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The Solemnity of Christ the King

20 November 2022

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Ton & Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Leonard & Mary Cooper, Sonia Prince, Fr Michael O'Connor, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Madge Wolstenholme, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Eileen Valance, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

November Memorial Dead List 2022 – 2023: Beginning every year in November we offer Masses for the Parish November Memorial Dead List throughout the following twelve months. If you would like to enrol a deceased loved one on the list so that they will be included in these Masses, please write the names of your deceased family, friends and benefactors, and put it, together with your offering, into an envelope marked ‘Dead List’.

St Joseph’s Cemetery Maintenance Fund: we kindly ask in November, the month of the Holy Souls, for those with family and friends in St Joseph’s cemetery, to make a contribution towards the cost of the upkeep. Particular thanks must go to those dedicated parishioners who give of their time and labour to care for our hallowed ground and we have received a number of positive comments recognising the good work that is being done by them. Thank you for your continuing support

The **Piety Stall** has **Christmas cards** and other festive items for sale.

Registration for First Holy Communion 2023: Applications for children (who started in Year 3 or above at school this September) to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2023 are being invited. The registration form can be collected after any of the weekend Masses. ***All applications should be received and completed by next Sunday, 27 November.*** I kindly remind parents that your support and active encouragement are vital in helping your child’s faith to grow, most especially in regularly attending Sunday Mass. Christian parents are called to teach our children all they need to know about how to live on earth so that they may come to eternal life in heaven. **N.B.** There are some changes to next year’s programme and how we will celebrate this important event. Please see the parish website.

Starting in the season of Advent we will **resume our** usual practice of having **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** before the Friday morning, 10.00am Mass, on **Friday, 2 December**. Exposition will begin at **9.00am** and, as is customary, the Divine Mercy prayers are publicly recited before the Mass. A simple Benediction is given at 9.55am.

On the **Saturdays of Advent** (3, 10, 17 & 24 December) there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions** from **10.00am to 11.00am**, with Benediction at 10.55am.

A Reverse Advent Calendar for St Wilfrid's 2022

Give rather than receive each day in Advent. All you need to do is: 1. Get a bag 2. Add an item into the bag from the list below each day 3. Deliver the bag to St Wilfrid's - after 4 January - or leave them at the back of the church (Any volunteers please to help deliver them?). Items are used throughout the year. You can drop off items at the Centre, (Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm) and you can telephone 255 5720 for more information.

The centre has a 7 to 3 ratio of male to female clients, and the items that are needed include: Toiletries: soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant, incl. toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, Clothing, incl. men's underwear (boxer shorts M/L/XL), women's pants - all sizes, hats, gloves, scarves, Food: boxes/tins of individually wrapped chocolates. Other items useful throughout the year include: tinned meat & fish: tuna, casserole, stewing steak, tinned vegetables: potatoes, peas & carrots, tomatoes, tinned rice pudding & custard, jars of pickles, Drinks: cordials, hot chocolate, Store cupboard items: brown sauce, salad cream (not glass), pot noodles & cup-a-soups.

The Christmas Masses at St Joseph's Church

Christmas Eve 4.00 pm [*Vigil Mass*]

Christmas Eve 7.00 pm [*Mass during the Night*]

Christmas Day 8.45am [*Mass at Dawn*]

Christmas Day 10.00 am [*Mass during the Day*]

N.B. As permitted, the Gospel reading used at all the Masses will be from the 'Mass during the Night,' i.e. the Nativity of the Lord.

We are need of new/ additional **Readers to proclaim the Word of God at the Saturday, 5.00pm Mass**. This is an important apostolate and liturgical service, please consider if you could take part in this way at this or any other of our Masses. Thank you.

This Wednesday, 23 November, is Red Wednesday, and as part of **Aid to the Church in Need's** campaign to “**break the silence**” on the **persecution of Christians across the world**, our cathedral will be lit in red from 4.30pm. After the 5.30pm Mass (for persecuted Christians), there will be an opportunity to light candles and pray for our persecuted brethren until 9.00pm, with a Holy Hour at 7.00pm.

Volunteers needed: St. Wilfrid's Centre is always on the lookout for new people to join their excellent team of volunteers. They would really like to hear from anyone who thinks they could give up a few hours a week to help. Please contact Bev Kershaw, Events Coordinator for further information: 0114 2555720 or infor@stwilfridscentre.org

The Sacred Liturgy

Sunday 20 November <i>The Solemnity of Christ the King</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Leanne Wainwright
Monday 21 November <i>The Presentation of the BVM</i>	10.00am
Tuesday 22 November <i>St Cecilia</i>	10.00am Intentions of Marie O’Hara
Wednesday 23 November <i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 24 November <i>Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Co</i>	10.00am
Friday 25 November <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	10.00am
Saturday 26 November <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	5.00pm Sheila Armstrong
Sunday 27 November <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am

This week St Joseph’s Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

The sick & the dying

This week St Charles’ Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

Healthcare Workers & Carers

Please pray for Eileen Vallance *RIP*, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Last week’s collection was £667.09 (£433.50 in offertory envelopes, £233.59 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

The second collection for the Sick and Retired Clergy of our diocese last weekend, 12 & 13 November, was £336.33. **Thank you!**

There will be a mandatory **second collection** next weekend, **26 & 27 November**, for the diocesan **Needy Parishes Fund**. A number of parish communities are still struggling with their recovery after the pandemic.