



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SUNDAY 20TH .NOVEMBER 2022

THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

The only experience of kingship for many people today might be a televised royal wedding. But in the biblical world, virtually everyone knew of kings who ruled both divine and human realms.

Today's first reading focusses on David, idealized in the Old Testament as Israel's greatest king. Since, for Jews, the one true ruler was God, the role of any human king was to serve as God's representative. Thus the king was not only a military and political leader but, above all, one who ruled like Yahweh and established peace through right relationship to God, others, and creation. Sadly, many Israelite kings fell short of this ideal.

The Letter to the Colossians presents Jesus as one who not only fulfils but surpasses earlier expectations of a ruler over God's people. Jesus reigns like God; in his person and action he is the very image of God. In the Kingdom of Christ, forgiveness and reconciliation are made available to all through his death and resurrection. Christ's Body, the Church, invites everyone into the realm of a king who gives his own life in order to "reconcile all things" (Col 1:20).

Luke's story of the Good News depicts the king who dies for those he rules. In this crucifixion account, Jesus remains true to his own character and teaching to the end. This evangelist repeatedly portrays Jesus as the merciful Saviour, instructing followers that true leadership consists in compassionate service.

Only Luke presents the crucified Jesus asking forgiveness for his executioners (Lk 24:34); only in Luke does the dying Saviour promise final mercy to a criminal crucified with him.

Christ our King reveals true power in his manner of death, which embodies his teaching: "Father . . . forgive us . . . for we ourselves forgive everyone" (Lk 11:2-4)



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Sunday 20th November 2022 (Cycle C)

Parish Diary

Sunday Masses	10.00 am & 6.30 pm
Weekday Masses	9.00 am
Wednesdays	9.00 am – Eucharistic Service
Friday	Adoration following 9.00 am Mass
Holy Days of Obligation	9.30am & 7.30pm
Confessions	Saturdays 9.30 am - 10.00 am
Legion of Mary	After Sunday morning mass (11.30 am onwards)
Baptisms	By Appointment (Saturdays 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm)

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 20th November	Our Lord Jesus Christ The King (C)
	National Youth Sunday
Monday 21st November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 22nd November	St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr
Thursday 24th November	St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & companions, Martyrs
Sunday 27th November	First Sunday of Advent (A)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 20th November	10.00 am	Patrick Denethy – RIP (donor – Mr and Mrs Barry)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 21st November	9.00 am	Teresa Carty – RIP (donor – Eileen Hogan)
Tuesday 22nd November	9.00 am	Teresa Carty RIP (donor – Mr and Mrs Barry)
	11.00 am	Funeral Mass – Kathleen Clifford RIP
Wednesday 23rd November	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 24th November	9.00 am	Cheryl Carey – RIP (donor – The Carey Family)
Friday 25th November	9.00 am	Peter Soares – RIP/Anni (donor – Scully Family)
Saturday 26th November	9.00 am	Sidney Meadway – RIP/Anni (donor – Mandy Meadway)
Sunday 27th November	10.00 am	Paul Hogan – RIP/1st Anni (donor – Eileen Hogan)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Parish Notice Board

Kathleen Clifford – RIP

The funeral service for Kathleen will be held here at English Martyrs on Tuesday 22nd November at 11am. Please remember Kathleen and her family in your prayers.

2nd Collection

Today's second collection will be for National Youth Sunday.

Confirmation Programme 2022/23

Any of our young Catholics currently in school year 10 are invited to register their interest in joining the 2022/23 Confirmation Programme by signing the form at the back of the church. Thank you.

Candidates are obliged to attend the Catholic obligation of weekly Sunday worship

November Envelopes

Mass is celebrated every day during the month of November for our deceased families and friends. We remember our dead and traditionally write their names on a 'dead list' to be prayed for during all Masses for their eternal rest and peace. It is a beautiful tradition, rich in religious and human symbolism. All are welcome to send in the names of their deceased loved ones by using the brown envelopes available at the back of the church. Please place the envelopes into the wooden box in front of the Altar. Thank you.

English Martyrs – Social Committee

We would like to request donations towards the coffee morning ie, cakes, biscuits, etc. We will put a box at the back of the church for these donations. Those who are planning to bring freshly baked cakes, please hand this directly to the social committee on the day. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Parish Finance:

13.11.22 - Gift Aid: £ 134.76 Loose Plate: £ 209.35 Total: £ 344.11

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Rosaleen Grimwood, Anna Heneghan, Brenda Humphreys, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Pradeepan Ragunathan, Mary Scully, Greta Street, Voni Tesi, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

The Advent Lectionary

On Wednesday 23rd November from 7 pm there will be an in-person Faith Talk at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Fr Adrian Graffy will speak about the Advent lectionary, and present the website pages on www.whatgoodnews.org which give the text of all the readings, accompanied by a short commentary. The event is free of charge and there is no need to register. Refreshments in the hall from 6.30. The event will also be live-streamed – simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day or visit the website later once the programme has been uploaded.

Mass Readings for Advent

We are delighted to tell you that our full presentation of all the [Mass readings for Advent](#) with commentary by Fr Adrian Graffy is now available. Just visit www.whatgoodnews.org and click on the link. Any promotion you can arrange much appreciated. Many thanks

Advent Service at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 27th November at 4.00 p.m.

With music from the Cathedral choir, readings and lighting of the Advent wreath led by Bishop Alan Williams, this is a perfect way to begin our spiritual preparation for Christmas. All welcome. You can also watch this service on the *Thresholds of Hope* page on youtube: <https://youtu.be/c2KQhRXzOFU>

World Youth Sunday, 20th November 2022

World Youth Sunday is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church in England and Wales, along with the global Church.

A representative of The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will be speaking about their work, and holding second collection on this weekend. (you can also donate online at www.bcys.net/donate)

Anything you can give is so greatly appreciated, as any money raised on will go towards supporting those in need of financial support to go on pilgrimages and to events, as well as allowing us to continue running our events,

provide support and training to those working with young people and so much more.

And of course, please do pray for all young people in your parish, in our Diocese and around the world.

Christmas Concert

Saturday 17th December @ 7:30 pm at Holy Cross Church, Hornchurch, RM11 1PXA selection of seasonal carols and choral works. Full programme is still to be confirmed. Ticket prices TBC. Can be purchased as above and will be on sale after the Autumn Concert on 5th November.

Campion School Senior Citizens' Party – Sunday 18th December

Please see noticeboard for details and add your name to the list at the back of the church if you are interested.

BCCS

This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to re-launch their virtual Tree of Angels which will allow you to light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of BCCS. Please visit www.bccs.org.uk and click on the Christmas tab where you will see 'Tree of Angels'.

You can read more about this initiative and can click onto the Tree of Angels portal to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk

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