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25th-26th November 2017

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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Today we celebrate the *Solemnity of Christ the King of the universe*. This feast was rightly assigned to the last Sunday of the liturgical year to emphasize that Jesus Christ is the Lord of history and that in Him the whole plan of creation and redemption reaches its fulfillment.

Through the *Old Covenant*, in the consciousness of the people of Israel, the Messiah-King receives his form. It is God himself who, especially through the prophets, reveals to the Israelites his will to gather them as a shepherd does his flock, so that they will live in freedom and peace in the promised land. To this end, he will send his Anointed One, in Greek the "Christ", to redeem the people from sin and to introduce them into the Kingdom.

Jesus of Nazareth *brings this mission to fulfillment in the Paschal Mystery*. He does not come to reign as the kings of the world do but to establish the divine power of Love in the heart of the *human person*, of *history* and of the *cosmos*.

The *Second Vatican Council* proclaimed forcefully and clearly to the contemporary world the lordship of Christ, and its message was taken up again in the *Great Jubilee of the Year 2000*. Humanity of the third millennium also needs to discover that Christ is its Saviour. This is the message that Christians should bring with renewed courage to the world of today.

In this regard, the Second Vatican Council pointed out the special responsibility of the *lay faithful* (cf. Decree *Apostolicam actuositatem*). In virtue of their Baptism and Confirmation, they participate in the *prophetic mission* of Christ.

As a consequence they are called ""to seek the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God"; they "have their own role to play in the mission of the whole people of God in the Church and in the world ... by their activity for evangelization and for the sanctification of people" (Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio ineunte*, n. 46).

Among all the angelic and earthly creatures, God has chosen the Virgin Mary to associate her in a singular way with the kingship of her Son made man. This is what we contemplate in the last glorious mystery of the Rosary. May Mary teach us to witness with courage to the Kingdom of God and to welcome Christ as the King of our lives and of the entire universe.

Pope St John Paul II (Angelus 2002)

THE ANGELUS

As is now our custom, the Angelus is said at the beginning of the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 12noon Mass on Sundays. The text of the prayer can be found in the Parish Mass Books on page 2 (opposite the Table of Contents).

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: *there will be a retiring collection for the Christmas Flowers next weekend (2nd-3rd December).*



TEA & COFFEE

are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass every Sunday. Please come along, even if only for a few minutes, to meet and chat with your fellow parishioners.

THIS MONDAY:

10.00am Mass followed by Novena Prayers
(NO evening Mass)

THE LEGION OF MARY meets this Thursday at 7.00pm

Eucharistic Adoration this Friday
(the First Friday of December)

10.00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
ending with Benediction at 11.00am

Come, let us worship!

Intention: Vocations to the Priesthood – our Diocesan Seminarians



HAINAULT CATHOLIC CLUB LTD:
Membership renewal now due: £8. Concessions £2.

CHURCH REPOSITORY: *lots of Christmas cards, calendars and other "goodies" – good quality at a reasonable price. Don't leave it to the last minute to do your shopping!*

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY (*Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society*): the next meeting will take place at 2.30pm on *Saturday 2nd December* at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY. Tony Galcius (Chairman of the Society) will speak on 'The Holy Graffiti in the Tower of London.' All are welcome.

WALK WITH ME IN ADVENT: available at the back of church – price: £1.00 – money in the papers box, please.

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL

If anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important that a priest be informed so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should inform their parish priest their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 477890 (Helen Miranda); at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877.*)

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

I draw your attention to the *Sick Parishioner Care* forms at the back of church. Please take one if you are going to hospital and wish the Catholic chaplain to look after you!

Fr Selvini

MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERINGS

Special envelopes are available at the back of church. If you would like a Mass offered on a *particular anniversary*, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better! Thank you for your co-operation.

The Four Ends of the Mass:

- *Adoration* - through the Mass, we give God solemn worship, praise and honour.
- *Thanksgiving* - through the Mass, we thank God for all He has bestowed.
- *Propitiation* - through the Mass (the re-presentation of the Sacrifice of Christ upon Calvary), God's justice for the sins of mankind is satisfied.
- *Petition* - through the Mass, we present God with our needs and ask for graces.

Mass Intentions for week beginning 25th November 2017

Sat 25	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	6.00pm	The People of the Parish / Dan Casey RIP
Sun 26		10.00am 12noon	Ronald Taylor RIP / Brian Nash RIP Agnes Warren RIP / Thanksgiving (Michl)
Mon 27	Feria	10.00am	Peter Hetherington RIP / Betty & Bill Killick RIP (FM) <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers
Tue 28	Feria	10.00am	November Dead List RIP / Lawrence Tay RIP
Wed 29	Feria	10.00am	Matthew Fernandes RIP
Thur 30	ST ANDREW, AP.	10.00am	Shaun Mahoney RIP
Fri 1	Feria (First Friday)	10.00am	Christy & Eileen Cremin RIP
Sat 2	Of Our Lady	<i>No Mass – Ordination to the Priesthood at Lexden</i>	
Sat 2	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Michael Kirby RIP (<i>anniv.</i>)
Sun 3		10.00am 12noon	Intentions of Shirley Ruiz The People of the Parish

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

Your prayers are asked for the sick and housebound, especially:

Roland Selvini, Clare Merrins, Maciej Pogorzelski, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop,
Bernadette Prudence, Kathleen Newell, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh,
Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'alters,
Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Grace
Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Mary Evelyn
Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan,
Anthony Fonseca, Maria McLoughlin, John Phillips, Mick Martin, Adriano Agatiello,
Kay Fahy, Tony Baldwin, Paul Doyle, Susan Coker, Daniel Sutton, Tony Morton,
Bernadette Thomas, Jane Anne Harvey, the Kitteridge Family, Maximilian Peluso,
Patricia Theobalds, Jean Salter, Terry Eales, Norah Kelly, the residents of Sherrell House,
Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 343

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Offertory Collection last weekend: £704.02