



Ordariate and Parish Church

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a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham



JESUS CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

26th November 2023



In the gospel reading today, we hear that God looks after his sheep through Jesus Christ his shepherd and king. Christ is anointed king of the universe by his Father. We will be judged by our actions and finally Christ will present us to his Father. We must live our lives for our king so that we may enter with him into glory. Christ is King!

Jesus Christ is the Universal King! On this last Sunday of the Christian Year we celebrate this truth and enthrone Him in our hearts. At Mass today we give thanks for the many blessings we have received this past year. *Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ!*

Youth Sunday this week with a retiring collection for youth work in the Archdiocese.

Council Members are reminded we meet on Tuesday this week. If you have not received the papers see FrC

November is the month of Holy Souls when we pray for our relatives and friends who have died and may be in Purgatory.

Names of loved-ones have been in the casket at the front throughout November, and prayed for at every Mass this month.

Funerals, never a good time to talk about them, but if Catholics can't in November, we never will. Have you prepared yours? Forms on-line or at the back. It'll make things so much easier for family and friends.

A Foundation Mass can be set up for loved ones. Mass is offered on the chosen date for 25 years. Suggested offering £300. See FrC

Open Church, come and pray! The Church is open each day after Mass until late (normally 19.00). Visit the Lord Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Welcome to Stephen, who is to be received into the Church today. After prayer, reflection and preparation, he has decided to commit himself to the Lord and join the Catholic Church. Please pray for him.

Caritas invite support for those affected by war, flooding and earthquake at this time.

Catholic Christmas Cards are available at the back of Church. Extra stock was obtained. Make an offering.

The Archdiocese email system was hacked last week. If you receive anything convincing from rcaos.org.uk with a link, delete. Anything from the parish comes from ChurchSuite; or from preciousblood.org.uk

The Organ Recital monthly series continues this Saturday 2nd December at 12.30, Stephen Disley, formally organist of Southwark CofE Cathedral. Full series on the parish website.

Lectors should have received an invitation to a recollection day on 2nd December. Please see May for more info.

Advent begins next week, the season of preparation for Christmas. This year it is the shortest possible - three weeks and one day - because Christmas falls on a Monday.

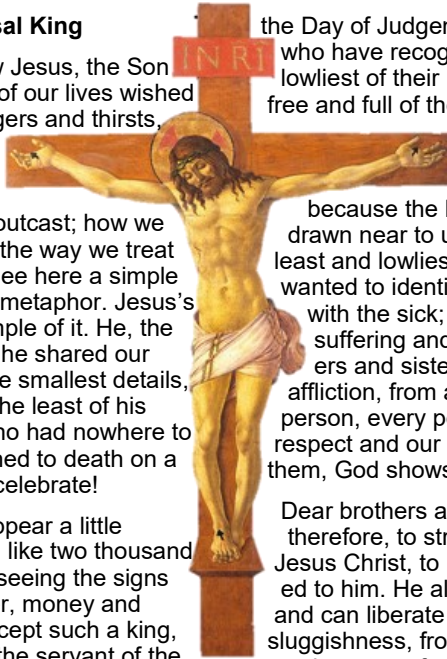
Did you know, Adam and Eve were the first not to read the Apple terms & conditions?

Jesus Christ, the Universal King

The Gospel today tells how Jesus, the Son of Man, the ultimate judge of our lives wished to appear as one who hungers and thirsts, as a stranger, as one of those who are naked, sick or imprisoned, ultimately, of those who suffer or are outcast; how we treat them will be taken as the way we treat Jesus himself. We do not see here a simple literary device, or a simple metaphor. Jesus's entire existence is an example of it. He, the Son of God, became man, he shared our existence, even down to the smallest details, he became the servant of the least of his brothers and sisters. He who had nowhere to lay his head, was condemned to death on a cross. This is the King we celebrate!

Without a doubt this can appear a little disconcerting to us. Today, like two thousand years ago, accustomed to seeing the signs of royalty in success, power, money and ability, we find it hard to accept such a king, a king who makes himself the servant of the little ones, of the most humble, a king whose throne is a cross. And yet, the Scriptures tell us, in this is the glory of Christ revealed; it is in the humility of his earthly existence that he finds his power to judge the world. For him, to reign is to serve! And what he asks of us is to follow him along the way, to serve, to be attentive to the cry of the poor, the weak, the outcast. The baptised know that the decision to follow Christ can entail great sacrifices, at times even the sacrifice of one's life. However, as Saint Paul reminds us, Christ has overcome death and he brings us with him in his resurrection. He introduces us to a new world, a world of freedom and joy. Today, so much still binds us to the world of the past, so many fears hold us prisoners and prevent us from living in freedom and happiness. Let us allow Christ to free us from the world of the past! Our faith in him, which frees us from all our fears and miseries, gives us access to a new world, a world where justice and truth are not a byword, a world of interior freedom and of peace with ourselves, with our neighbours and with God. This is the gift God gave us at our baptism!

"Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Mt 25:34). Let us receive this word of blessing which the Son of Man will, on



the Day of Judgement, address to those who have recognized his presence in the lowliest of their brethren, with a heart free and full of the love of the Lord! Brothers and sisters, the words of the Gospel are truly words of hope, because the King of the universe has drawn near to us, the servant of the least and lowliest. Have courage! Jesus wanted to identify himself with the poor, with the sick; he wanted to share your suffering and to see you as his brothers and sisters, to free you from every affliction, from all suffering. Every sick person, every poor person deserves our respect and our love because, through them, God shows us the way to heaven.

Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you, therefore, to strengthen your faith in Jesus Christ, to be authentically converted to him. He alone gives us the true life and can liberate us from all our fears and sluggishness, from all our anguish. Rediscover the roots of your existence in the baptism which you received and which makes you children of God! May Jesus Christ give you strength to live as Christians and to find ways to transmit generously to new generations what you have received from your fathers in faith! May the Lord fill you with his graces!

On this feast day, we rejoice together in the reign of Christ the King over the whole world. He is the one who removes all that hinders reconciliation, justice and peace. We are reminded that true royalty does not consist in a show of power, but in the humility of service; not in the oppression of the weak, but in the ability to protect them and to lead them to life in abundance (see Jn 10:10). Christ reigns from the Cross and, with his arms open wide, he embraces all the peoples of the world and draws them into unity. Through the Cross, he breaks down the walls of division, he reconciles us with each other and with the Father.

May God bless all of you!

*Pope Benedict XVI
November 2011*

FUNERAL INSTRUCTIONS

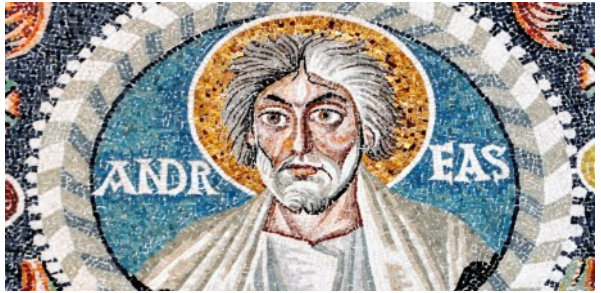


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Have you filled out and returned one of these? Return it once completed to FRC who will locked it away till needed.

INRI Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews (Iesvs Nazarenvs Rex Ivdæorvm). Written in the three known languages,

Do you have a Crucifix in your home? Not an empty cross, but one that proclaims the Kingship of Christ crucified.



**2nd Dec.
Sat at 10 am**



RECOLLECTION

FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

On behalf of Archbishop John Wilson, I invite you to a Day of Recollection: a time for prayer, renewal and practical guidance for your ministry. Through your ministry you enrich the Church, especially your Parish Family. I give thanks to God for your gift to the Church. I pray that you will have a fruitful time.

Canon Gerald Bradley
Episcopal Vicar for South West



- 10:00 Tea/Coffee
- 10:30 First Session
- 11:15 Short Break
- 11:30 Ministry Review
- 12:15 Tea/Coffee Break
- 12:40 Adoration & Confessions
- 13:30 Mass
- 14:15 Lunch

Note: Priests will be available for confession from 12.40 to 13.15



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Sunday 09.00 - 13.30
Tue - Fri 12.00 - 19.00

A morning prayer for Grace.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday CHRIST THE KING	09.30 11.00	Stephen & April Parishioners
<i>Mon 27th feria</i>		
<i>Tue 28th feria</i>	13.05	Rev John Moynihan <i>foundation</i>
<i>Wed 29th feria</i>	13.05	John Murphy ✕ <i>recently</i>
<i>Thurs 30th St Andrew</i>	13.05	Those named on the Altar ✕
<i>Fri 1st feria</i>	13.05	Deceased parishioner ✕ <i>foundation</i>
<i>Sat 2nd of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	10.00†	In thanksgiving to OLW for job
Next Sunday FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	09.30 11.00	Deceased clergy ✕ <i>foundation</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 63:16-17.64:1.3-8 1Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.30-12.55

† **Mass in the Ordinarate Use** of the Roman Rite

Safeguarding. The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officers: Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 03330 509296

Holy Father's Intention for December 2023: For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

For your prayers:

Becoming Catholic Stephen, Jules, Penelope

In priestly formation: Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes), Dn Timothy Ezat

Peace: In Ukraine, in the Holy Land

Those who are Sick: Mary, Monica, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Chris, Richard, Hermon, Alastair, Amaogechi Martina, Fr John

Recently Departed: David Silk *priest*, Brian Cox, Francis Kemsley *priest*, Alan Cox, John Murphy

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