



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The Paradox of Christ's Kingship

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe closes the liturgical year with a paradox. Two images of royalty and power confront us. Daniel's visions portray a powerful being who looks like a human being. The original Aramaic says "son of man," but this is not the semi-divine figure of the early first century. In the Old Testament, the phrase "son of man", refers to a human being. What appears to Daniel, however, is no ordinary human being. The power accorded him is greater than any king's power; his kingship is over the whole earth. The figure shares God's power in both service of peoples and everlasting kingship.

Readers and writers of the New Testament found the Daniel passage and the title "Son of Man" to be profoundly significant in their discussion of Jesus. Much of the image of Jesus' glorious reign at the end of time has its roots in Daniel's vision.

The paradox arises in the passage from John's account of the Gospel. Jesus is brought before Pilate, scourged, insulted spat upon. He endures interrogation about his kingship and kingdom that Pilate has no possibility of understanding because Pilate's definition of kingship belongs to the world. It is too narrow to contain the broken man who stands before him. If Pilate had looked at the Jewish understanding of kingship found in Deuteronomy 17, he would have understood better. The king of Israel was not to plan battles, attack nations, or make laws. He was not to protect the people. The sole duty of the king was to read the law of God and obey it. He was to provide the example of what it meant to follow God's commandment. In this context, Jesus was truly king in a way the world could not understand.

The Church chooses to portray the broken king on a cross as a symbol of faith, love and obedience: Deuteronomy's definition. Yet Christians also revere the visions described in the books of Daniel and Revelation, of Christ sitting at the right hand of the Father and reigning gloriously at the end of time. This paradox is the legacy of the Incarnation.



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King of the Universe
Sunday 21st November 2021

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 21st November

Our Lord Jesus Christ The King (B) Solemnity
(Youth Day)

Monday 22nd November

St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

Wednesday 24th November

St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

Sunday 28th November

First Sunday of Advent (C)

Timetable of Masses

From the month of November, we will revert back to our prior mass time arrangement: i.e., Sunday Masses 10am and 6.30pm. Holy days of Obligation 9.30am and 7.30pm

Weekday Masses

Mondays 9am

Mass for Parishioners

Tuesdays 9am

Mass for Parishioners

Wednesdays 9am

Eucharistic Service

Thursdays 9am

Mass for Parishioners

Fridays 9am

Mass for Parishioners followed by Adoration until 11am

Saturdays 9am

Mass for Parishioners

AS THE PANDEMIC IS STILL NOT GONE AWAY COMPLETELY, WE ARE STILL ASKED TO BE CAREFUL WITH REGARD TO SAFETY PROCEDURES. SO PLEASE CONTINUE WEARING MASKS, KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE AND SANITISE YOUR HANDS.

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 21st November 10.00 am

6.30 pm

Monday 22nd November 9.00 am

Tuesday 23rd November 9.00 am

Denis Sullivan – RIP/Anni
(donor – Greta Street)

Wednesday 24th November 9.00 am

Peter Soares – RIP/Anni
(donor – Scully Family)

Thursday 25th November 9.00 am

Deanery Mass in Rainham

Friday 26th November 9.00 am

Sidney Meadway – RIP/Anni
(donor – Mandy Meadway)

Saturday 27th November 9.00 am

Sunday 28th November 10.00 am

Rose Soares – RIP/Anni
(donor – Scully Family)

Parish Notice Board

Second Collection – World Youth Sunday

Today's second collection will be for World Youth Sunday. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

We will have two of our young people (Sean and Rosie) who will speak at both masses in promotion of our support for Brentwood Youth Service.

Welcome

We welcome into the family of our Parish Margot Rose Hewlett and Ava Stocker, who were baptised yesterday and we congratulate their parents Jessica & Mitchell Hewlett and Gary & Kirsty Stocker.

Confirmation Programme 2021/2022

Please note that the Confirmation programme will be held at St Mary Mother of God in Hornchurch but the Confirmation Ceremony will be held here at English Martyrs. The first meeting for both candidates and parents will take place on Monday 6th December at 8pm in the Parish Hall of St Mary's. Marie Browne will be contacting the candidates prior to this in the coming week.

Primary School School Applications for September 2022

To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice, Fr Britto will be available to see parents on Thursday 2nd and 9th December, between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm. Parents will be seen on a first come first served basis. Please wait in the Church. Thank you.

BCYS World Youth Sunday

World 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/next week a speaker will tell us more about the BCYS and there will be a collection for their vital work, or you can donate online at www.bcys.net/donate.

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 hand your envelope to Graham or post through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

BCCS – Tree Angels

This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to 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 <https://www.bccs.org.uk/christmas/tree-angels> where you can read more about this initiative or click directly onto the Tree of Angels portal here <https://visufund.com/treeofangels> to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk

English Martyrs Donations/Financial Support for your Parish

For those who wish to pay direct from your bank account to the Parish funds, you can now use the following Bank details in future:

HSBC UK

Catholic Church Hornchurch English Martyrs Account No. 11019198
Sorting Code 40 13 22

Kindly make your monetary contributions by cheque in the following way:

1. For 'Mass intentions' to the parish, please make your cheques payable to 'English Martyrs Stipend' account only.
2. For all other donations and contributions to the Parish, please make your cheques payable to 'English Martyrs Catholic Church'.
3. Any personal remuneration for Father should be payable to 'Fr. Belevendran'.

Parish Finance

Sunday 14th November Gift Aid £ 65.50 Loose Plate £268.55 Total: £334.05

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Kathleen Clifford, Anna Heneghan, Paul Hogan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, and Mary Wright. Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

The Thresholds Of Hope Question:

Why should we listen to the Church? takes place by Zoom on Sundays 14th and 21st November 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. The input and discussion will be led by Fr Stephen Morrison, O Praem, Chelmsford. To join this meeting go to Events at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

Advent Carol Service:

You are warmly invited to join us at Walsingham House at Abbotswick for our annual Advent Carol Service on Sunday 12th December. We will have Christmas carols both classic and contemporary performed by our incredibly talented BCYS musicians, accompanied with readings from scripture and Christmas poems & stories. This year we are running two concerts, at 3pm or 7pm, however there will be limited capacity at each event and this will be dependent on any current Government restrictions or social distancing, in place at the time. Tickets are £10 and the money will go towards supporting our pilgrimages to Lourdes. To book your place please contact Joe Beattie, Walsingham House manager on josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 373 959.

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