



LITURGY

First reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Second reading: Revelation 1:4b, 5-8

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 18:33b-37



Dear Parishioners

The Feast of Christ as Universal King is, among other things, a reminder of a deep truth about our lives, about where true happiness is to be found and where it is not to be found. When Christ says that his kingdom is not of this world, he is not only telling us that to put our trust in power and domination is emptiness and folly, he is also presenting us with an alternative. The alternative is love. That may sound trite, and it can be presented as trite, but nothing could be further from the truth.

Of course, this is something that is not always easy to see. It can be so much easier to acknowledge the Kingship of Christ in our daily lives more on our lips than deep in our hearts. I suspect most of us are like that at times, if we're honest about it.

But when we take a step back from our lives, when we reflect and pray, isn't there a sense deep down about where true happiness is to be found and where it is not to be found? It may be a sense that the rough and tumble of life may try to drown out, that we may even try to extinguish, but it is a sense that refuses to go away.

It refuses to go away because it speaks of a profound reality about God's plan for us. We may not always perceive it, but if we reflect on what true victory and power really are, as revealed in the loving Kingship of Christ, we can see that there is a kind of victory that makes such complete sense that we might well wonder why we so often fail to see it.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Christ the King Year B

Week commencing Sunday 24th November 2024

Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Helen Woodhouse. She can be contacted at: sg.stmarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern

Masses

Sat 23 rd Nov	5.00pm	Christ the King	Hector, Phylis & Sheila Hall RIP
Sun 24 th Nov	10.30am	Christ the King	Colette Stalford RIP
Mon 25 th Nov			
Tues 26 th Nov			
Wed 27 th Nov			
Thurs 28 th Nov			
Fri 29 th Nov			
Sat 30 th Nov	5.00pm	1 st Week of Advent Year C	Hilda & Pat Tenten RIP
Sun 1 st Dec	10.30am	1 st Week of Advent Year C	People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Jackie Gannon, Mick Sollis, Agnes Wilkins, Alma Finnerty, Bud Sollis.

Those who have recently died:

Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley. Keith John Francis Cotterell, Anna Rose McGoldrick, Mary Baker, Georgette Cowell, Anthony Mathew, John Knox, Bill McCarthy, Bernadette Mary Parker, Mary Phipps, Alan Clatworthy, Abbot Finbar Kealy OSB, Katherine McCallion Fr. Boniface Moran OSB and all those we have been asked to pray for.

INFORMATION

Sunday Coffee

Please come and join us for Coffee, biscuits and a chat

The next Sunday coffee morning will be on **Sunday 22nd December**, Thank you to Wendy and Lin for volunteering.

Please could we ask for Volunteers for the coming year the form is at the back of the church. Thank you.

Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed, so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR THE
CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE**

Graveyard

The work in the graveyard was cancelled because of the weather. I will try to let you know when it is rescheduled.

Please note that glass vases etc. should not be used in the graveyard as glass is dangerous. There are currently two or three vases. Please can you remove them asap. Or we will have to do so! Many thanks.

Christmas Church Clean

We are hoping to do a thorough Church clean for Christmas on Saturday 14th December in the morning. We hope as many people as possible will volunteer to help us to accomplish this. There is a volunteers form at the back of the church, could you please sign up if you are willing and able to help us. In an ideal world we need ten volunteers to get everything done quickly. Thank you for your help.