

Parish of Christ the King



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

19th to 27th October 2024

Sat 19th October

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Yandeh Marie Louise Sarr (RIP)*

Sun 20th Oct 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*

10:30am Mass: *Patrick Fitzgerald, anniv.*

5pm Kerala Mass

Tue 22nd October

6:30pm Mass:

7:15pm Unlocking the Bible

Wed 23rd October

10am Mass: *Mbouna Mbokolo Jeanluc*

Thu 24th October

10am Mass: *Lois Champion (RIP)*

7pm the Alpha Course

Friday 25th October

11am to 11:45am Adoration and Confessions

12 noon Mass: *Thresiamma Joseph*

Sat 26th October

10am to 10:45am Confessions

6pm Mass: *Blake Lyndon Bunting-Gray, anniv.*

Sun 27th Oct 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Latin Mass: *The faithful of the parish*

10:30am Mass: *TBA*

5pm Kerala Mass

SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as
we place all our hope in you.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024

Stalls and stall holders needed to enable the parish Christmas Fair to take place.

We need another 3 or 4 stall holders to run stalls at the Christmas Fair.

If you can commit to running a stall on Saturday 30th November contact Rachel Kirkham on 01234 314093.

CHRISTMAS FAIR MAIN RAFFLE TICKETS

The parish's Main raffle tickets are available from this weekend.

£200 1st Prize, £100 2nd Prize and
£50 3rd prize plus many other prizes.

Envelopes containing some books of raffle tickets will be given out after Masses this weekend. We ask you to sell as many books of tickets amongst your friends and family and return the stubs and monies ASAP. The draw will take place at our Christmas Fair on 30th November 2024.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend 19th/20th October - Missio

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

If you would like Masses offered for deceased family members or friends, there are envelopes available at the back of the church.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the 29 November. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last Week's Collections - £623.36
CAFOD – £45

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue ... or have stopped talking all together?

Retrouvaille helps married couples through difficult times. Register now for next programme starting 8th - 10th Nov. Call 0788 7296983 or Email:

retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

www.retrouvaille.org.uk

UNLOCKING THE BIBLE

An engaging journey through the Bible, which sets in relief the big narrative in the Scriptures. Each part has a 27-minute video. The third session is this Tuesday, 22nd October, at 7:15pm in the PD Room. (Finishes at 8pm.)

FINANCES

Thanks to those who have opened Standing Orders. If you would like to take out a Standing Order, the Forms are on the table near the baptismal font.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

If you would like Masses offered for deceased family members or friends, there are envelopes available at the back of the church. Please write down the names of those you would like to be on our November Dead List and place these in the envelope.

PARISH'S ST VINCENT DE PAUL

We are looking for new members to join our small conference so we can do more in the parish, want to know more ask Father Richard who will point you in our direction.

Please put any donation for us in an envelope marked SVP and include your name, if you wish us to acknowledge it and place it into the collection basket at Mass.

HOLY YEAR 2025

A Holy year is a God-given time, a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with the world.

The Holy Year 2025 has been given the title 'Pilgrims of Hope' by the Holy Father; we are called to be people of faith-filled hope and a leaven of goodness for the world, because in the midst Christ Jesus is present and proclaims:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Luke 4, 18-19

The Church must be at the forefront of any Holy Year; we are the first who are called to respond to the Jubilee year, so that we can enable many more people to come into the way of holiness, who is Christ Jesus.

The Holy Year begins on 1st December this year. The Holy Father has called the Church to devote herself to "a great symphony of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him."



My brothers and sisters,

This Wednesday, 16 October 2024, a bill will be introduced to Parliament proposing a change in the law to permit assisted suicide. The debate will continue for a number of months, in society and in Parliament, before a definitive vote is held there. This puts in the spotlight crucial questions about the dignity of human life and the care and protection afforded by our society to every human being.

As this debate unfolds there are three points I would like to put before you. I hope that you will take part in the debate, whenever and wherever you can, and that you will write to your Member of Parliament.

The first point is this: Be careful what you wish for.

No doubt the bill put before Parliament will be carefully framed, providing clear and very limited circumstances in which it would become lawful to assist, directly and deliberately, in the ending of a person's life. But please remember, the evidence from every single country in which such a law has been passed is clear: that the circumstances in which the taking of a life is permitted are widened and widened, making assisted suicide and medical killing, or euthanasia, more and more available and accepted. In this country, assurances will be given that the proposed safeguards are firm and reliable. Rarely has this been the case. This proposed change in the law may be a source of relief to some. But it will bring great fear and trepidation to many, especially those who have vulnerabilities and those living with disabilities. What is now proposed will not be the end of the story. It is a story better not begun.

The second point is this: a right to die can become a duty to die.

A law which prohibits an action is a clear deterrent. A law which permits an action changes attitudes: that which is permitted is often and easily encouraged. Once assisted suicide is approved by the law, a key protection of human life falls away. Pressure mounts on those who are nearing death, from others or even from themselves, to end their life in order to take away a perceived burden of care from their family, for the avoidance of pain, or for the sake of an inheritance.

I know that, for many people, there is profound fear at the prospect of prolonged suffering and loss of dignity. Yet such suffering itself can be eased. Part of this debate, then, must be the need and duty to enhance palliative care and hospice provision, so that there can genuinely be, for all of us, the prospect of living our last days in the company of loved ones and caring medical professionals. This is truly dying with dignity. Indeed, the radical change in the law now being proposed risks bringing about for all medical professionals a slow change from a duty to care to a duty to kill.

The third point is this: being forgetful of God belittles our humanity.

The questions raised by this bill go to the very heart of how we understand ourselves, our lives, our humanity. For people of faith in God - the vast majority of the population of the world - the first truth is that life, ultimately, is a gift of the Creator. Our life flows from God and will find its fulfilment in God. 'The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.' (Job 1:21) To ignore or deny this truth is to separate our humanity from its origins and purpose. We are left, floating free, detached, in a sphere that lacks firm anchors or destiny, thinking that we can create these for ourselves according to the mood of the age, or even of the day.

The clearest expression of this faith is that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God. That is the source of our dignity and it is unique to the human person. The suffering of a human being is not meaningless. It does not destroy that dignity. It is an intrinsic part of our human journey, a journey embraced by the Eternal Word of God, Christ Jesus himself. He brings our humanity to its full glory precisely through the gateway of suffering and death.

We know, only too well, that suffering can bring people to a most dreadful state of mind, even driving them to take their own lives, in circumstances most often when they lack true freedom of mind and will, and so bear no culpability. But this proposed legislation is quite different. It seeks to give a person of sound will and mind the right to act in a way that is clearly contrary to a fundamental truth: our life is not our own possession, to dispose of as we feel fit. This is not a freedom of choice we can take for ourselves without undermining the foundations of trust and shared dignity on which a stable society rests.

As this debate unfolds, then, I ask you to play your part in it. Write to your MP. Have discussions with family, friends and colleagues. And pray. Please remember: be careful what you wish for; the right to die can become a duty to die; being forgetful of God belittles our humanity.

May God bless us all at this critical time.



Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster