



Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:

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Sunday 21st November 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

After listening to today's Gospel, Judgement before Pilate (John 18:33-37), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

In some ways this awe-inspiring scene is part of the climax of John's Passion Narrative. Throughout the narrative John emphasises the ultimate significance of the events of the Passion, taking the stress away from Jesus' suffering and humiliation, and laying it on his triumph.

Ultimately, Jesus will die only when he has completed his mission, and hands over his Spirit to the newly-formed Christian community of Mary and the Beloved Disciple. In this scene the Jewish authorities have denounced Jesus as claiming to be king of the Jews, not knowing how true that claim is. Jesus declares that his kingdom is no earthly kingdom, but is far more powerful and meaningful.

By his statement he invites Pilate to declare himself for the truth, as any judge should do. Now Pilate three times declares Jesus innocent, but at the same time makes a mockery of himself, as he stands before Truth itself, and asks what is truth. Then he seats Jesus on the Judgement Seat, robed and crowned as a king. The religious leaders (standing in front of Jesus who is enthroned as judge and king) deny themselves and undermine their faith by declaring, 'We have no king but Caesar'. It is not Caesar, but God who is their true king.

In what sense is Jesus a King?

Why does this festival of Christ as King come at the end of the Church's year?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

FINDING GOD IN THE EVERYDAY

Fr Dermot Preston sj, one of the Jesuits who has recently arrived at St Dominic's, will offer a time of reflection on a fundamental theme of Ignatian Spirituality – "Finding God in the Everyday" – on Sunday 28th Nov. at St Mary's Church, Forest Hall. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS KNITTED ANGELS

We are once knitting Christmas Angels which will then be put out into the community to help spread the Christmas Message. Patterns are available from our church halls. Angels need to be back to church by 12th December.

ST MARY'S VIGIL CANDLES

Vigil Candles in church again and available near the Holy Family Statues. Following Health & Safety rules please note children are not allowed to light candles. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS: W/C 14th November 2021

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £332.00 // Gift Aid: £72.00 // Hall Hire: £36.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £90.01 // Envelopes: £92.81 //

Priest Training Fund: £30.10

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

YOUTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION - TODAY! (Sunday 21st Nov)

Find out more about the programme on www.rcdhn.org.uk

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

A new set of booklets of weekly Advent reflections, contributed by clergy and lay people now available on the diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Bishop Byrne is promoting various celebrations for a Year of the Eucharist in the diocese. A booklet of prayers, reflections and information is on the diocesan website: www.rcdhn.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 21st November 2021

Sat. 20th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Keith Nesbitt
Sun. 21st (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Ian Booth
Sun. 21st (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Frank Murphy
Mon. 22nd	***NO MASS***	
Tues. 23rd (St. Mary's)	12 noon	Requiem Mass Brain McMenemy
Wed. 24th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Thurs. 25th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Fri. 26th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Intentions Kath Purcell
Sat. 27th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Margaret Bradford
Sun. 28th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Herbert Ball
Sun. 28th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Decd. Pereira Family

We continue to ask that ALL except for those with genuine medical exemptions wear a suitable face covering while in our Churches. You must also sanitise your hands as you enter the buildings & not gather in groups inside our Churches before or after Mass. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please pray for all those who are sick and those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Thomas Dodsworth, Ellen Earley, Thomas Johns, Suzette Langlands, Thomas Semple, Barbara Guy, Florence Fisher, John Grimes, James Maxwell Bentley, Peter Morris, Isabel Baker, Ada Roen, John Abbott, Joan Watts, Elizabeth Wein, Denis Hewson, Elizabeth Harrison, Catherine Fleck, James Charlton, John McNicholl, Gerard McCormack, Nora Cuthbert, Albert Pearson, James Reveley, Robert Nelson, Hilary Pollock, David Crombie, William McKenna, John Mason, Hildreth Moody, Patrick Savage, Paul Hornsley, Catherine Cockerill, Susan Mawston, May Robinson, Vincent Grundy, William Atkins.

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