



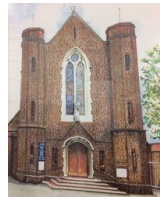
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B) - Mass Book Pg 79

(Daniel 7:13-14, Apocalypse 1:5-8, John 18:33-37-)

The last Sunday of the Church's year, before we begin again with the season of Advent, is when we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is also designated World Youth Sunday.

In honouring Christ as King, we recognise his ultimate sovereignty over everything. We honour him as King of the Universe. But we honour him best of all by recognising – and rejoicing in – his sovereignty over every aspect of our own lives. Christ's sovereignty transcends political and geographical boundaries. We owe him allegiance before any earthly power. Unlike earthly rulers, however, Jesus does not exercise his authority for his own benefit but for ours. His will is for our good – there is nothing he wants more than for us to enter into the fullness of life and joy in his kingdom.

It is no coincidence that in in two of the three years of the lectionary, the gospel for this Sunday comes from the passion. In accepting death Jesus appears to have given up all claims to authority and power, submitting to others entirely. And yet the crown of thorns, intended as mockery, points to the truth: he reigns on the cross just as surely as he will reign in the world to come.

This year we hear from John's account of the trial of Jesus, when Pilate asks if he really is a king. Pilate cannot understand a kingship which does not prove itself by might, and his follow up to Jesus' assertion "I was born for this: to bear witness to the truth" is a sneering "What is truth?". Truth often appears an elastic concept, especially when associated with the claims of political leaders (even more, when those leaders are vying for our vote). Indeed the idea that there is such a thing as objective truth is not universally accepted. My truth may not be the same as your truth etc. Pilate's scepticism might apply just as well today. And those who take a stand for truth are rarely welcomed. But we make a bold claim: Jesus is true God and true man, the king of kings who by giving his life for the salvation of the world has established forever what the liturgy today refers to as 'a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace' – a kingdom which we are called to be part of. On this Youth Sunday I encourage our young people especially to be bold and courageous witnesses to the truth of God's love, the truth that enables us to become who we are truly made to be.

We pray each day for the coming of this Kingdom, which will be finally established at the end of time, but can also be found even now, at least as a green shoot of hope, wherever the values of this kingdom prevail over those of the world. I can think of no better example than Lourdes, where I've had the privilege of seeing young people

from our diocese accompanying and assisting those for whom the pilgrimage otherwise would not be possible. This weekend we will hear from some of our young parishioners who went to Lourdes last summer, and I encourage those now in year 10 or above to seriously think about sharing in this wonderful experience in 2025.

God bless, Fr Matthew.

ADVENT MEAL AND FAITH TALK: On Thursday 5th December (NB new date) there will be an evening meal in the social centre (free of charge) followed by a talk on relating to the season of Advent (and prompted by the new lectionary translation): how the Word of God prepares us for the coming of the Word Made Flesh. Supper from 7, talk from 7.45pm finishing 8.30pm (bar open afterwards).

HOLY HOUR: Please note there will not be a Wednesday lunchtime Holy Hour this week due to a funeral taking place in Church.

DEANERY REQUIEM: On Thursday we are hosting the annual Requiem Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Havering Deanery: the Mass will be at 10.30am in place of the regular morning Mass, and all are welcome.

NEW LECTIONARY: the new translation of the lectionary (the readings we hear at Mass), based on the English Standard Version, is to be used from Advent Sunday (next week). From next week we will have brand new Parish Mass Books with the new translation of the readings and the current translation of the Mass. If you wish to dedicate a set of books in memory of someone (both volumes for each year of the three year cycle) please provide details to the parish office, ideally this week, together with a donation of £30.

ROME & ASSISI OCTOBER 2025: We are gradually filling the spaces for our parish pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome but there are still a few places available. We depart on Sunday 26th October 2025 for 5 nights, at a basic price of £1299 per person. The brochure and booking form is available in the porch or online at https://www.tailored-travel.co.uk/stjosephs_rome_2025. Please return the completed form to the parish office with your deposit (card details or cheque payable to the agent) as soon as possible.

LIVE STREAM: Visit [is.gd/sjuptv](https://www.is.gd/sjuptv) in any web browser to access live streamed and recorded Masses. Visit our website for more information.

RIP NOTICES: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Roma Young, Patrick Fahy Lynda Oliver and Joan Garnier who died recently. Roma's funeral will be held here on Tuesday 26th November at 10.30am, Patrick's funeral will be held here on Wednesday 27th November at 11.15am and Lynda's funeral will be held here on Tuesday 3rd December at 11am. Joan's funeral details will be published once confirmed. May Roma, Patrick, Lynda and Joan rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

PRAYER FOR THE DEAD: You are invited to place a list of your own departed friends and family in the basket in front of the altar and they will benefit from daily prayers and occasional Masses offered for the holy souls in this month dedicated to their honour.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY: This weekend is World Youth Sunday - a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, as well as the opportunity to hear more about their work. Find out more at www.bcys.net, searching @brentwoodcys or if you are able to, you can donate online at www.bcys.net/donate. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE! Canterbury Walk 2025 Christmas Disco Fundraiser: Date: Friday, 6th December. Time: 7:30pm - 11:30pm. Venue: St Joseph's Catholic Club. Tickets: £10pp (under 13yr go free). Buy your tickets from: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stjosephscatholicclubupminster/1411667> Raffle and prizes available, please join us for a night full of festive cheer.

CAMPION SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY –SUNDAY DECEMBER 15th: The Senior Citizens' Party at the Champion School will be held between 130pm and 5pm on Sunday 15th December 2024 with lunch served at 130pm. St. Joseph's has been allocated 15 places. Transport can be provided if necessary. Please phone or text with your details, letting me know of any allergies and those preferring vegetarian or vegan options. Peter Jones - 07932 539106.

CDOT CHRISTMAS CONCERT: In aid of the youth of the parish. Saturday 30th November at 7pm. St. Peter's Cranham. Once again we will be joined by the Year 3/4 choir from St. Joseph's Primary School. Refreshments and raffle. Adults - £10 and Children - £1. Tickets from St. Joseph's School or Bernadette in the Repository or 07825235717.

SPENDING CHRISTMAS DAY ALONE? The New Windmill Hall will be providing Christmas dinner, live entertainment, carol singing and much more. Travel can be provided. For more information and to book please call 01708220242.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Michael Coady, Reuben Jack Dodd (Lacey), Emilia Gunn, Deborah & Paul Bussutil, Christopher Noel Ashford, Joan Spoor, Margaret Munnelly, Liam O'Byrne, Tom Martin, Maureen Peek, Frances Oskis, Maggie Ollington, Maureen Springham, Joseph Furzer, Martyn Oliver, James Nickelson, Len Rawlings, Stella Rogers, Wenda Cordell, Irene Stubbings, Janet Martin, Tony White, Nora Delor, Maureen Pain, Ian Laidlaw, Julie Cordell, Stella Owen, Patrick Rodgers, Mary Smith, Frank Hamilton, Christine Sejas, Anna Gawlik, Maureen Anderson, Patricia Mylod, Lisa Bostock, Jason Hamilton-Ramm and Pat Danagher.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph O'Hanlan, John McCarthy, Gertrude Brennan, Terence Clark, Maureen Downs, Ruth Davis, Harry Silverlock, Maureen Leonard, Ellen Russell, Tom Murphy, Ethel Glass, Gwen Greentree, Hilda Coward, Robert O'Neil, Kenric Williams, Christopher Oliver, Simon Baxter, Patrick Munnelly, Timothy McCarthy, Dritan Qema, Nora Sheridan, Minnie Peak, Patricia Everett, Kathleen Burge, Danny Loughhead, John Tylar, Maureen Conlon, David Okey, Philip Brand, George Connor, Evelyn O'Flynn, Joan Day, Thomas Durrell, Helen Horgan, Teresa Rudd, Peter Jackson, Margaret Willis, Kathleen O'Reilly, Anne Cooper, Jack Ford, Judy Morgan, Jim Kelly, Betty Stables, Amy O'Lochlen, Harry Black, Elizabeth Lintonbon, Kathleen Hart, John Marchetti, Thomas Harding, James Redden, Hilda Constable, Christopher Murrell, Norah Ash, Robert Fagg, Susan McReynolds, Joseph Pereira, Fr John Harden, Czeslaw Krol, Jenny Maplesden, Gladys Foster, Alexander McTaggart, Doris McCorkell, Kathleen Brennan, Sr Agatha Lynch, Rosaleen Cartwright, James Servis, Julia Gallagher, Agnes (Nancy) Foreman, Josephine McGoldrick, Edward McGoldrick, Frederick Mason, Christopher O'Brien, Michael Maguire, Norman Drury, Mary Duffey, Terence O'Brien, Noreen Gower, Rev. Martin Hancock, Alfred Webb, Alice Turner, Robert Leech, Catherine McSwan, Agnes Brennan, Dorothy Temple, Patricia Bruin, John Dobinson, Nora Porter, John Walsh, Lilian Reiger, Maureen Fitzgerald, Susan Soper, Margaret Stacey, Marie Ritchie, Kathleen May, Robert Holmes, Michael Glavin, Denny Fennell, Peggy Dukelow and Patricia Webb. May they all rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 23rd Nov 5.30pm—6.15pm 6.30pm	ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS Thomas Gallagher RIP (Connolly)
Sun 24th Nov 9.00am 11.00am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Michael Maguire Jr RIP (Maguire) People of the parish
Mon 25th Nov 9.15am	Denis Sullivan RIP Anniv. (Sullivan)
Tues 26th Nov 9.15am 10.30am	Gerry Presland RIP (Anne Byrne)(With our year 5 children) Funeral Mass—Roma Young
Wed 27th Nov 9.15am 11.15am 12 noon—1pm	Baby Clara Francesca Bailey RIP Anniv. (Bemand-Qureshi) Funeral Mass—Patrick Fahy NO ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS
Thur 28th Nov 10.30am	Deanery Requiem for deceased clergy
Frid 29th Nov 9am	Jeremiah Dineen RIP (Sullivan)
Sat 30th Nov 5.30pm—6.15pm 6.30pm	ST ANDREW, AP, PATRON OF SCOTLAND ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS Terry Smith RIP Anniv. (Ita and family)
Sun 1st Dec 9.00am 11.00am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT People of the parish Rosemary Underwood RIP Anniv. (Family)

USEFUL INFORMATION

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS: Saturday evening 5.30-6.15pm and Wednesday 12 noon-1pm. Confessions also available on request when Fr Matthew is available or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm (except Wednesdays).

Fr Matthew (emergencies—voice only): 020 3332 0486

St Joseph's School - School office 01708-220277

Sacred Heart of Mary School - School office 01708-222660

Baptisms & weddings - please speak to Fr Matthew after Mass

Repository: Saturdays before & after Mass, and Sundays after the 9am Mass until 10.55am

Queen's Hospital: If someone staying in the hospital would like Holy Communion, please contact the lay chaplaincy coordinator Helen Miranda on 01708 477890. In an emergency ask the ward staff to request the on-call Catholic priest via switchboard.

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EMERGENCY FIRE EXIT DOORS IN THE CHURCH, AND PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL
MOBILE TELEPHONES ARE SILENCED BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS**