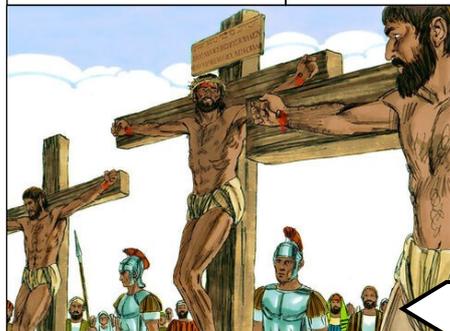


20th NOVEMBER 2022: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C)

Mass Book Page 167	1 st Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3 2 nd Reading: Colossians 1: 12-20	Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 819 Communion: 804	Gospel Acclamation: 72 Post-Communion: 752	Offertory: 320 & 762 Recessional: 787



The promise of the kingdom

On the cross, Christ the King promises his kingdom to a penitent thief. We, like the repentant criminal, receive redemption and forgiveness of our sins through Christ, who gives us the strength to bear all things joyfully. If we suffer with him, we will reign with him. He is the firstborn from the dead, never to die again.

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For children who suffer

We pray for the children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 19 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Tom Bell RIP and deceased members of the Bell family
Sun 20 09.30 11.00	✠ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C) Rueben Manaharan Thanksgiving Julia & Luke Fahy and Patricia Victoria Osamor RIP
Mon 22 09.30	<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Lesley Jane RIP Rosary
Tue 23 09.30	<i>Saint † Cecilia</i> Augustine Adesite Birthday Intention Rosary
Wed 24 09.30	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory RIP Rosary
Thu 25 09.30	<i>Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc</i> Holy Souls Rosary
Fri 26 09.30	Wellbeing for Rosa O'Connell Exposition
Sat 27 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> All Souls in Purgatory
Sun 28 09.30 11.00	✠ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Birthday thanksgiving for Desiree Paraiso Theresa Hector RIP

Sharing the Word

First Reading: David had already been anointed King of Judah by his own people at Hebron. In this reading we hear how the northern tribes also acknowledge him as their king. Thus David became king of a united country. His kingship prefigured the universal kingship of Christ.

Second Reading: This is essentially a liturgical hymn in praise of Christ. The first part speaks of his role in creation, the second of his role in redemption. On this feast we acclaim Christ as head of the Church and ruler of the universe.

Gospel: Here we see how the inscription over the cross and all those who witnessed the crucifixion (the crowd, the rulers, the soldiers, and the thieves) unwittingly proclaim the true identity of Jesus. The irony is that the titles, which are pronounced in mockery, are true: Jesus is both the Messiah and King.

St Paul of the Cross, Letter III: "The greatest trials are reserved for the souls most loved. No servant is greater than his master. The whole life of Christ was a cross. So then, all the life of a true servant of God must be on the cross with Christ. Therefore, be of good heart. Ah, since the sweet Jesus wishes to do a work of love in your soul, it is no wonder that he permits great temptations and other trials. With these His Majesty intend to purify you as gold in the furnace so that you will be ready for close union with God. You are they who have persevered with me in my trials, and I dispose you for a kingdom, as my Father has disposed for me, that you may eat at my table in my kingdom. This should serve you for your

great consolation in Jesus Christ our Lord. So do not be annoyed with these temptations against faith and so on.

Once this battle is over, you will have great light, the gift of prayer, and union with God. Then your heart will exalt in God our Saviour. Wait on the Lord, act manfully. Above all, I rejoiced much that God has taken away all consolation and candy for babies. Abraham our father in Faith, gave no banquet or grand feast when Isaac, so greatly desired was born; but he celebrated when he was weaned. Learn the lesson. This darkness of mind that you experience is a clear, evident sign that God wishes to lead you along the way of faith. My just one lives by faith. When you find yourself in this darkness so that you cannot meditate, keep yourself at peace with the loving attention to God in a sacred silence of love, taking in the sweet milk from the breast of the infinite love of God. One loving word is enough to keep a soul in prayer for a long time.

Cleaning of Altar Servers' Garments

When I appealed for help with the cleaning of the altar servers' albs, several members of the parish came forward and washed these garments. We would like this to be a permanent ministry. This service needs to be coordinated so that we do not have the same albs washed over and over again. I am therefore kindly asking all those who would like to take up this ministry on a permanent basis to submit their names to me so we can come together to organize how we will carry out this important service.

First Holy Communion Programme 2022-23

We meet in the hall on Sun 20th Nov at 10am for, Chapter 2: Lord, Have mercy (Penitential Act).

Confirmation Programme 2022-23

We meet in the parish house on Sat 19th Nov at 5pm for, Session Two: To know Jesus.

St. Christopher's Hospice

Support your local hospice in remembrance of our loved ones. You are invited to dedicate a light and gather together with family, friends and those not yet met at St Christopher's Hospice this winter.

For the first time in three years, St Christopher's hospice supporters will gather to light up the trees at our events in Orpington and Sydenham.

Each light is a visible sign of hope and a way to remember those who have died and are never forgotten. Coming together to remember those we love and whose memory remains with us is a shared act both of celebration and grief.

To dedicate a light in memory of someone you love, and to register for the events at Orpington (on Sunday 27th November) or Sydenham (Sunday 4th December) visit:

<https://www.stchristophers.org.uk/lights>

The Friends of Westminster Cathedral

We are holding the following events to support Westminster Cathedral. Both events are to be held at 7pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London SW1P 1QJ.

22 Nov: Katharine Parr: The Sixth Wife. Talk by Alison Weir - £10.

23 Nov: Cathedral Quiz with fish & chip supper - £18. Tickets from friends@rcdow.org.uk.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 15th March 2023.

£699 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Special St. Patrick's Day Celebrations. Single supplement £150. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £133, Not Gift Aided: £371

Mass Count: Sat (58), Sun 09.30 (92), 11.00 (92)

Second Collection

Last week: Archbishop's Appeal (£312)

This week: Youth Sunday (Gift aid envelopes)

Next Week: None

Donate

Gift Aid: Tax payers, please sign up, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated. Email Treasurer for details.

Card: Card Machine in Church Foyer or www.olspn.church

Standing Order: Email Treasurer for details.

Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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