28-30 Orford Road, Walthamstow E17.

OLSG SCHOOL: RECEPTION INTAKE: If your child was born between **01.09.2010** and **31.08.2011**, the Waltham Forest Primary Brochure containing criteria for all schools and information on how to apply is now available. For more information please contact the school on 0208 520 8500.

OLSG NURSERY INTAKE: Children born between 01.09.2011 and 31.08.2012
Parents wishing to apply for a nursery place for September 2015 should contact the school on 0208 520 5800.

GIFT AID: Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows the parish to reclaim tax on all donations made by UK taxpayers, at no cost to you. If you are not currently enrolled in the Gift Aid scheme, please pick up a Gift Aid form from the back of the Church or for further information, please contact Hana on 07939 485957. This provides much-needed additional income for the upkeep of the Church and support of our schools.

IN CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP ALAN: – an evening for young adults aged 17-35, with a unique opportunity to hear Bishop Alan share his vocational journey. Bishop Alan has served as a school chaplain, uni chaplain, parish priest, shrine director and superior of his religious order. He is a mountaineer and a scientist. But what inspired him to become a priest? Hear his story on Thursday 18th December, Cathedral House Conference Room, 7.30-10.00pm including fish & chip supper. Full details at www.brentwoodvocations.org or on the Brentwood Vocations Facebook Page. The evening is free, but registration is required – call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, on 01268 281732 or email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH BISHOP ALAN – SUMMER 2015: Bishop Alan will lead the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Sunday 26th to Friday 31st July 2015. From £649 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £429 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There is a full programme to opt in and out of, and everyone is welcome. Visit www.brentwoodlourdes.org for much more information and to order a brochure, or pick up a leaflet from the porch.

RIP

The Requiem Mass of Elaine Francis will take place on Tuesday 25th November at 1pm.

The family has asked for privacy during this sad time. There will be a guard of honour composed of pupils and teachers from the primary and secondary schools, as the cortege passes by the schools on Shernhall Street at approximately 12.15pm.

Parents are invited to assemble by the school.

There will be a Memorial Mass, for the whole school and parish, in memory of Elaine, on Tuesday 27th January 2015 at 10.30am in the Church

May she rest in peace.

ROTAS – NOVEMBER

Counting	2/11 E	9/11 C	16/11 B	23/11 D	30/11 E
Hospital	2/11 B	9/11 D	16/11 A	23/11 B	30/11 D
Christian Kitchen	1/11 Nor	8/11 F	15/11 G	22/11 A	29/11 B

The offertory collection for last weekend's Masses was £1414.67
Thank you for your generosity.

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

6.00pm	Natalie Rosario (Ints)
Sun 23 rd Nov	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King</i>
8.30am	Deceased Relatives of R&S Rodrigues
10.00am	Deceased Relatives of Emiljana Paloci
12.00pm	Juilian Arcillas Snr. (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 24 th Nov	<i>St Andrew Dung Lac</i>
7.00am	John Moorehead (RIP)
9.15am	Armando Garabito Arroyo (Ints)
Tue 25 th Nov	<i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>
7.00am	Elaine Francis (RIP)
9.15am	Kathy Ogles (Ints)
Wed 26 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Elaine Francis (RIP)
9.15am	Cynthia Moise (Thanksgiving)
Thu 27 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Auden & Ann Marie Puzon (Wedding Anniversary)
9:15am	Elaine Francis (RIP)
Fri 28 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Esther Mitchell (Ints)
9.15am	John & Josephine Hayden (RIP)
Sat 29 th Nov	<i>Feria</i>
10.00am	Pascal Hayden (RIP)
6.00pm	John Allcock (RIP)
Sun 30 th Nov	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
8.30am	Magdalene Correa
10.00am	Roslyn McGuire (RIP)
12.00pm	Joseph & Cynthia Moise (Thanksgiving)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>

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, Gilda Baptiste, Margaret Messenger, 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, Boyce Chandasingh

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 (Or on request)