

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Charity Number: 234092

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(21/11/2021)

Dear Parishioners,

'Are you the king of the Jews' It seemed a straightforward enough question. But was it really a question at all? How could He possibly be a King? A King in Pilate's book had authority and influence, a leader with power and control. This man had nothing at all to outward appearances. Surely, He could not be any threat to the Roman Emperor and that was what mattered to Pilate. The Gospel puts a challenging question to each of us as does the world around us today. 'Are you really a follower of Jesus, the Royal Pretender? To all outward appearances, we seem to be genuine article gathered here for Eucharist today. But is being here at the Eucharist what makes me or any of us a genuine follower and disciple of Jesus? What did Jesus claim made him King? He was sent by the Father to be a witness to the truth. The truth was and is that each of us is a beloved child of God, enabled to live our lives in service to one another and to the whole human family.

An integral part of this service is to respect and protect God's creation and to share its bountiful gifts fairly and justly with each other and especially the less fortunate. To ensure that this happens, followers of Jesus are empowered by the grace of the Holy Spirit to be leaders (locally and globally) in building up the Kingdom of God wherever life takes us.

For Jesus, this witness of service flourished under His personal touch, not merely at arm's length. Such service is only given at great cost to those who give it. It cost Jesus, our King, His life. Am I like Pilate, even afraid to glimpse what Jesus did and in turn asks of us? Am I intimidated by Calvary or inspired by it?

In prayer, we ask the Spirit to lead us in courageous witness that blossoms in justice, peace, happiness through love.

Have a Blessed Week.

Canon Miall

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MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to the priests for more information.

Baptism Ceremonies: Second and Third Sunday of each month at 1.15pm. The next Baptism preparation course will be on Monday 29th November 6:30pm in the Church.

November is the month when we pray especially for our Holy Souls ,all our Faithful Departed. A list is available for you to write the names of your deceased family members and friends Please use the envelope provided and include your donation with your list. More than 40 Masses will be celebrated throughout the month for the November Dead Lists. Place the envelope in the collection basket on your way out of Mass or drop it through the presbytery mail box.

Reception Admission- September 2022*

Our Lady & St George's Catholic Primary School is hosting a series of open days as follows Tuesday mornings from 7:30am - 9am from 12th October until 14th December 2021. Tuesday evenings from 5:30pm -7pm from 12th October until 14th December 2021. We will also offer a visit during the half term on Tuesday 26th October from 10am-11am or 2pm-3pm. Saturday 6th November 9:30am - 10:30am Saturday 20th November 9:30am - 10:30am To book, please email the school at office@olsgschool.org or call the school office on 020 8520 8500. If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, they are due to start school in September 2022, you will need to apply for a school place for your child. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2022.

The new Mass Intention Book for 2022 has arrived. Any parishioner who wishes to book a Mass for a particular date and time in 2022 can do so now.

Red Wednesday: The persecution of Christians and other people of faith is unacceptable. Aid to the Church in Need has designated Wednesday 24th of November 2021 for all Catholics to wear the colour red in solidarity for the persecuted church. It is planned that the floodlights will turn red on the evening to shine on the church.

The Brentwood Diocesan Directory for 2022 will feature on the front cover a photograph of the Madonna and Child from the parish church. Ring bound priced at £4 and soft cover at £2.80p. Extra copies have been ordered and will be available from early September in the repository

There are a limited number of copies of My Day by Day for Advent 2021. These are for sale in the repository at £2.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) and Walsingham House at Abbotswick offer retreats, pilgrimages and many other events for many thousands of young people every year; most of the work is led by volunteers, trained as young leaders in the Church. The BCYS also supports our catechists and school lay chaplains. Today a speaker will tell us more about the BCYS and there will be a collection for their vital work as you leave mass this weekend, or you can donate online at www.bcys.net/donate.

Many of you will remember the beautiful handmade chasuble donated to the parish by Maria Waltras in Poland. Recently she asked for the dimensions of the altar. These I posted to her. A large parcel arrived with the following....a beautiful altar cloth, 2 candle holders, a crucifix, numerous purificators, burses, palls of different colours and corporals. All these items are handmade by Maria.....and chocolate. Masses will be offered for this generous soul and good use will be made of the linen clothes.

Session 2 (Chapter 3) of the Parish Holy Communion preparation programme will be on Saturday 27th November 11:30 - 12:30.

Dates for your diary:

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service: 7pm Thursday 16th December.

Parish Advent Carol Service: Sunday 19th December 2021 in the Church.

Christmas Mass times:

Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December 6pm, 8pm and midnight.

Christmas Day: 8:30 AM, 10AM and 12 Noon

Please note: No 6PM Mass on 25th December.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George (21/11 to 28/11/2021)

06:00pm	November Dead List
Sun 21 Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
08:30am	Thomas McGoldrick (Rest in Peace) (Mary Murphy)
10:00am	Quy Tran Ngot Pham (Hoa andThuyet)
12:00noon	November Dead List
Mon 22 Nov	Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
09:15 am	Ted Sands (Rest in Peace) (Chris)
06:00 pm	November Dead List
Tue 23 Nov	Saint Clement, Pope and Martyr
09:15am	November Dead List
06:00pm	November Dead List
Wed 24 Nov	Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Matyrs
09:15am	November Dead List
06:00 pm	Holy Souls (Betty)
Thu 25 Nov	November Dead List
09:15am	November Dead List
06:00pm	November Dead List
Fri 26 Nov	Feria
09:15 am	November Dead List
06:00pm	November Dead List
Sat 27 Nov	Feria
10:00am	November Dead List
06:00pm	November Dead List
Sun 28 Nov	First Sunday of Advent
08:30	Thomas and Agnes Okite (Rest in Peace) (Sr Genetrix)
10:00am	Margaret Hicks (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12:00	Choi-Yee (Rest in Peace) (Ping)

Prayer List

Jenny Richmond, Betty Ramsey, Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Lucia Zeppetelli (Mario) , Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Alma Willox, William Wyndham, Liberee, Maria Green, Anne (Christina), Agnes Fadina, Grace, Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris and Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Peggy McManus, Rosie Ebreo

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions: Every Saturday after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 11:15 am. **Repository Opening Times:** Sundays: 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. to 12.15 a.m. Nelly and Rosie look after the Repository.