



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 21st November 2021 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

GOSPEL *John 18:33b–37* The Church's liturgical year concludes with this feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. Instituting this feast, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "*Pax Christi in regno Christi*" ("The peace of Christ in the reign of Christ"). This feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government and to remind Christians of the fidelity and loyalty we owe to Christ, who by his Incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross has made us both adopted children of God and future citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Today's Gospel presents the first part of the trial conducted by Pilate who questions Jesus about His Kingship. In the dialogue with Pilate, Jesus implies that Pilate does not understand the spiritual or transcendent nature of Jesus' kingship ("*My Kingdom does not belong to this world*"). Jesus admits that He is a King but declares that His Kingdom is not of this world. Neither Jesus' present nor future reign operates according to the world's criteria of power and dominance. Jesus' Kingdom, the reign of God, is based on the beatitudes, and Jesus rules through loving service rather than through domination. His authority is rooted in Truth, not in physical force. Jesus gives His purpose for coming into the world as: to bear witness to the Truth about a larger and eternal Kingdom, about God and His love, about us, and about whom we are called to be.

Readers

Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
Jo Williams	Eileen Livesey	Sylwia Giera

If you wish to join the Reader's Rota, please complete the form in the porch.

Thanks last Sunday to Dennis Lloyd for reading on our behalf at the Remembrance Day Service.

Confessions on request either in the Church or the presbytery at any time you prefer.

Mass Intentions If you would like to have a Mass said for any intention whatsoever then please do pass them into the sacristy through the collection plate or post them into the presbytery.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies begins this month with in-person classes on Thursday morning at St Columba's Chester. There is also an online learning option, with an in-person seminar in Wythenshawe or Birkenhead. This is an excellent course for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith or lead in a school or parish. Please register in advance - information is available from ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Foodbank The Foodbank has now re-opened so that we are able to meet and speak with clients. Appropriate Covid protection measures are however still in place. Thank you for your continuing donations. Items we are short of are listed on the Foodbank website www.whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk. We are always short of shopping bags, please leave any you can spare in the church porch.

Sat 20 Nov	06:30 PM	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	The Faithful Departed
Sun 21 Nov	09:30 AM		Parishioners
	11:00 AM		Parishioners
Mon 22 Nov	10:00 AM	Saint Cecilia, virgin and martyr	Ton Podesta RIP
Tue 23 Nov	10:00 AM	Tuesday in the 34 th Week in Ordinary Time	The Faithful Departed
		Saint Clement I, pope and martyr	
		Saint Columban, abbot	
Wed 24 Nov	Sacristy	Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs	The Faithful Departed
Thu 25 Nov	10:00 AM	Thursday in the 34 th Week in Ordinary Time	The Faithful Departed
		Saint Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr	
Fri 26 Nov	10:00 AM	Friday in the 34 th Week in Ordinary Time	The Faithful Departed
	06:00 PM	Holy Hour	
Sat 27 Nov	06:30 PM	1 st Sunday of Advent Year C	The Faithful Departed
Sun 28 Nov	09:30 AM		Parishioners
	11:00 AM		Parishioners

Weekly Collection We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.

Sunday	14 November	-	£378.50
Weekly Standing Orders		-	£103.50

It would help greatly with paying in and processing at the bank if any cheques to the church are made payable to: "**St George Whitchurch**" which is the correct name for the parish account.

Lost Property a parishioner has reported losing a ring if anyone happens to find one, please let Father know.

Covid 19 Test Kits the Local Health Authority has asked us to continue distributing Lateral Flow Covid test kits through our parish community. You can find these at the back of church. Please help yourselves.

Whitchurch Town Council Christmas Lights Event is being held on Saturday 27 November 2021 with events running from 10am to 6pm, with the switch-on itself at 5pm.

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.
