

## 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A)

Mass book: p158 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

11am Mass  
Hymns

Entrance: 807  
Gloria: 489  
Gospel Accl.<sup>n</sup>: Hymn Sheet  
Communion: 761

Offertory: 749 & 88  
Post-Communion: 804 & Hymn Sheet

Euch.<sup>c</sup> Prayer: 490  
Recessional: 854



### Christ the King

The Lord looks after his sheep through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and King. Christ is anointed King of the universe by his Father. We will be judged by our actions in this life, and finally Christ will present us to his Father. If we live our lives for Christ the King, and in service of his brothers and sisters, he promises that we will enter with him into glory.

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of Holy Spirit.

#### Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 25 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Wellbeing - Metropolitan Police Catholic Guild Members
Sun 26 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A)</b> Annie, William & Liz Doran RIP Theresa Hector RIP Birthday Blessings - Helen Eneh
Mon 27 09.30	Birthday Blessings - Desiree Paraiso Rosary
Tue 28 09.30	Thanksgiving - Fr Tracey Duru Rosary
Wed 29 09.30	Mimi Parkinson RIP Rosary
Thu 30 09.30	Saint † Andrew Birthday Blessings - Andrew Yoboue Rosary
<b>11.45</b> Fri 01 09.30	Funeral Mass - Mary Pokorny Albert & Mary Browne RIP Exposition
Sat 02 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday Susan Feore RIP
Sun 03 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)</b> Thomas Oliver Mitchell RIP Birthday Blessings - Nell Higgins

#### Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter, it will run for a month per request. Please send an email to: [regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk).

#### Sharing the Word

**First Reading** - It is important to have good leaders. Much of the misfortune that had befallen Israel had been due to bad leadership. So, in the end God himself will assume the mantle of leadership. He will be a true shepherd who will bring together the scattered remnants of his flock. But even then, the individual will be responsible for his own salvation, for God will still judge between sheep and sheep.

**Second Reading** - Paul looks to the Parousia when all those in Christ will be raised. At the end of the world Christ will reign as universal King, having overcome all hostile forces, including death.

**Gospel** - The final judgement. The important point is to show what the criterion of the judgement will be. The judgement will be based on the treatment of deprived outcasts. The world pays more attention to the rich and the powerful. It will not be like this in the kingdom of God.

We do not know exactly how the last judgement will happen, but we do know what the followers of Jesus will be judged on. They will be judged on whether or not they rendered loving service to the poor. Care for one's neighbour is the core value of Christianity. To be ready

or watchful for the Lord's coming is to be able to recognise the Son of Man in all those in need, and to translate one's love into concrete works of mercy.

### World Youth Sunday 2023



This Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> November) is National Youth Sunday, and the second collection will be for the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which is re-launching several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35.

For more details about what is on offer, please see our website [tinyurl.com/scys1](https://tinyurl.com/scys1). Please also sign up to our network at [tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](https://tinyurl.com/scysnetwork) to receive regular updates. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has produced further World Youth Sunday resources at [worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023](https://worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023).

### Appeal for a person with accounting skills

Our Parish Treasurer David Simpson, who has served our parish very well for many years intends to step down at the end of the year. I am appealing to people with accounting skills to offer their time to serve our parish in this capacity. Any person interested should speak to Fr Regis.

### Sick and Housebound

If your neighbour or anyone you know is unable to attend mass because they are in poor health, please let Fr Regis know and he will take them Holy Communion.

### Children's Books Appeal

We would like to restart the practice of providing suitable religious books for young children to look at and enjoy during Mass.

This is an appeal to parishioners to donate books which can be left at the back of the church for children to choose from, when they come to Mass.

If each family brought just one book this would provide a large enough selection.

Thank you.

### Eucharistic Ministers and Readers.

The new Rota which includes Christmas is now available in the porch for those who have not received one via email.

### Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning in the parish house will be after 9.30am Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Do come for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat.

### Mary Pokorny RIP



Mary's funeral will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Mass will start at 11.45am, followed by her burial at 1.30pm at Hither Green.

### Foodbank Appeal

The SVP and Knights of St Columba are appealing for food items for the Lewisham Foodbank on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2023.

#### Urgently needed items (No Pork Please)

UHT Milk (Semi-skimmed or Full Fat ONLY), Non-Dairy Milk, Long-Life Juice, Cereal, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Sweetcorn, Tinned Pulses, Tinned Meat, Halal Canned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding, Biscuits, Rice, Cooking Oil, Pasta Sauce, Tea Bags, Vegetarian Meals (Non-Perishable), Shower Gel, Toilet Rolls, Sanitary Towels (No Tampons) Nappies, Baby Wipes, Washing Up Liquid, Strong Carrier Bags.

### 2023 Christmas Hamper Service

We are participating in this LB Bromley event, to deliver hampers to those in need. We are appealing to parishioners for drivers, and people to accompany the drivers, to deliver the hampers on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, after 11am Mass. There will only be a few hampers per driver.

Last Week

**Offertory:** Gift Aided: £148, Not Gift Aided: £427

**Mass Count:** Sat (52), Sun 09.30 (80), 11.00 (108)

Second Collection

**Last week: None**

**This week: Youth Sunday (Gift Aid)**

**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](http://www.olspn.church)

**Standing Order:** Email Treasurer for details.

**Cheque:** Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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