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CHRIST THE KING – YOUTH SUNDAY – 21st /22nd November 2020 - Year A

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	FEAST
Sat 21 st	10-00AM	Graham Hull	Christ the King (Youth Sunday)
Sun 22 nd	10-00AM	People of the Parish	
Mon 23 rd	No Mass		
Tues 24 th	10-00AM	Catherine Harnick	Martyrs of Vietnam
Wed 25 th	10-00AM	Joan Coyne	
Thurs 26 th	10-00AM	Nixon Smith	
Fri 27 th	9-10AM	Cotton Family Deceased	
Sat 28 th	10-00AM	Jack and Joy Trinham and Judith Moore	Advent Sunday
Sun 29 th	10-00AM	People of the Parish	

ALL MASSES ARE CELEBRATED VIA THE WEBCAM ONLY

STANDING ORDER 14th – 20th November £587.50

Today, Sunday, is the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI (Pope from 1922 – 1939), whose motto was ‘Pax Christi in regno Christi’ – ‘Christ’s peace in Christ’s kingdom’. This reflected his ardent desire for the Church to be active in society, not insulated or detached from it. To this end he inaugurated Catholic Action, promoting the collaboration of the laity with the hierarchy in the Church’s mission, encouraged youth movements, and reinvigorated the Church’s missionary bodies, consecrating indigenous bishops in mission territories and vastly increasing the number of native priests throughout the Church.

The feast of Christ the King was instituted by apostolic decree in December 1925, to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October. It was later translated to its current position and is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Church’s year.

The feast reminds us that the Church must be continually active and vigilant in challenging secularism in all its manifestations, and upholding before humanity the call of Christ, our spiritual King to recognise God as Lord, and to value and cherish our spiritual lives. Pius was vindicated in this when the rise of political movements such as Communism and Nazism threatened to destroy Christian civilisation. Although the dangers of secularism are perhaps not so extreme today, they are more insidious and equally destructive to humanity.

CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER – Church will open for Private Prayer this Saturday 21st November and Saturday 28th November between 10-30am and 12noon. Please remember you must wear a Mask, observe 2 metre social distancing both outside and inside church, and only those from the same household can sit together. Please follow instructions given by our stewards. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with stewarding both for Mass and Private Prayer – without your help the doors to Church would remain closed.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – Please post any envelopes for your November lists of the dead through the presbytery door. They will be placed in the box by the Altar. All those named are prayed for at every Mass in November. For a Mass in November for a particular person who has died, or deceased family members, please use the Mass intention envelopes, and return them to the presbytery – do not put them in the Holy Souls Box.

Masses on Tuesday 24th and 31st November are to be streamed to St Joseph's School, and other local Catholic primary schools. Please keep the staff, children, and support workers in your prayers.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS – Advent Sunday is November 29th, during the current lockdown, The Advent and Christmas Walk with Me Prayer books are available, but as the church will be closed, cannot be collected until (hopefully!) the church reopens on Thursday 3rd December.

If you would like a Walk with Me prayer book for Advent Sunday, please leave (or send to us) a stamped addressed envelope at the presbytery, so we can post one to you. Please leave a note inside saying how many copies you would like.

CHURCHES TOGETHER ADVANCE NOTICE: RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE - January 2021 Have you ever found yourself wanting a deeper personal relationship with God? Do you sometime find it difficult to pray? Do you ever find yourself wondering about the connections between faith and everyday life? Would you like to know more about different ways of praying? Then a Retreat in Daily Life might be right for you. The retreat will start on Monday, 11 January and close on Monday, 15th February. At the moment, with all the restrictions due to COVID19 and the changing regulations, the retreat can only be offered through the use of zoom, but if you have never used Zoom please do not be put off. We are happy to help. If you would like more information or would like to sign up for the retreat please contact Sue McDermott, suemcderm@aol.com 07450 656757 – Or Judy Spencer judithspencer43@gmail.com 07828 538109.

FUNDRAISING – As Church is now closed to Public Worship until the 2nd December 2020, unfortunately, we are unable to hold our Christmas Raffle.

PARISH DONATIONS – Any donations to the Parish will be allocated to fundraising for the refurbishment of our parish centre toilets. Thank you for your support.

REPLENISH FOODBANK IS STILL OPEN THROUGHOUT THIS SECOND LOCKDOWN. We are open on Tuesdays, 12:30pm – 3:00pm and Fridays, 10:00am – 12:30pm and donations can be received at the back door of the building.

Shortages this week – TINNED MEAT, e.g. corned beef, ham, READY MEALS (unrefrigerated or tinned), TINNED POTATOES, RICE PUDDING / CUSTARD, TINNED VEGETABLES, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE (1L cartons), BREAKFAST CEREALS, MARMALADE/JAM, BOTTLES OF SQUASH / CORDIAL, DEODORANTS, SHAMPOO, FLANNEL, SPONGES. Our thoughts will soon turn to Advent and Christmas please note the cut off for donation for Christmas Food including Selection Boxes is the 4th December.