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Solemnity of Christ the King – 20/21 November 2021

“The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.”

Psalm 92, 1

ADVENT

Fr Patrick's Advent Course

[Monday 29 November, 6, 13 20

December 2021 at 19.30 hrs./7pm]

Week 1 What do we understand as the Church?

Week 2 The Church in the Modern World

Week 3 Church & Society

Week 4 Ecumenical dimension

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE @

OLSA Thursday 16th December,

7.30pm This service is intended to offer us a time of spiritual preparation, as we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

5 BIBLE STUDIES

- ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching & stimulating questions. Five Wednesdays: 24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time). Free Info & Registration:

<https://comeandsee.org/advent>

RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Fiammetta Elvira Scola who died recently. Funeral here at Our Lady & St Anne's Thurs 2nd Dec. @ 1.30pm

'DIOCESAN PLAN' ZOOM WED

24TH NOV @ 7pm.

We heard about the Diocesan Plan last summer and now we are hearing about "synodality". You are invited to an online meeting to find out more about what it is hoped it will deliver for the Diocese. Register your interest by sending an email to actabhm@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

In the Cenacle Wednesday 8th December at 7.15pm.

- watch and learn from our own professional florist and make your own special Christmas wreath for your home. All materials provided.
- Bring a friend for a fun evening while learning a new skill
- Complimentary wine and mince pies
- £20/head. All funds raised for the Parish Building Fund.
- Book your place now with Tina Colehan on 07753 605972

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Next Sunday (28th Nov) we will be launching our annual Smarties fundraising appeal in aid of CAFOD. Children's Liturgy welcomes all children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion (pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult) and we are no longer running a booking system. Come to our session during the 10am Mass next week to receive your free tube of Smarties!

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

In line with local churches, congregational singing whilst still wearing masks will begin on the first Sunday of Advent.

CONFIRMATION 2022

If your child does not go to a Catholic school and you would like them to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2022, contact the parish office by email [ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk]



OUR LADY'S LAMP This week's lamp is lit
for: Ronald & Barbara Turnock

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Solemnity of Our Lord Christ, Universal King (Year B – Mark): The notion of kingdom is a recurring one in both OT and NT. It has its positive sides but also its darker one. It evokes a benevolent reign, providential care of the people, protection, enlightened leadership and the rule of law. On the other hand it suggests repression, exploitation and abuse of power with little respect for human rights. In all ages of history there are kings or their equivalents who reflect some or all of these contradictory values. And this is regardless of whether the leaders inherit their positions by birth or by election. At no stage in human history did it really look as if God were in charge. We have had wars, epidemics, famines and natural catastrophes, as well as major movements of migrants chased from one home and in search of another [the news of the past week confirms that all these trends are present in today's world]. No monarch, dictator or leader comes up to scratch. Today the Church puts before us the crucified and risen Lord as King of the Universe. In him we place our hope. He is not just a king among others. His reign and presence is transcendental, what we expect of him are the values of truth, freedom, justice and salvation, values that will ever endure and that suffer no defeat.

First Reading (OT): Daniel 7, 13 – 14: The latter writings of the OT frequently juxtapose the worldly rulers and kingdoms, of which the Israelites had some considerable experience with their Greek overlords, with the final reign of God which will come with the end times. Israel is challenged to renew its faith in the God who emancipated his people from slavery, yet the Israelite kings themselves frequently did not live up to what God expected of them. And now Daniel describes the fate of the son of man on whom all sovereignty was conferred.

Second Reading (NT): Apocalypse 1, 5 – 8: A good two hundred and fifty years after the prophet Daniel described the coming of the son of man, the author of the Apocalypse writes of a vision of the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven. In Daniel this symbolic figure stands for the communion of the saints, i.e. the people of Israel, when it participates in God's peaceful reign. This vision was never realized concretely in subsequent history. In this Christian vision which the author of the Apocalypse presents to us, it is no longer a collective gathering, rather the crucified Jesus of Nazareth. His kingdom is not reserved to him alone but is shared by him with those who follow him and who believe in him. We are called to be witnesses to that one God who spans time and space and in whom all that exists is rooted.

Gospel: John 18, 33 – 37: Pilate was keen to avoid any disturbance in the province of the Empire over which he had power, he feared any threat to his authority and treated Jesus accordingly. Their conversation was at cross-purposes. Pilate calculated in terms of worldly power, Jesus was speaking of his spiritual authority. For that reason Pilate could not follow the conversation. Ironically the powerful Pilate makes it possible for Jesus to become king and reign from the cross.

Mass Intentions for Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Year B King of the Universe

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| Saturday | 20 th November | 17.30 | Rosanne McCartney RIP |
| Sunday | 21 st November | 10.00 | Victoria Kennedy RIP |
| Monday | 22 nd November | No Mass | |
| <i>Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr</i> | | | |
| Tuesday | 23 rd November | No Mass | |
| <i>Memorial of St Clement I, Pope, Martyr</i> | | | |
| Wednesday | 24 th November | No Mass | |
| <i>Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i> | | | |
| Thursday | 25 th November | No Mass | |
| <i>Memorial of St Catherine of Alexandria</i> | | | |
| Friday | 26 th November | No Mass | |
| <i>Friday of week 34 in Ordinary Time</i> | | | |
| Saturday | 27 th November | 10.00 | Bridie & Jimmy O'Sullivan |
| <i>Saturday of week 34 in Ordinary Time</i> | | | |

First Sunday of Advent

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| Saturday | 27 th November | 17.30 | Tony Lundy RIP |
| Sunday | 28 th November | 10.00 | People of the parish |

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| Evening prayer, Rosary: | 16.45 | Saturday afternoon |
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