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## SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

### SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YOUTH SUNDAY)

*Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it for me." (Matthew 25:45)*

In the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, we celebrate the Kingship, Prophetic and Priestly ministries of Christ. We especially recognize the universal reign and dominion of Christ, who, unlike earthly rulers, came not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. The Gospel reading presents Christ as a humble and Just King, who is impartial in meting out rewards and punishments. And it interesting to note that our relationship with our neighbours is the basic criteria for this judgement. In Christ, we find a lowly king, who goes out in search of his sheep, and was ready to lay down His life for his Sheep. Thus, the fear, splendour, awe, respect and terror often associated with the all-powerful king is undermined by the image of Jesus Christ, who is a caring and loving shepherd of His flock.



Jesus today invites us into a kingdom which will never pass away, a kingdom which is more than a pious hope for the after-life. Hence, through our faith, we are heirs to the throne; a throne of truth and life. May Christ reign in our lives and families, and may His Kingship style enable us to show love and compassion for those in need; and may it also inspire in us humble service in whatever office or position we find ourselves.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First reading: A reading from the Book of Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17



The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

### The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22(23):1-3a, 5-6

**Response: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. **R**

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

### Second reading: A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king *until he has put all his enemies under his feet* and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be *put under his feet*. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

### The Word of the Lord

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

**Alleluia!**

## **THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take seat on the throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

### **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**An Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer:** *"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen"*

**Hail Holy Queen:** Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**Priest:** Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;

**People:** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Priest:** Let us pray:

**O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that meditating on these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Readings For The Week Ahead:**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>23/11/20</b>	Apocalypse 14:1-5	Psalm 23(24):1-6	Luke 21:1-4
<b>24/11/20</b>	Apocalypse 14:14-19	Psalm 95(96):10-13	Luke 21:5-11
<b>25/11/20</b>	Apocalypse 15:1-4	Psalm 97(98):1-3,7-9	Luke 21:12-19
<b>26/11/20</b>	Apocalypse 18:1-2,21-23, 19:1-3,9	Psalm 99(100):2-5	Luke 21:20-28
<b>27/11/20</b>	Apocalypse 20:1-4,11-21, 2	Psalm 83(84):3-6,8	Luke 21:29-33
<b>28/11/20</b>	Apocalypse 22:1-7	Psalm 94(95):1-7	Luke 21:34-36



### **PARISH INFORMATION AND FAITH NEWS**

**Livestream Masses:** During lockdown, Mass will be livestreamed on Sundays at **10am** (search for 'crays parish' on Youtube).

**Private Prayer:** In line with Government guidelines the church will be open for private prayer on Wednesdays between 5 & 7pm and on Fridays between 9 & 11am. These sessions will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. You are very welcome to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

**Financial Support of the Parish:** Despite the suspension of Masses, the parish still has financial outgoings. If you are able, there are several ways to support the parish financially.

- You can set up a regular standing order, by contacting our Finance Secretary on [david.philip@btinternet.com](mailto:david.philip@btinternet.com)
- You can donate via the Parish Just Giving Page, by using the following link [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Craysparish](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Craysparish), using the Donate button on our website or scanning the QR code on this page.
- You can drop your usual offering in an envelope through the door of the Presbytery.



Thank you for your generosity.

**First Holy Communion 2021:** The next First Holy Communion Masses are scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2021. If you have a child in Year 3 or above and are interested in them joining the First Holy Communion programme, please send an email with your details to the parish office as soon as possible. Fr. Cyriacus and the Catechists will have the first meeting with the parents of the First Holy Communion candidates on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 at 7pm.

**November Dead List:** November is the month of Holy Souls. In this month we remember and pray in a special way for the deceased members of our families, our relatives and friends. Please put the list of the names of the deceased in an envelope and post it through the presbytery door. We will place all those names on the Altar and say at least one Mass for those souls every day in the month of November.

**RCIA Programme:** This year's RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme began on November 1. The sessions are organized online via the Zoom App. This group is open to any person who has not been baptised and might like to become a Catholic; anyone who was baptised in another Christian tradition but would like to become a Catholic; it is equally open to any adult who wishes to receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. If you wish to be enrolled in this session, please email the Parish office or the RCIA coordinator Nneka Omoidahosa at [omoidahosa@aol.com](mailto:omoidahosa@aol.com)

**Parish Surgery:** In line with Covid-19 restrictions, the Parish office is now closed to visitors. However, if you need to get in contact with Fr. Cyriacus for any reason, please call on 01689821749 or email on [crayvalley@rcaos.org.com](mailto:crayvalley@rcaos.org.com).

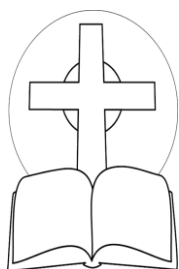
**School Admissions September 2021:** We are now accepting **primary** school supplementary information forms (SIF). Please put this form, along with your Mass Attendance Record and a **copy** of your child's baptism certificate, in an envelope addressed to the parish secretary and post through the presbytery door. Fr Cyriacus will complete the form and your documents can be collected from the parish office on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Please note, the Education Commission for the Archdiocese of Southwark has issued the following guidelines for this year.

*The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent/carer attended Mass at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops.*

### REQUEST FOR PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND

Please continue to pray for: Dennis Corr, Alison Hannah, Mario Angeli, Eleanor Smith, Monica Gallagher, P. J. Connor, Mary Stanley, Janet Sinclair, Peggy Colman, Marya Misajat, Sheila Santos, Denis O'Donoghue, Paddy (Patrick) Quinlan, Jeanette Miller-Spice, Jeanne Allen, Ivan Muir-Clark, Mary Hayes and all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – NAMES FOR NOVEMBER

We remember in our prayers: Catherine Morrell, Martin Morrissey, Perry Cook, Derek Barrowclough, Molly Harris, Rita Sally Clifford, Michael McEveney, Elizabeth Jowah, Vera Ekpateta, Harry Stevens, Katherine Doonan, Charles Wenham, Olive Stevens, Robert Mojola Anjorim, Steven Spiller, Errol Cunningham, Michael Hickling, Uju Otuogbodo, William Eyre, Martin Morrissey, Derek Beadle, Michael Esenwah, Margaret Mills, Delia Ball, Eileen Morris, Janet Perera, Michael Hurley, Jerzy (George) Grun, Joseph Fay, Patricia Hobbs, Peter Howes, George Frisby, Beatrice Knight, Deirdre Boswell, Kay Frances May, Christy Gahan, Antonio Dos Santos, Mary Cannon, William Forsythe, John Rye, Margaret Drysdale, John van der Luit, Lilly Lockhurt, Jonathan Rye, Eddie Hebenhan, Damian Crowley, Mimi Viliesid, Ligory Osuuzu, John McCulla, Kitty Quirk, Monica Okonkwo, Patrick Dunford, Gladys Beard, Mark Daly and Teresa Hanks

## **DIARY FOR THE WEEK**

<p><b>Sun: Nov.22: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)</b></p> <p>Private Mass (Sat. Eve): Deceased Members of the Robbins and Weatherstone Families</p> <p>10.00am Mass: Mrs. May Biddulph, RIP</p> <p>(10am Mass Livestreamed &amp; available on YouTube)</p>	<p><b>Sat: Nov.28: Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent (B)</b></p> <p>Private Mass: Pro Populo</p>
<p><b>Mon: Nov.23: Feria</b></p> <p><b>Private Mass:</b> Roger Smith, RIP</p> <p><b>Tues: Nov.24: Ss. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</b></p> <p><b>Private Mass:</b> Holy Souls</p> <p><b>Wed: Nov.25: Feria</b></p> <p><b>Private Mass:</b> Reginald Munro, RIP</p> <p><b>5pm-7pm: Church opens for Private/individual Prayer</b></p> <p><b>Thu: Nov.26: Feria</b></p> <p><b>Private Mass:</b> Holy Souls</p> <p><b>Fri: Nov.27: Feria</b></p> <p><b>Private Mass:</b> Holy Souls</p> <p><b>9am-11am: Church opens for Private/individual Prayer</b></p>	<p><b>Sun: Nov.29: First Sunday of Advent (B)</b></p> <p>10.00am Mass: James Smith, TG</p> <p>(10am Mass Livestreamed &amp; available on YouTube)</p> <p><b>Note:</b> SI means Special Intention  SR means Speedy Recovery  BI means Blessed  GB means God's Blessings  WB means Well-Being  TG means Thanksgiving  PI means Private Intentions  BT means Birthday Thanksgiving  WA means Wedding Anniversary  Pro Populo: People of the Parish  <b>Private Mass:</b> Mass to be said by the Priest alone</p>

### **CONTACT & FOLLOW US**

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