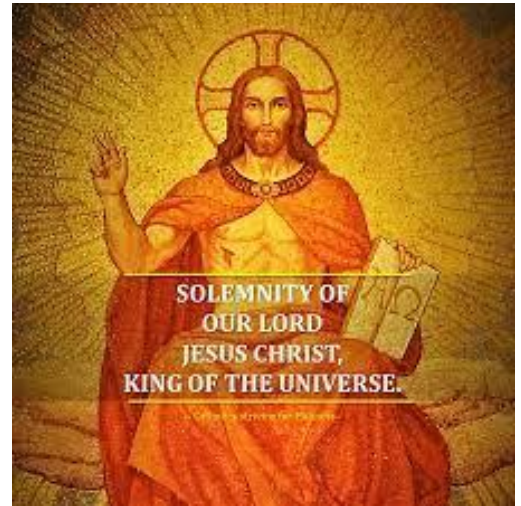


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LATEST NEWS

21ST NOVEMBER 2021
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
9am Sung Parish Mass

Mon 22nd Nov - No Mass

Tue 23rd Nov - Weekday in OT
5pm Mass (Chippenham)

Wed 24th Nov - Ss Andrew Dung-
Lac, Pr & Companions Martyrs
12noon Funeral Mass of Peter Power
RIP (Corsham) *Numbers are limited*

Thur 25th Nov - St Catherine of
Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr
12.10pm Mass (Chippenham)

Fri 26th Nov - Weekday in OT
12noon Mass (Corsham)

Sat 27th Nov - Our Lady on Saturday

28TH NOVEMBER 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9am Sung Parish Mass

Confessions are heard after weekday
mass or by appointment.

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

(Sunday Readings are available at the end of this bulletin)

Daniel 7: 13-14: During a late persecution, a Jewish author encourages his people with stories of Daniel, a brave ancestor who stood up to persecutors. Daniel shared strange visions of God's ultimate triumph.

Apocalypse 1: 5-8: Somewhat like the book of Daniel, a Christian writer, in a time of persecution, shares a vision of Christ triumphant.

John 18: 33-37: The gospel of John gives a carefully nuanced rendering of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection as a "lifting up", that is, as a royal enthronement.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 to respond to growing nationalism and secularism. He recognised that these related societal ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. His encyclical reminds us that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as king forever. This weekend, we celebrate World Youth Sunday, remembering in prayer the young people in our community and all the gifts and talents they share with us.

HONOURING SUNDAY As people begin returning to more regular patterns of parish life and following the first face to face meeting of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales in Leeds, the bishops have issued the following statement about the importance of honouring

Sunday: www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouring-Sunday. It is also available to read on the notice board in Church.

SINGING GROUP meets at 4.30pm on Wednesday 17th in Church. All are welcome as we prepare for the beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas.



THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

Next week, we begin the beautiful four Sunday liturgical season of Advent. This lovely season has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, but they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement: The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – have been traditional themes for Advent meditation. The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16.22). Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. The Third Sunday of Advent was observed in medieval times as a splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent (Gaudete/ Rejoice or 'Rose Sunday') We rejoice since our redemption is near at hand. Let us immerse ourselves in this wonderful season, mindful that although we are living through dark times, we still look to Christ our rising sun, our morning star (O Oriens) O Morning Star, splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

SYNOD The consultation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops has begun. A diocesan consultation is an opportunity for people to share what it means when we speak about Communion, Participation and Mission. While this phase will feed into national and international discussions, what is shared at a local level and via the online and postal submissions will help us to 'journey together' as a diocese. During Advent, we hope to have a series of prayer meditations during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Communion, Participation and Mission.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Each week, we have a wonderful opportunity to come into Our Lord's presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration and quiet prayer before midweek mass. Come into the peace and stillness of the Lord. Come and rest with the Lord a while in his healing presence. The gift of the Eucharist is at the very heart of our Catholic faith.

STAYING SAFE As we have several clinically extremely vulnerable people in our Church family, we ask that you continue to sanitise your hands on entering the Church, wear a mask, socially distance and observe our one-way system. Thank you.

CLEANING JOB VACANCY St Patrick's Church are seeking to employ a hall cleaner with experience of vacuuming, brushing, mopping, polishing, cleaning toilets and washrooms, etc. They must be flexible with a good eye for detail and very high standards and expectations. They take pride in their work and are willing to take on a wide range of cleaning jobs. 2 hours per week on Thursdays (subject to change depending on bookings) with the flexibility of additional monthly cleaning tasks plus ad hoc emergency cleaning if required. £9.50 per hour, starting ASAP. A full job description is available upon request. Candidates should send their CV to the Hall Committee, together with their reasons for applying: St Patrick's Church Hall Committee, 30 Park Lane, Corsham, SN13 9LG. Alternatively, email your CV as an attachment to: treasurer.corsham.stpatrick@cliftondiocese.com Thank you.

RUH If you or a loved one is going into the Royal United Hospital, please let the RUH Chaplaincy know on 01225 428331 or email ruh-tr.chaplainy@nhs.net.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Ann Saba: Coleen Milne, Tony Tredgett, Richard Keat, Karen Lucas, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

Recently Departed: Peter Power

The Holy Father's November Prayer Intention: People Who Suffer from Depression
We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Christ the King, Thornbury, Holy Cross, Wotton-under-Edge

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: St Aldhelm's United Reformed & Methodist Community

November – Month of the Holy Souls



November is a time for remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. It is a time when we are particularly conscious of those in our parishes who are grieving and all those families who have lost loved ones in the past year. We mark this time of year in our parishes with events like the blessing of the graves, the celebration of remembrance services as well as commemorating All Saints' and All Souls' Day. The November book of Remembrance is placed by the baptismal font and paschal candle. Please do add names of departed loved ones to be remembered this month.

Prayer for the Dead

**Into your hands, O Lord,
We humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.
In this life you embraced them with your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil
and bid them enter eternal rest.**

**The old order has passed away:
welcome them into paradise,**

**where there will be no sorrow,
no weeping nor pain,
but fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
forever and ever.
Amen**

**Lord God,
whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting,
keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown.
Let your Spirit guide our days on earth in the ways of holiness and justice,
that we may serve you in union with the whole Church,
sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love.
And when our earthly journey is ended,
lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,
where you live forever and ever.
AMEN**

(Order of Christian Funerals, 332)

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus, I believe that You are really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. As I cannot receive you sacramentally now, come at least spiritually into my heart. And, as You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You.
Let me never be separated from You.

An Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you: and I detest my sins most sincerely because they displease You, my God, who are so deserving of all my love for Your infinite goodness and most amiable perfections: and I firmly purpose by Your holy grace never more to offend You,
to avoid all occasions of sin and amend my life. Amen.
I further resolve and promise to go to sacramental confession as soon as practicably possible.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B) (Last Sunday in ordinary Time)

Also available to download in 13 different languages at www.virc.at



First reading

A reading from the prophet Daniel

Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Psalm 92(93):1-2,5

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

Second reading

Apocalypse 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk11:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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