

# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough Parish Newsletter

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: 24 November 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, 24 November

Ss Andrew Dŭng-Lac, priest, & Companions, martyrs are not celebrated this year

Gabriel, Eucharia & Family (T)

#### **NOVEMBER LIST**

Linda Burke (MM)

Liam & Maura Pender (A)

Rosaleen Murphy (A)

Tony Power (A)

Michael & Larry O'Sullivan (D)

### Monday, 25 November

St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr, St Clement I, pope & martyr, St Colman, bishop

#### **NOVEMBER LIST**

Paul Heaslip (BR)

Senan Haugh (A)

George T.X. (A)

## Tuesday, 26 November

#### **NOVEMBER LIST**

Patricia Kernan (A) & her daughter...

... Geraldine Philips (A)

#### Wednesday, 27 November

The Blessed Virgin Mary of the Miraculous Medal St Fergal, bishop & missionary

## **NOVEMBER LIST**

Dympna O'Gorman (MM)

John & Jo Breen (A)

## Thursday, 28 November

St Catherine Labouré DC, Virgin

Thanksgiving

## **NOVEMBER LIST**

Christopher (Chris) Wall (A)

Kelly Family (D)

## Friday, 29 November

Suzanne Miller (SI)

### **NOVEMBER LIST**

Anne Carmel Martin (A)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Michael & Bridget Feely (D)

Rita Riordan & Teresa Quigley (D)

Breda Thiele & Nancy Maguire (D)

## Saturday, 30 November

St Andrew, Apostle

Marion Grehan (Thanksgiving)

Annie Theresa Lawrence (B)

### **NOVEMBER LIST**

Eddie Lawrence (D)

John Lawrence (WA remembrance)

## **CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING**

A short sentence in our second reading for this Sunday, tells us three important truths about what Jesus' kingship means for us. It says that "He (Jesus) loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father." Apocalypse 1:6

- 1. Jesus loves us. Do we really think of Jesus as the Son of a *loving* God? Or do we think of God as a stern judge who is just waiting to punish us for our sins and failures? No, Jesus' message is that God *always* loves us; and that he loves us *as we are*, right now, even in our sinfulness.
- 2. Jesus has washed away our sins with his blood. This good news, however, is only for people who acknowledge that they are sinners and in need of forgiveness. Remember Jesus did not come to call the virtuous but sinners.

Jesus does not love some idealized version of us, the people we would like to be. No. Jesus loves us as we are, right now. Jesus' death on the cross in a mysterious but real way takes away, not only our own innumerable shortcomings and sins, but the sins of all humanity in all ages. That is good news. But there is more.

3. Jesus has made us into a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father. Through Baptism we are all called (anointed) to share both in the priesthood and in the kingship of Christ. We are called to celebrate the Eucharist with the one true priest, Jesus Christ, who is the principal celebrant of every Mass.

Through baptism Jesus also gives us a share in his kingship. We exercise our *kingship* as Jesus does: by serving other people. Like Jesus we are called *to serve not to be served,* to give of ourselves totally and utterly in love as he did. The Kingship of Christ has, at its heart, not power, wealth, or status but love, compassion, and self-giving.

So, as we end this liturgical year we are left with a challenge. To what extent do our lives reflect that of Jesus? To what extent have we allowed Jesus to become King of my life, king of my heart?

#### **RCIA**

Rite of Welcome for Candidates will take place at 10.00am Mass on Sunday 24 November.

### ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR SICK & INDIGENT ROOMKEEPERS SOCIETY...

... takes place at Masses this weekend and replaces the diocesan Share collection. This society provides once-off assistance to help people return to self-sufficiency.

## **ENVELOPE BOXES**

Boxes for the year ahead may be collected after Masses this weekend. Thank you to all who take boxes each year and to all who contribute to the upkeep and running costs of the Church.

## TRIDUUM IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Monday 25 - Wednesday 27 November. Mass and Novena each evening at 7.00pm.

#### DATE FOR DIARY

Child Safeguarding & Best Practice training for all our volunteers & staff will take place on Tuesday 11 March 2025 at 7.00pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Navan Road. This training takes place every three years and is for all in any kind of ministry in our parish. All 4 parishes in our Partnership will attend.

# LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 24 November 2024

#### **FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Daniel

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away.

nor will his empire be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Response: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth.

He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him,

and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

#### **GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Pilate asked Jesus 'Are you the king of the Jews?'. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?'

Pilate answered.

'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied,

'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world

my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews.

But my kingdom is not of this kind.'

'So, you are a king then? said Pilate.

'It is you who say it,' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this.

I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' The Gospel of the Lord.



Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal with St Catherine Labouré DC

DAILY PRAYER FOR THE
SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED FOR THE MONTH
OF NOVEMBER

Absolve, we beseech you Lord, the souls of the faithful departed, our brothers and sisters who have died. Grant that, being dead to this world, they may live to you and whatever sins they committed in this life through human weakness, we ask you to forgive, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### TEA / COFFEE

On Wednesday next, 27 November, tea & coffee will be available in the Chapel of Adoration after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome to attend.

(This will take place on the 2nd Tuesday & the 4th Wednesday of each month).



# **COLLECTIONS - Sunday 17th November**

#### SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The annual SVP Christmas collection will be held on Saturday 7 / Sunday 8 December.

