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Feast of Christ the King Year B 21st November 2021

Mine is not a kingdom of this world.

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, brings the Church's year to a close, and calls us to celebrate again Jesus's victory over suffering and death. As servants, we offer all that we are, and invite him to reign within our hearts, so that we can play our part in bringing God's truth, love, justice and peace to the world. Foretelling the coming of Jesus, the First Reading (Daniel 7: 13–14) describes Daniel's vision of a 'son of man' coming on the clouds of heaven to be crowned King, with everlasting sovereignty, ruling over an empire that will never be destroyed. Such is his glory that people of all nations and languages become his servants.

In the Second Reading (Apocalypse 1: 5–8), Jesus is described as coming on the clouds and as ruler of the kings of the earth. The depth of his love for us has been shown by his sacrifice on the cross and brings us ever closer to the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

In the Gospel (John 18: 33–37), we witness the scene in which Pilate asks Jesus the question, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' In his reply, Jesus speaks of a kingdom in which those who seek the truth listen to his voice and follow his ways.

This week, we ask God for the grace to open our hearts and minds to the needs of those who do not yet know his voice. We pray that by the service of our lives we will draw others to his loving embrace.

**Year of St. Joseph
Patron Saint of the Catholic Church**

Mass bookings: We no longer require you to book in for Mass.

Please remember at all masses in the Church **you need to wear a face mask.**

St Mary's Catholic Primary School - Reception Intake - September 2022

To make an application to St Mary's Catholic Primary School, you will need to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which is returned to the school and complete the on-line local authority form. The closing date for September 2022 admissions is 15th January 2022. Please visit our website at www.stmaryscatholicprimaryschool.co.uk and click on 'Admissions' for further information, relevant documents and to view our virtual tour. For those people who do not have access to e-mail, we will also accept completed application forms brought into school on the following dates only:

Monday 6th December 2021	9.30-11.00am	Parish Hall
Friday 14th January 2022	9.30-11.00am	Parish Hall

Certificate of Catholic Practice – Reception Intake: Father Martin will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice **in the Church** on Friday 26th November 3.30pm-5.30pm, Saturday 27th November 7.15pm-8.30pm, Saturday 4th December 7.15pm–8.30pm and Monday 6th December from 3.45 – 5.30pm. Please bring your child with you, along with their Baptism certificate and proof of your address.

World Youth Day Feast of Christ the King 20th-21st November: This weekend is World Youth Day and someone from the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will be talking to us at all Masses. There will be a second collection for the wonderful work they do in the diocese.

Adoration: The church will be open for private prayer and adoration between 9.45 – 12 noon on Thursday's and the first Friday of every month. Please remember to wear a face mask.

Rosary Thursday 7.30pm: The Rosary will be said in the Church. Please enter through the side door of the Church by the Van Meenan room. All are welcome to come and join us.

Confirmation 2021 - 2022: There will be a meeting for all young people of our Parish with their parents / guardians who wish to be Confirmed and are in Year 10 and above. This will take place on Monday 6th December at 8pm in the Parish Hall. There will be an enrolment Mass on Saturday 11th December at 6.30pm. Application forms are available in the porch of the Church. We look forward to seeing you all.

Gardening Club: We are looking for volunteers to help look after our Parish gardens and parking area. We hope this will be on a monthly basis. Please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish office if you can help.

Help needed: If anyone can help to wash and iron Church linen once a fortnight / monthly please see Father Martin or contact the Parish office.

Youth Club: Thanks to everyone who came along to the recent registration evening & signed up from Year 8, some Year 9's & 10's & even a few Year 11's. We will get underway now with preparing the membership lists & cards, & helpers' rota. The start date is likely to be the 2nd Friday in January '22, but the exact date tba in the new year.

We will run another registration evening for the current year 7"s (Year 6 Summer 2021 leavers) in due course soon (date again tba) to bring our membership up to full capacity. Details of what is needed for them to register include: £3 cash fee & 2 x passport type photos - note: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size, & be a headshot of the youngster). Application forms will be given to you at the registration. Due to Covid, we are playing 'catch-up'. Any Late registrations will be dealt with after all other applications have been processed & a waiting-list will be set-up if numbers dictate.

Finances: Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order.

The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation. Any donations are very gratefully received.

RCIA Journey in Faith: For those that are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

Please pray for the sick in our Parish at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Grant Cambridge, Martin Chandler, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Betty Gemba, Sharon De Giorgio, Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Patricia Johnson, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Mary Pickton, Phil & Tony Read, Paul Ridley, Susan Squires, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill. **Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.**

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

Prayer to Our Lady – The Memorare Prayer

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	20 th November	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Maria Noalia Krishnan Int / Neil Conway RIP / Bill Lewis RIP
Sunday	21 st November	8.00am	Mary, Jim & Katelyn Donovan RIP / Rev Fr Finbarr Leahy RIP
<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</i>		9.30am	Holy Souls All Parishioners
		11:30am	Len Buckland RIP / Marie Galcius & Family Int
Monday	22 nd November	9.15am	Holy Souls Norah Lenehan RIP / Bill Gregory RIP
<i>St Cecilia</i>			
Tuesday	23 rd November	9.15am	Eaver McMahan RIP / Bill Bridges RIP
Wednesday	24 th November	7.30pm	Holy Souls Mary Harkins RIP / Wally Brown RIP
<i>St Andrew Dung-Lac</i>			
Thursday	25 th November	9.15am	Alan Turner RIP / Stanley & Annie Crow RIP
		9.45–12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	26 th November	8.15am	Mr Bainbridge RIP / Helen Ging RIP
Saturday	27 th November	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6:30pm	Bruce Waskett RIP / Raleigh Family RIP
Sunday	28 th November	8.00am	Joshua Darryl RIP / Allegri Family RIP
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>		9.30am	Holy Souls All Parishioners
		11:30am	Ann Lamb RIP / Deceased brothers of Romford Council KSC

Hospital: If you are going in to hospital this week for surgery Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses.

The Rosary will be said after all weekday morning Masses

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