

21st November 2021: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B)



CHRIST'S KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD

Christ's kingship is very different from what we are used to seeing in the rulers of our world. It is a kingship of love and service. Christ's sovereignty will never pass away, since his power comes from God and not from human means. He has made us a line of kings and priests to service God until the end of time.

It is you who say that I am a king.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 20	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	Bridie Sullivan RIP
Sun 21	✠ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B)
09.30	Augustine & Anthonia Adesite - Family Thanksgiving
11.00	Lesley Jane RIP
Mon 22	<i>Saint † Cecilia</i>
09.30	Rose Dwah RIP Rosary
Tue 23	
09.30	Percy Lisbey RIP Rosary
Wed 24	<i>Saints Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions</i>
09.30	80th Birthday of Mary McDonagh Rosary
Thu 25	
09:30	Julia McDonagh RIP Rosary
Fri 26	
09.30	Deceased Legion Members Exposition
Sat 27	
09.30	People of the Parish
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Brendan Casey RIP
Sun 28	✠ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
09.30	Deceased members of the Knights of St. Columba
11.00	Theresa Hector RIP

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

On this day we celebrate the universal kingship of Jesus Christ. He is the fulfilment of the vision of the Son of Man coming in the First Reading from Daniel. Dominion and glory are his as he reigns over all people and nations. He is the beginning and the end, as we hear in the Second Reading from Revelation. His Kingdom does not belong to this world, he tells Pilate in the Gospel reading from John. Pilate names him a king, though Jesus did not identify himself as such. Truth is the basis of Jesus' kingdom – a far different basis than that of earthly kings and rulers. As his followers, we belong to the truth. The truth of Jesus is the basis on which we can build to transform the world so it more closely mirrors God's Kingdom of love and justice here and now.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe closes the liturgical year with a paradox. The paradox arises in today's gospel. Jesus is brought before Pilate, scourged, insulted and 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 symbol of faith, love, and obedience.

LAST WEEK

Offertory Gift Aided **£151** • Not Gift Aided **£291**

2nd Collection LEPRAs Appeal: **£339**

Mass Count Sat 18:30 (42) • Sun 09.30 (95), 11.00 (100)

THIS WEEK 2nd Collection: **Catholic Youth Services:** National Youth Sunday supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

2nd Collection: **KSC Charities**

NEXT WEEK

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Gift Aid Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit www.olspn.church for details.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING – Daniel 7: 13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 92

R. **The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.**

SECOND READING – Apocalypse 1: 5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David
Alleluia!

GOSPEL - John 18: 33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.