



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

24 November 2019

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Year C)

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School: Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + **Headteacher:** Mrs. Frances Robertson

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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23 Sat Vigil	18.30	Thanksgiving for members & work of SVP & YSVP at OLI
24 Sun	9.00	Elsie Fowler & Hilda Budd (<i>R. Howe</i>)
	11.00	Michael Simmonds – RIP (<i>M. Simmonds</i>)
	18.00	Joseph Edet – RIP (<i>IE</i>)

WEEKDAY MASSES

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

25 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	John Walsh – RIP (<i>J. Dunseath</i>)
26 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Freda Cantwell (<i>J. Dunseath</i>)
	19.00	
27 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Gerald & Jane Dodds – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	19.00	Private Intention
28 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	<i>Holy Souls</i>
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29 Fri <i>Feria</i>	7.00	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	9.30	Jack Hemsley – RIP - 5 th Ann (<i>Vangie</i>)
30 Sat <i>St. Andrew</i>	9.00	Nubia & George 34 th Wedd Ann

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30 Sat Vigil	18.30	
1 Sun	9.00	Michael Simmonds – RIP (<i>M. Simmonds</i>)
	11.00	David Emmett – Happy Retirement (<i>H. Emmett</i>)
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>

OTHER SERVICES

Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
St Anthony of Padua	Tuesday: after AM & PM Masses
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wednesday: after PM Mass
Our Lady of Fatima	1st Saturday of the month

JESUS' KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD



The Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, which we celebrate today, is set at the conclusion of the liturgical year and recalls that the life of creation does not advance at random, but proceeds toward a final destination: the definitive manifestation of Christ, Lord of history and of all creation. The conclusion of history will be his eternal kingdom. Today's Gospel passage (cf. Jn 18:33-37) speaks to us about this kingdom, the kingdom of Christ, the kingdom of Jesus, recounting the humiliating situation that Jesus is in after being arrested in Gethsemane: bound, insulted, accused and led before the authorities of Jerusalem. And then, he is presented to the Roman prosecutor, as one who seeks to undermine political power, to become the king of the Jews. So Pilate conducts his inquest and, in a dramatic interrogation, twice asks Jesus *if He is a king* (vv. 33, 37).

And Jesus initially responds that his kingship "is not of this world" (v. 36). Then he states: "*You say that I am a king*" (v. 37). It is evident from his entire life that Jesus does not have political ambitions. Let us recall that after the multiplication of the loaves, the people, excited by the miracle, would have sought to proclaim him king, to overturn the Roman power and re-establish the kingdom of Israel. But for Jesus the kingdom is something else, and it is certainly not achieved by revolt, violence and the force of arms. This is why he withdrew alone to pray on the mount (cf. Jn 6:5-15). Now, in responding, He makes Pilate take note that His disciples did not fight to defend Him. He says: "if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews" (Jn 18:36).

Jesus wants to make it understood that above and beyond political power there is another even greater one, which is not obtained by human means. He has come to earth to exercise this power, which is love, *by bearing witness to the truth* (cf. v. 37), the divine truth which ultimately is the essential message of the Gospel: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8); and he wishes to establish in the world his kingdom of love, justice and peace. And this is the kingdom of which Jesus is king, and which extends until the end of times. History teaches us that kingdoms founded on the force of arms and on the abuse of power are fragile and sooner or later collapse. But the Kingdom of God is founded on his love and is rooted in hearts — the Kingdom of God is rooted in hearts —, conferring peace, freedom and fullness of life upon those who embrace it. We all want peace; we all want freedom and we want fulfilment. And how do you do this? Allow the love of God, the Kingdom of God, the love of Jesus, to take root in your heart and you will have peace, you will have freedom and you will have fulfilment.

Today Jesus asks us *to allow him to become our king*. A king who, with his word, his example and his life immolated on the cross saved us from death, and — this king — indicates the path to those who are lost, gives new light to our existence marred by doubt, by fear and by everyday trials. But we must not forget that Jesus' kingdom *is not of this world*. He will give new meaning to our life — at times even put to difficult tests through our mistakes and our sins — merely on the condition that we not follow the logics of the world and of its 'kings'.

May the Virgin Mary help us to welcome Jesus as the king of our life and to spread his kingdom, by bearing witness to the truth which is love.

Pope Francis, ANGELUS Reflection, Feast of Christ the King (25 November 2018).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS	
1ST READING	Isaiah 2: 1-5
2ND READING	Romans 13: 11-14
GOSPEL	Matthew 24: 37-44

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died Carmela Arbia, Antionette Staunton, Tony Chesney, Derrick Butt, Stafen Ciesla, Shelia Anderson, Bernard Furlong, Archbishop Michael Bowen, Father Tom Creagh-Fuller, Sally Sheridan Loughrey, Frances Powell, Eileen Pearce and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time; and all those who mourn the loss of loved ones. May they rest in peace. Amen	2nd COLLECTION TODAY for the Catholic Youth Fund. This collection helps to support Youth Work in the Diocese and beyond especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.	
	Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, Heather & George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Sharon Kelly, Irene Keane, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Michael Emmett, Frances Sullivan, Michael Pearson, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Angelica D'Agostino Jan Leightley, Elizabeth Saunders, Marie Turpenny. Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, & Ron Malone.	PARISH FEAST DAY: 8 DECEMBER To mark the feast of the Immaculate Conception, there will be a parish celebration in the Catholic Hall after the 11am Mass on 8 December . All are welcome to bring something. A list is available in the Narthex for Parishioners to indicate in advance what they would like to share. NOVEMBER LIST BOX is still available in the narthex. Please place names of departed loved ones in it for prayers & Masses.	
WEEKLY COLLECTION		 Our Lady Immaculate Church Parish Lenten Project The Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully for 48 years. The aim of the Project is to give the parish a charitable focal point during Lent and give everyone (all groups, clubs and societies) in the parish the opportunity to take part in fundraising for projects in the developing world. The Lenten Project AGM will be held this Sunday 24th November 2019 at 7.15pm in the Old Chapel. At that meeting we will select the charities which we will be supporting during Lent 2020. We are now actively seeking parishioners to nominate suitable charities. If you have a charity you would like the parish to support in Lent during 2020 then please complete the charity nomination form which can be found at: http://www.olionline.co.uk/community/lenten-project/ You can also find blank copies of the form at the back of Church or obtain one from the Parish Office.	
	LAST WEEKEND Cash: £777.26 Gift-aid: £760.62 Total: £1,537.88 2nd Collection today – Catholic Youth Fund Thank you for your generosity to your parish.	GIFT-AID DONORS Please note that the Gift Aid envelopes <u>issued by the parish</u> can be used for second collections only when the collection is for a cause sponsored by the Diocese. These have the name of the cause pre-printed at the top. The Diocese is unable to claim back tax on donations to other charities.	
INFANT BAPTISM		FOODBANK DONATIONS There will be a collection for Kingston Foodbank at each Mass next weekend – 30 Nov & 1 Dec. Please leave your donations in the box provided at the back of the church. Thank you for your ongoing support. URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: INSTANT MASH, LONGLIFE MILK, TINNED SOUP, VEG, FISH & FRUIT, PASTA SAUCE AND COFFEE.	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: Courses will resume in 2020 <i>Please look out for Baptismal Course Dates for 2020 in future Newsletters.</i>	MASS FOR HEALING There will be Mass for healing with praise and worship at 7.45pm on Monday 25 th November at St Joseph's Church, I Montem Road New Malden KT3 3QW. All are welcome.	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN Theme: Discernment and Vocation, Date: 29 Nov - 1 Dec 2019, Location: Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org	
	1. Next Children's Session: Saturday, 7 December at 10.30-11.30am 2. Next Parents' Session: Monday, 2 December at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall.	K.C.A.H. (Kingston Churches for Action on Homelessness) If you would like to get involved/volunteer to help local homeless people, there will be training session on Tuesday 10 th December at 7.30pm to 9.30 pm at St Peter's church Norbiton London Rd KT2 6QL contact Sophie at winternightshelter@kcah.org.uk (Justice & Peace Group).	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		LOURDES PILGRIMAGES IN 2020 The 1st Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Easter 13 to 18 Apr'20 (Old and Bold Group HCPT Group 352): the total cost of the pilgrimage is estimated at £600, including air fares (to Toulouse with a coach from there to Lourdes), hotel, food and coach trips. The 2nd Pilgrimage: Hosanna House between 28 Aug to 4 Sept'20 HCPT Group 537 The estimated cost is £750 for the week and again it includes air fares (direct to Lourdes), accommodation, food and coach trips. For more information contact Emil via jeslourdes@emkumar.com or 0208 398 9222	
	Parents Meeting: Monday 25 November or Monday 25 November at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall	ADVENT SEASON BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY!	
MORNING PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH 9.00AM – MONDAY TO FRIDAY			
	Please join us every morning at 9.00am, from Monday to Friday, to pray the Morning Prayer of the Church, from the Divine Office, during the daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction before Mass.		
PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM SIGNING			
Parents please bring your school form together with your child to see Fr. Ignatius on Monday 25 November 3pm – 5pm.			