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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

8th to 15th November 2025

Sat 8th Nov

10am to 10:45am Confessions available 6pm Mass: The faithful of the parish

Sun 9th Nov

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 8:30am Latin Mass:

Simon O'Toole and Lawrence O'Toole 10:30am Mass: I. C. Joseph (RIP) 5pm Kerala Mass:

Tue 11th Nov Saint Martin of Tours 6.30pm Mass: *Francis Johnson (RIP)* 7pm to 7.30pm Eucharistic Exposition

Wed 12th Nov 10am Mass: 10:30am Rosary

Thu 13th Nov

6:30pm Mass: Dead List

Fri 14th Nov

11am to 11.45am Exposition with Confessions 12 noon Mass: *Dead List* 12:30pm Mother's Prayers

Sat 15th Nov

10am to 10:45am Confessions 6pm Mass

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY Last Week's Collections - £TBA Missio Red Boxes - £427 Standing Orders - £170.25

SUNDAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

The Latin Mass on Sunday morning is the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
Our patronal Feast of Christ the King is celebrated on Sunday 23rd November.
This is an important feast for our parish, and you are encouraged to plan how we can make this a beautiful celebration of the Lord and his reign.

READERS' TRAINING SESSION

Thanks to all the parish Readers who took part in our recent event, and special thanks to Teresa who has become one of our Readers.

We looked at some of the idiosyncrasies of the new Lectionary, so that we can be better able to use the new books. We have also intentionally introduced brief pauses in the Liturgy of the Word, as we are asked by the Church (GIRM, 56.) This means that there will be a brief pause:

- Between the end of the Reading and the reader announcing, 'The Word of the Lord'.
- Between the Reading and the Psalm.
- Between the Psalm or Second Reading and the 'Alleluia'.

Rather than rushing straight from one piece of Scripture to the next, we are introducing these pauses so that "the Word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared."

MISSIO RED BOXES

Thanks to all those who donate to Missio through Red Boxes, and thanks to John who manages these on behalf of Missio. Recently, John banked £427 in the Missio account from our parish.

CHRISTMAS FAIR MAIN DRAW TICKETS £200 - 1st Prize, £100 - 2nd Prize and £50 - 3rd prize plus many other prizes. The tickets are available from this weekend. We ask you to sell as many books of tickets amongst your friends and family and return the stubs and monies ASAP. Books are at the back of the church.

DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR Could you donate bottles for the Bottle Stall or other prizes? There is a box at the back of the church for donations for our Christmas Fair.

THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE STALL HOLDERS Those who wish to hold a stall must first register with Myriam, Debbie or Terry and on registering, will be asked to observe these protocols:

- 1. Stallholders who are running a stall for any cause other than parish fundraising must pay £20 when they register. These £20s go to the parish.
- Stallholders must declare to the management team the nature of their stall and the destination for any funds raised.
- 3. Stallholders must display clearly, on the stall itself, the destination for the funds raised by that stall.
- 4. Stallholders must give a statement of funds to the management team before they leave, and stallholders who have run their stall for parish funds, must give the monies raised to the management team.

We invite any who would like to hold a stall at the event to register with this team before 23rd November. Requests for stalls cannot be made on the day of the event.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Resource books for 8 year olds are available for sale in the Repository. There are also some Catechisms available for purchase. These are appropriate for young people and adults.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Every Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm. This provides an appropriate time and place to discuss infant baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, financial matters, booking Mass Intentions, or any administrative matters.

STANDING ORDER OFFERTORY DONATION

If you would like to make your Offertory donation to the parish by Standing Order these are the details:

Parish Account name: Christ the King Parish Sort Code: 60 06 11

Account Number: 46714332

GIVING TREE APPEAL

Which will support nominated families of St. Francis of Assisi Primary School. The tree will be in position at the back of the church, from Saturday 29th of November, which is the first week of Advent, until Sunday 14th of December, when all the gifts will be collected, ready to be delivered to the school on Monday the 15th of December.

Special thanks to the Vintage Tea team whose recently Tea raised £362.50 for the parish.

PEBBLES

We had an unopened sack of ornamental pebbles stored behind the sacristy. This sack is not presently there. Do you know where this sack of pebbles is?

