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In the first reading today we are given the familiar image of the shepherd king. This is an image that is slightly odd, as we do not naturally associate the humility of a shepherd with the stature of a king, but this is Gods way of doing things. He shows that true kingship comes from lowliness. The second reading reminds us that death is the result of sin but life has been opened up to us through Christ. Christ who knew no sin, overcame death so that we may live. In the Gospel reading Jesus reminds us that at the end of our lives there will be an exam. None of us enjoy sitting exams but the good news is that Jesus has also told us what is on the paper, "what you did to others, you did to me". Today we celebrate Christ the King which is known to us as National Youth Sunday. It is a joy to welcome our children and young people who will lead us in the 5:30pm Mass. We must remember to pray for our young people that God will always be present in their lives. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and I don't want to sound like a moaning old priest but PLEASE try and enjoy Advent as much as you will enjoy Christmas. Maybe one way is to try and attend an extra weekday Mass. The readings of Mass during Advent are some of the most beautiful in the Church's liturgical year. Please note the new office hours on page 2! God bless, Fr Andy

Sunday 26th November 2017



THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

Lectio Divina: For Advent, Lectio will move into the hall, and will be weekly, starting on Friday 1st December at 10.00am. All are welcome to this gentle look at the coming Sunday's Gospel.

200 Club: The next collection will take place after all Masses today. There will be an extra Christmas prize of £25 in December.

News from the School: St. Joseph's PTFA are busy planning their Christmas Fair which will be held at school on Sunday 10th December from 3pm till 5pm. We would be delighted to have parish members join us for the event

Piety Shop: Do have a look at the Christmas goods which have come in and there is a Christmas Raffle to win a Nativity Shed and ornaments on display in the narthex or back porch, tickets £1.50 each (to be drawn on Sun. 10th Dec)

Those Little Red Boxes! It's time, once again, to bring them in for counting. This time, it's for the end of the financial year in December, so please could you bring your box, named, either to the sacristy or directly to June and Lennie if you see them, by the 10th December. Thank you, as always, for your amazing generosity which enables the work of Missio to continue world-wide.

Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers

Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brendan Patterson, Mario Fasi, Lena La Spisa

The Lawns Mary Behan, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond, Bridget Hunt
 Clarence House Winifred Galvin
 Clarendon Manor Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Sally Lamont
 Castle Brook Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
 Galanos House Marjorie Smedley

NEXT WEEK 3.12.17	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Carol Bowler	Katherine Wimpenny, Kim Kearns, Sr. Angela
5.30pm Youth Mass	Veronica Jessamine	Josie Whittington, Tony Harris, Paddy Close



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for Sr. Angela, in gratitude

THANKS AND GOOD WISHES

News travels fast and by now, many of you will be aware that Sr. Angela has decided that the time has come to leave Whitnash and return to the sisters at Selly Park. Of course, we are all sad to lose her and will miss her - it would be difficult to quantify the value she has been to the parish over the twelve years she has been labouring in our vineyard. We have been very fortunate to have been blessed with her energetic and cheerful love of the Lord...and many souls have been eased by her faithful care.

SO.... There will be an opportunity to say goodbye and thank you and many other things on Sunday 17th December after the 5.30pm Mass in the hall. We'll have time to talk over tea and coffee - Please sign up in the front or back porch if you are able to come and indicate whether you are able to bring a plate of food for the sharing table. All are welcome. Thank you!

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Saturday 25 November <i>Psalter Week 1</i> VIGIL	OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	<i>Each Mass in November has an intention for the Holy Souls (HS)</i> Glyn & Rose Clark + HS John & Kitty Lucey + HS Caroline Maguire	Confessions: OL: 11.45am SP: 4.15pm
Sunday 26 November <i>Solemnity of Christ the King</i> ** Youth Sunday.**	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Frances Lovell + HS Margaret Fitzmaurice + HS Marie Chiznall Bernard W. Drury + HS Vito La Barbera Babs Dunbar RIP+ HS Patterson Family: In thanksgiving	Exposition & Holy Hour SP: 3.00-4.00pm followed by Fatima statue procession to the Parish Centre.
Monday 27 November <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Thomas McDonnell & Family + HS Paula Wood RIP + HS John Molloy Private Intention	SJ: Mass with Novena to Our Lady
Tuesday 28 November <i>Feria</i>	Sch SJ SP	9.15 am 9.30 am 12.30 pm	Mass, St Patrick's School + HS Mary Darby RIP + HS Tessie McSharry + HS	Rosary: SJ 9.10am; SP Noon
Wednesday 29 November <i>Feria</i>	Sch OL SP	9.00 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Trinity School + HS Trisha Fitzpatrick + HS John & Mary Smyth & Family + HS	Rosary: SP Noon
Thursday 30 November <i>St Andrew</i>	SP SJ	12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Wall Family + HS Parish Requiem	Rosary: SP Noon
Friday 1 December <i>St Edmund Campion</i> <i>First Friday</i>	Sch OL SP SJ	9.30 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	St Peter's Advent Mass in church Joseph, Bridie, Eileen, Neville & Thomas Cummings + HS Michael McMahon's Intentions + HS Senan Lynch RIP + HS Mary Darby RIP	SJ: Mass with Novena to the Sacred Heart Rosary: SJ: 9.10am SP: Noon Exposition: SP 11.00am
Saturday 2 December <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> VIGIL	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am Schools 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Mary Darby RIP+ HS Joan Mackle RIP M. G. Hall + HS CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT Madeline, Daniel & Finbarr Looney & Mary Beausang + HS Noel McGivern + HS	SJ: 9.15am Morning Prayer Confessions: SP: 9.15am & 4.15pm; SJ: 10.00; OL: 11.45am Exposition: SP: 9.00; SJ: 10.00am
Sunday 3 December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> ** Migrants' Day **	SJ OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Eileen Bettles RIP + HS Babs Dunbar + HS The People of the Parish Gerry Quinn Billy & Patty Desay and Patricia Devshi RIP + HS	Exposition & Rosary SP: 3.00-4.00pm

We welcome our Young People: Traditionally, the feast of Christ the King is held as Youth Sunday and today we welcome our youngsters who are going to lead the liturgy at the 5.30pm Mass. We are very grateful for their willingness to support our liturgy in this way.

The Sauvage Family: You will have noticed that **Hollie's** name has been taken off the sick list. The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during **Hollie's** illness, which has been very important to all of them. The professionals involved in her care are delighted with her progress.

SPAN Christmas Supermarket Voucher Scheme. Please help support local families in need at Christmas using the green donation envelopes at the back of the church. Thank you so much to all those who have already been so generous with their contributions

CAFOD World Gifts: Do take a catalogue home from the narthex. So many of our family and friends have no particular need for gifts and would relish the concept of helping others in developing communities and, let's face it, a Happy Queen Bee @ £4 has got to be more exciting than socks!

If anyone is considering the Care-taker/Cleaner job for the hall, do have a talk to Fr. Andy.

Office Hours: Hazel, Parish Secretary, will now be working Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30am—2.30pm. Telephone 01926 772712.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Benito Mario Vinciguerra: Benito died on Friday 17th November and we extend our condolences to his family. His funeral service will be on **Tuesday 12th December at St. Joseph's at 10.15am** followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery.

And Frances Lovell: Frances was a parishioner of **St. Joseph's** and died in Southam on 13th November. We offer our sympathies and condolences to her family. Her Requiem Mass will be at 9.30am on **Friday 8th December at St. Joseph's**, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood.

Also Mary Darby: Mary died on 2nd November in Warwick Hospital and we offer our sympathies and condolences to her children and the extended family. Her reception into church will be on Tuesday 5th December at 5.00pm and her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 6th December at 9.30am followed by cremation at Oakley Wood at 11.00am

ANNIVERSARIES

Jason Young, David Kidd, Michael Faherty, Jim Byrne, Laura Delia
May they rest in peace

BAPTISM: Olivia Haggan Sunday 3rd December at 12 noon

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

- Sun: 2nd Coll: Catholic Youth Services
Bacon Sandwiches, after 8.00am Mass
- Mon: 8.00pm Dancing
- Tues: *No Tuesday Club*
- Wed: 9.30-11.30pm Art Group
7.30pm Choir Practice
- Thurs: *No Music Group*
7.00pm Weight Watchers
- Fri: 10.00 Advent Lectio Divina, hall
5.30pm Karate
- Sat: 7.30, 9.30 +11.30am Slimming World
6.30-10.30pm hall booked
- Sun: 12 Noon Baptism, Olivia Fern Haggan

LAST WEEK
19.11.17

Offertory Collection:
£439.34
Many thanks.

2nd Collection: 3
Churches Christmas
Toy Appeal £204.21

Attendance 268

