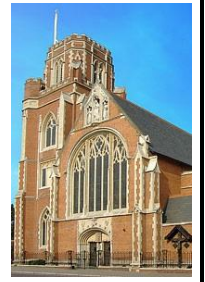


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Feast of Christ the King

26th November 2017

Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me

Mass Times

- 25th Sat Feria**
9.30 *Michael Lamb +*
17.30 (Vigil Mass) *Nicholas Lewis +*
- 26th Sun Christ King of the Universe**
10.00 *Brendan McCormack + (Anniv)*
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 27th Mon Feria**
9.30 *Marcella Devlin + (Anniv)*
- 28th Tue Feria**
9.30 *Deceased Clergy who served in St. Thomas à Becket Parish*
- 29th Wed Feria**
9.30
17.00 Reception of the Body of Tess Keaney
- 30th Thu St Andrew**
11.00 Requiem Mass for Tess Keaney
- 1st Fri Feria**
9.30 *Deceased Members of St Thomas à Beckett Parish Council*
15.45 Winter Sounds Concert
- 2nd Sat Feria**
9.30 *Michael Lamb +*
17.30 (Vigil Mass) *Noel & Carmel Murray +*
- 3rd Sun First Sunday of Advent**
10.00 *James Monahan +*
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

Sunday Readings: Year A **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

This Sunday's Readings: Page 158 in Mass Book

Cycle of Prayer Autumn: The Harvest, Fruits of Human Work, Reverent Use of Creation, Students & Teachers, Spread of the Gospel, Justice & Peace, Prisoners & their Families, Victims of War, Young People

Next Week's Liturgy Group: John

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Feast of Christ the King

We come to the end of the liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King. This is appropriate since it is on Christ that everything in the liturgy is focussed.

In the scripture readings we hear about the Last Judgement; this too is apt since coming to the end of the liturgical year is a reminder that there will be an end to time itself.

It may seem like an idea from a science fiction novel but we need to remember that time itself is also part of God's creation. We are so totally immersed in time that we find it hard to understand that it too is a created thing and that God himself lives completely outside time.

We find the concept of everlasting life in heaven also rather difficult to comprehend. When we think about it we find ourselves trying to imagine day after day without them ever coming to an end. But when we think like this we must understand that we are still using the concept of time even though we know that heaven is actually outside time.

In heaven there is no today or tomorrow; it is an eternal now. This concept is very hard for us to understand because here on earth we are completely contained within time and cannot think of existing outside it.

The important thing to realise is that Christ is indeed the King of the entire Universe and that when we die and hopefully go to heaven we are taken up into him. He is in charge of every single thing in the created order including time itself.

Father Alex

Young Adults

Wine and Cheese Party for young adults in our parish on Thursday 30th November at 19.00 in the Corry Hall. If you are over eighteen and consider yourself a young adult please come along for a convivial evening.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion classes start today after the 10.00 mass in the Priest's House. Parents should accompany children. Classes will continue on 3rd & 10th December and restart in the New Year.

**He is indeed a king
who knows how to rule himself**

Funeral of Tess Keaney

Reception of the Body 17.00 Wednesday 29th November, Requiem Mass 11.00 Thursday 30th. May she rest in peace.

Winter Sounds Concert

St Joseph's School will be holding a Concert in the Church on Friday 1st December at 15.45. All welcome. Adults £5/£3, Under 12 free. Proceeds towards the provision of music in the School.

Confirmation

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2018. Would those in Year 9 or above who wish to be Confirmed complete the form at the back of the Church.

Advent Reflection

Judy Carlisle will lead an Advent Reflection after 9.30 mass on Wednesday 6th December. All welcome. It should last about an hour, with refreshments.

Parish Christmas Dinner

Our Parish Christmas Dinner will take place at 19.30 on Saturday 9th December in the Corry Hall. Tickets are available after masses at £12.50. There will be a bar, raffle and entertainment. Donations of good quality items for the raffle would be appreciated.

Seniors Club Christmas Party

Seniors Club Christmas Party 16th December 14.30 in the Corry Hall. £5 donation. Raffle and entertainment. Sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

**It's never too late
to have a happy childhood**

Upcoming Dates

Senior Club..... 29th November
Young Adult Wine & Cheese Party....30th November
School Advent Service 1st December
Cake Sale..... 3rd December
Advent Reflection 6th December
Parish Christmas Dinner 9th December
Seniors Club Christmas Party16th December
Penitential Service.....18th December
Christmas Carol Service19.30 20th December



November The Month of the Holy Souls

We remember our deceased relatives and friends most especially during the month of November. Their names are placed on the altar and included in all the masses during the Month of the Holy Souls.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. may they rest in peace. Amen

Cake Sale

A Cake Sale will be held next Sunday 3rd December in the Corry Hall after Sunday mass.

Christmas Carol Service

We want to breathe new life into our Christmas Carol Service. It will be held at 19.30 on Wednesday 20th December. We will be advertising it widely with a banner outside the Church and a leafleting campaign locally.



The Carol Service will be conducted along traditional lines like the famous Kings College Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. The Mayor of Wandsworth intends to be present. There will be special input from the Choir and our School. Please come along and give it your support. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies served afterwards in the Corry Hall.

Catholic Schools

The Government is about to make a decision whether to overturn the admissions cap preventing new Catholic schools from accepting more than 50% of Catholic pupils. They acknowledge that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised to abandon it. It is now important to write to the Education Minister asking her not to do a U-turn on this promise to Catholics.

**All people smile
in the same language**

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £430, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

3rd December: Church Maintenance Fund

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: M Harrison

L Northeast n/w A Oliva, E Falcone

Readers: Sat: E & N Falcone, C Kawesi, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast n/w Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin Sun: D Lyons, E Sinclair, L Delos Santos, J Cato n/w Sat: J Cato, D McGavin Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan

Little Church: J & N Neligan, A Mann n/w R & S Jackson

Tiny Church: E Lueth

Flowers: L Northeast n/w A Oliva