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NOVEMBER 20TH 2022 | FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S

City Centre Catholic Parish Southampton



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Kingship

The solemnity of Christ the King was instituted as the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The Pope asserted that the most effective defence against the destructive forces of the age is the recognition of the Kingship of Christ.

We are reminded that at our Baptism we are anointed with holy oil as prophet, priest and king.

The feast of Christ the King is a good opportunity not only to reflect on the Kingship of Christ but on our kingship and what it means to be a king.

Understanding the feast helps us to understand our own call better. St Ignatius in his spiritual exercises encourages us to reflect on the call of the King and what it means today.

At this present time of climate crisis and destruction it is poignant to revisit the creation story and to recognise that each one of us were given the gift of this beautiful world. 'And God said: Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed upon the earth and all the trees that have in themselves seeds of their own kind and to every fowl of the air and to all that move upon the earth and wherein there is life that they may have to feed upon. And so it was done'. The responsibility of a king is to care for his subjects and we were called to be the custodians of creation.

The King of the Universe shows us how far this responsibility takes us in His example as ruler of all and servant of all: He rules in triumph and He rules from the Cross.

We should be asking ourselves the question over whom or what am I king and who or what have I been called to serve.

This week Cop27 has been taking place in Egypt. World leaders have gathered together to discuss and debate how we can address this current climate crisis. This crisis is due to a collective and corporate failure to care for the planet that we were given. A number of us joined with the parishioners of Avenue St Andrews last Friday to watch a film 'The Letter' written to address the encyclical Laudato Si. In the film

Pope Francis describes how the encyclical came about and we hear about the reaction to its publication. The film's protagonists represent four voices from the world's peripheries deeply impacted by climate change: Senegal, India, the Brazilian Amazon and the USA. These human stories illustrate how our planetary crisis is taking a toll on people, animals and nature: the whole of God's creation that was given to us to steward. It was very moving to watch and impossible to walk away and do nothing.

This Sunday reminds us of an eternal kingship, one to which we are all called and as St Paul reminds us one in which a place has been created for us.

But, as the opening prayer says: God is willing that His kingdom is restored and set free.

If we respond to the call of Christ the King, surely it must be to restore the harmony and beauty to this planet.

Tina Quinn

Questions to Ponder

1. According to Pope Francis, from the beginning of His life to His last act, Jesus revealed Himself as Mercy. What does that mean to you? What does His assurance to the good thief confirm?
2. Both Jesus (in the gospels) and David (1st reading) are called shepherds, anointed ones, and kings. What is the difference between their kingships?
3. "He is the image of the invisible God. All things in heaven and earth were created in Him, through Him and for Him" we hear in the 2nd reading. How can we heal, in Him, the wounds of the environment?

Vincent Harvey

This Week...

- Tues** St Michael's Meditation Group @ 6pm
Alpha Course on Zoom @ 7pm
- Wed** Evening Prayer @ 6pm.... to join email Den Andy
Journey in Faith @ 7.30pm in St Ed's Hall
- Thurs** Richard Rohr Group
Green Living Group

For Info...

- Mon** VH/JP Day Off
- Tues** Requiem for Mrs Pat Cooke: VH
- Wed** Team meeting: VH/JP/AP
- Fri** Property Meeting: VH/PF
University Mass: VH
Clergy Ministry Group: VH

A Few Words...

Congratulations to Cameron Kerr who raised £1107.58 (with Gift Aid £1220.60) for local Food Banks, by running the London Marathon. He thanks all parishioners who sponsored him.

Did you know that **Southampton 'Refillery'** is now open: 25 Manor Farm Road, Bitterne Park Triangle, SO18 1NN: bring your empty containers, fill them, then pay! Simple and saves on wasteful packaging.

Thank you to all who took home the smaller copy of **'You will be my Witnesses'** last week. Great. I hope you have managed to read and absorb it. It is important that we give a feedback to the Bishop so please take home a **feedback-form** and complete as much of it as you can and return it next week! Our voices are important if the right decisions are to be taken for the future of the Church, our parishes and the diocese.

As mentioned last week we received a donation to clean and repair the large, beautiful, and much-loved statue of Our Lady in St Edmund's Church. **Thank you** to both anonymous donors who came forward, **we have now raised the necessary funds** and hope to schedule the works before Christmas.

Altar Servers (and parents/guardians): I hope you have managed to bring back the **'return slip'** from the letter last weekend?

Have a good week... Vincent H

Today's Notices

Feast of Christ the King

Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass

Second Collection Church Maintenance Fund (last one)

Baptisms Preparation Lunch in St Edmund's Hall

Please continue to **sanitise hands** on entry to the church

Next Sunday Notices

First Sunday of Advent

Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass

Name Badge Sunday when we invite people to engage with those near them and, for the week, to pray for them

Second Collection for Catholic Home Care

Baptism of Alina Hiraya Crizaldo

Sacraments

Please remember especially in your prayers all those who have passed recently.

Maria McDonald Freitas whose Requiem Mass will be held in St Joseph's at 9.30am on the 24th of November. Please keep Maria's family in your prayers.

James Beggings passed away last week, please keep his wife and family in prayer. His funeral will be in St Joseph's on the 2nd of December.

Please keep in your prayers all those who are due to be baptised this month *Alina Crizaldo, Pippa Schnugh, Idas & Eris Gallon, Grace Fernandes, Eden Yizhu Lu, Jakub Gniadek Gregor, Lanene & Mark Rosal.* We pray for them and their families as they enter the faith!



First Holy Communion Update. The official registrations will be 9am, 10am, 11am Masses on 20th and 27th November in St Edmund's and St Joseph's. Please direct first holy communion queries to fhc@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org Just to say, Lorraine is not based in the Parish Office so please use that email to contact her, those coming to the office will not find her! Emails are checked regularly.

Prayers

Adoration Please contact Anna on **07956 379 542** if you feel able to join Adoration during the week in St Edmund's. New Adorers are needed!



"Eucharistic adoration is the most necessary mission to the church, which has even more need of prayerful souls, than of powerful preachers or men of eloquence."

– St Peter Julian Eymard, Apostle of the Eucharist

Please remember especially in your prayers

Laneisha Vaz, Sr Maria Innocenta, Jack, Jannette and Robert Keith, Margaret Hicks, Margaret Murray, Mary Mullen, Abi, John, Mary O'Reilly, Valerie, Christopher Browne, Oliver, Carmen Escorcio, Simon, Bernadette, Sue, Clifford Cross, Kelly, Val Perry, Peter Scott, Ivanka Roberts, Maro P, John Morris, Fr Tom Singleton and all in the Parish who are ill, dying, undergoing treatment or are experiencing distress.

What's going on?

Day of prayer and reflection for catechists and those interested in this ministry **Saturday 3rd December 2022 9am - 4pm Holy Family Church.** Fr Tom Kleinschmidt leads a day of prayer, reflection and spiritual conferences for catechists and those interested in this ministry. Please bring your own lunch. For more details or to confirm attendance contact ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk

Thank you to all who supported the Rotary Shoebox Appeal this year. It has been another successful year with nearly 1000 boxes collected from Magna Rotary supporters. In total, **18,207 boxes were collected** across the Wessex District. We hope you found the new system of supplied boxes beneficial, they allowed for a standardisation of packing meaning more boxes could be sent per container. Many of the boxes were beautifully decorated with colouring, stickers or wrapping paper.

Lorries will be heading off to Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania very shortly. The Ukrainian clubs in Lviv and Kyiv have said that they are unable to distribute to orphanages etc in Ukraine as they are all extremely busy arranging shelters for tens of thousands of their population needing support. However, Rotary colleagues in Moldova and Romania will make sure that those boxes will get to Ukrainian children who are refugees in their countries. **A huge thank you to everyone who donated shoeboxes, additional contents and knitwear.**

CATHSOC Christmas Carols - all are welcome! CATHSOC will be using St Edmund's Church to host a carol service with hymns, carols, some short prayers and readings. It would be lovely to have some of our parishioners come along to support them. **10th December 4.30-5.30pm.**

Journey in Faith / RCIA Course For anyone looking to find out more about the Catholic Faith - come along and ask your questions, find out what the church teaches and what it means to live as a Catholic. This group also offers preparation for adult (18+) Baptism, Confirmation or Reception as a Catholic. Meetings are **Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall.** Just turn up!

Food Banks Please consider donating to Southampton City Mission Food Bank if you are able to. You can do this by making use of the collection baskets in supermarkets when you go shopping, or by bringing items with you to church to place in the boxes in the porches. To check on the current out of stock items please see: <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/get-involved/how-to-donate>

Most needed currently are:

Jams & Spreads, Sugar (Small Bags),

Tinned Cold Meat (Ham, Spam, etc.)

Tinned Hot Meat (Curry, Pies, Stew, etc.)

Male & Female **Deodorant, Toilet Rolls, Shampoo,**

Soap & Shower Gel, Sanitary Products,

Treats (Chocolate, Crisps, etc.), **UHT Milk**



Parish Christmas 'Warm Up' Event. To try and offset the cost of fixing our boilers we have decided to run a Christmas Bazaar to raise funds towards these repairs. **Please put Sunday 4th of December in your calendars,** as we shall have cake stalls, Christmas gifts and repository items for sale alongside a bottle tombola and lucky dips. **We shall begin following the 9am Mass, and continue after the 10am, 11am and 7pm** so hopefully all will get a chance to come.

We are asking for donations of goods, perhaps you might knit/crochet some items, or you may have some old knick-knacks in good condition that need a new home. **Please contact Anna if you might be able to help** 'run' a stall, can offer any donations or could make some cakes. All knick-knack items and alcoholic bottles will be collected in the Parish Office all through November. Ideally having most of the donations next/this week to allow time to sort... Thanks in advance!

St Edmund's Church Boiler. Deo Gratias... it seems the smaller part replacement has been successful and we now have two working boilers! Still an expense, but nowhere near the cost of a full replacement.

'Closer to Christ' Update

Bishop Philip Egan invites you to join him for the **annual Closer to Christ Mass of Thanksgiving** on the 2nd December at 12.15pm in St John's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, PO1 3HG.

The Mass will be preceded by an opportunity to meet with some of our seminarians (beginning at 11.15am in the Parish Centre). Light refreshments will also be made available in the Parish Centre, following the Mass.

To join please RSVP by 25th November to **023 9200 7595** or closerchristcampaign@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the Closer to Christ Campaign.

Green Living Update...

There is now a new funding stream that helps improve the energy efficiency rating of some of Southampton's lowest-performing properties. The **Government's Sustainable Warmth programme** awards grants to home owners who might not otherwise be able to afford the necessary large-scale heating and insulation measures such as loft and wall insulation, air source heat pumps and even solar panels, to keep their homes warm in winter and cool in summer.

Successful applicants (including Landlords) will need to meet specific eligibility criteria relating to their household income and property's Energy Performance Certificate, but home owners who are eligible for the scheme will not be required to pay.

To find out more, please contact the **Southampton Healthy Homes team on 0800 804 8601.** Those of us who can afford it need to consider these things if we haven't already done so. **This is a climate change game changer!**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

SJ REFERS TO ST JOSEPH'S (BUGLE STREET, SO14 2AH) & SE IS ST EDMUND'S (THE AVENUE, SO17 1XJ)

Saturday 19th November	6:15pm SJ	Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 20th November	9:00am SE	Olivia Holland Birthday Blessings
<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	10:00am SJ	People of the Parish
	11.00am SE	Uche Izuka Birthday Blessings
	7:00pm SE	Vinko Delina RIP
Tuesday 22nd Nov	10:00am SE	Health and Wellbeing of John B, and Steve J Clark RIP
<i>St Cecilia</i>		Winnie, Reg and Peter Alexander RIP
Wednesday 23rd Nov	7.00pm SE	
<i>St Clement I</i>		Evelyn Mackenzie Canada
Thursday 24th Nov	12.15pm SJ	Priests and Vocations
Friday 25th Nov	7.00pm SE	
Saturday 26th Nov	11:00am SE	B'day Blessings & Thanksgiving for Krisha Vaz
<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	6:15pm SJ	Thanksgiving for Pilgrimage to Lisbon & Fatima
	7:00pm SE	Msza Polska / Mass in Polish
Sunday 27th November	9:00am SE	Thanksgiving Stoy & Jessy
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am SJ	Julia D'Arcy RIP
	11.00am SE	Tony Perry and Family RIP
	7:00pm SE	People of the Parish

13th Nov

1st Collection

SO: £1,203

Cash: £839.15

TOTAL: £2,042.15

Thank you.

"In this day, this [Advent] season, miracles will grow within, unfurl, bear fruit. And the heart that makes time and space for Him to come will be a glorious place. A place of sheer, radiant defiance in the face of a world careening mad and stressed. Because each day of Advent, we will actively wait. We will wait knowing that the remaking of everything has already begun."

- Ann Voskamp, *The Greatest Gift*

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20th November

Psalm Response:

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house".

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Readings 27th November

First Reading:

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Second Reading:

Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel:

Matthew 24: 37-44

Confessions

St Joseph's on

Thursdays at 11.45am &

Saturdays 5.45pm

and at

St Edmund's on Saturdays after the 11am Mass

Catholic Home Care Gifts

While you're out shopping may we ask you to think of their elderly clients who are often lonely & without friends or family around them, so to receive a special gift means so much to them. Please consider picking up a small item or two for us to give on your behalf.

Gifts can be toiletries, chocolates, biscuits, socks, scarves etc. They should be new and unwrapped so that individual health & dietary requirements can be considered when our carers select gifts for their clients.

Baskets will be available in each porch on the weekends of 27th November and 4th & 11th December.

These gifts make a big difference, and for some of our clients they might be the only gift they receive. Thank you for your kindness!

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

We the people of St Joseph's and St Edmund's City Centre Catholic Parish, Southampton, sisters and brothers in Christ, accept as our mission, in the service of God and as a community of disciples:

- to share God's love with all those we meet

- to welcome all so as to help others

find and recognise Christ in their lives

- to exercise mercy and

understanding with ourselves and others.



Join the Parish!