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WEEK COMMENCING 22 NOVEMBER - YEAR A
DIVINE OFFICE: Week 2

CHRIST THE KING
National Youth Sunday

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 for the universal church, in his encyclical *Quas Primas (In the First)* in times when Christians were increasingly doubting Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority. He had connected this waning of faith to the rise of secularism throughout much of Europe, and the rise of non-Christian (or nominally Christian) dictatorships in Europe, who often attempted to assert authority over the Church. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning: when the Feast was needed most.

Pope Pius XI hoped the institution of the feast would have various effects. They were:

1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state (*Quas Primas, 32*)
2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ (*Quas Primas, 31*)
3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the Feast, reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies (*Quas Primas, 33*).

These days, individualism is embraced to such an extreme, that the only authority is the individual self. In such an atmosphere, the idea of Christ as ruler is invariably rejected. Many balk too at the idea of earthly kings and queens, believing them to be antiquated and possibly oppressive (which indeed some have been). Many even reject the titles of "lord" and "king" for Christ, believing them to have oppressive connotations. But this misses the point: Christ's kingship is one of humility and service.

Jesus knew the oppressive nature of secular kings, and in contrast to them, He connected his role as king to humble service, and commanded His followers to be servants as well. In other passages of Scripture, His kingdom is tied to his suffering and death. While Christ is coming to judge the nations, His teachings spell out a kingdom of justice and judgment balanced with radical love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness. When we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but one willing to die for humanity and whose loving-kindness endures forever. Christ is the king that gives us true freedom - freedom in Him. Thus, we must never forget that Christ radically redefined and transformed the concept of kingship. The well-known hymn verse (HAIL REDEEMER) says it best. KING OF LOVE ON CALVARY.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER (for those shielding at home and joining us on livestream)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY ~ WE WILL BE FOLLOWING LITURGICAL CYCLE B

SATURDAY VIGIL	21	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	For Mass Intentions see printed copy
SUNDAY	22	11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	CHRIST THE KING
Monday	23	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Clement / St Columban
Tuesday	24	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Andrew Dung-Lac
Wednesday	25	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday	26	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Friday	27	10am 2pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) St Josephs	<i>Requiem Mass of Kath Barrett</i>
Saturday	28	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	

SYRO MALABAR MASS There will be **no Mass during the month of November**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS) – cancelled until further notice

During lock-down, it is not possible for the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Confession in person from the Priest. The Church advises making a personal Confession and Perfect Act of Contrition, together with a promise to the Lord to go to Confession as soon as you are able.

ACT OF CONTRITION: *My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.*

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR DIOCESE: <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/>

SIGNED MASS for the Deaf: 10.30am Sundays from Cardiff www.philipevans.co.uk/f.k/signed-mass and **6pm Saturday Vigil** - from Potters Bar: churchservices.tv/pottersbar

PRIVATE PRAYER & ADORATION St Peter's: **Sundays & Weds 12.30-2.30pm**; St Joseph's: **10.30-11.30am Wednesdays**

READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church: QR Links are available on our website & in church porches

POPE'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INT: ... *that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind*

OUR LADY'S SHRINE at St Peter's church is **open every day - gate closed but unlocked** (down steps at side of car park)

† ANNIVS: Agnes Lockwood, Mary Freeman, Mgt Collins, Rita Johnson, Bishop Shine, Fr N. Jacobson **† R DEAD** Kath Barrett: Dominica Corroso, Mary Cole, Sandra Procter. **MASSES RECEIVED:** Corroso, Pip & Ernie Stankiste, Philips **OFFERINGS 8TH & 15 NOV:** Loose plate **£381**, Gift Aid envelopes **£240**, Polish **£60**, Standing Orders **£1,228**, **Total £1,909** **PLANNED GIVING** To sign up for *Offertory Envelope or Standing Order giving*, contact the Parish office.

PUBLIC MASSES & SACRAMENTS *suspended* during lockdown. Funerals permitted (**max 30 people**). All Masses **live streamed** from St Peter's Church only - go to the parish website and **click on the Live Stream button to the right of the screen.**

REQUIEM MASS of Mrs Kath Barrett: 2pm on Friday 27 November at St Joseph's. The Government rule during this lockdown is for **30** people, max, for attendance at funerals. Sorry for this as many more parishioners who knew her would like to attend the requiem.

DECEASED OF OUR PARISHES ROLL CALL at 11.30am Mass today of **all** who have died during the year. Join on live stream.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF HOLY SOULS A Mass will be offered each day during November, when possible. Your list of names that many of you gave in (including St Augustine's school) are in front of the altar at St Peters and St Joseph's churches.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY is this Sunday. It is an opportunity to recognise young people as a **gift** in the church. Theme for 2020: *Together.* Pope Francis says, *"To come out of this pandemic better than before, we have to do so together, not alone..."*

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING **Wednesday 9 December after morning 10am Mass** in church (assuming lockdown is over).

ST PETERS SCHOOL AND ST AUGUSTINES SCHOOLS GOVERNORS MEETINGS take place this week by Zoom.

ADVENT begins next Sunday. **ADVENT EXTRA & WALK WITH ME** **free copies** in newsletter boxes outside churches. Spiritual reflections for a fruitful Advent. Advent Extra is a resource of articles and reflections. **Walk with Me** follows the Advent daily readings.

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY MASSES 2020 It will be **necessary** to **pre-book** (assuming churches are open again) with relevant government group restrictions. Times/venues have **not** yet been finalised, so please *do not book until they have*. Update to follow soon.

MASS INTENTIONS continue to be offered at Live Streamed Masses during lockdown. Put your intentions through St Peter's Rectory door.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is being updated. If you would like to add the name of a deceased loved one, send full name, date of birth and death and your own name and contact number. Please write clearly. Donation **£10**. Cheques payable to St Peter's Church.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS STAMPS. Don't forget to ask for yours at the Post Office. Images of stained-glass windows across the nation.

CHRISTMAS CARDS/ ADVENT CALENDARS on sale at **St Peter's** (money in black box in porch) & **St Joseph's** piety shop.

RAINBOW CENTRE **non-perishable food** needed (*long 'use by' date*) & other essential items. Drop off at the Rainbow Centre

24 HOURS WITH THE LORD **National Day of Prayer & Fasting** for an End to the Coronavirus Pandemic, **Sat 22 November**. Join in online at <https://www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/live-mass.php>. Full Programme available on our website/Facebook page.

NEWSLETTER available outside all our churches in a waterproof box. Take a copy to those who are isolated. Email us to receive by email **SUNDAY SMILE:** *A weasel walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I've never served a weasel before. What can I get you?" "Pop," goes the weasel.*