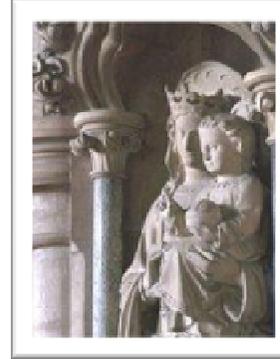


Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

THE FEAST of Christ the King, properly known as ‘Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in the encyclical *Quas primas*. Formerly kept on the last Sunday in October, in 1970 it was moved by Blessed Paul VI to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and its celebration has spread more recently to other denominations. In the *motu proprio Mysteriori Paschalis*, St Paul VI gave as a reason for the new date ‘the eschatological importance of this Sunday’. By this he meant that, as the liturgical year draws to its close, our minds turn to the eschaton, that is, to the winding up of all things when Christ, in the words of the Creed, ‘will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end’. It is, if you like, the Omega-point of salvation history. During Advent (which begins the following Sunday) we start the liturgical year all over again and focus on the Coming of Christ, which for us is the Alpha-point of salvation history. ‘Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega’, as we proclaim at the beginning of the Easter Vigil each year.

Nowadays the origins of the feast in the political turmoil of the 1920s is largely forgotten. The Lateran Treaty of 1929 was the conclusion of a long struggle for the position of the Vatican in a united Italy to become clear. Gone were the papal states. The immediate task was to settle things urgently with Mussolini, the Italian dictator, and the struggle with fascism was set to continue until the end of the Second World War. On the other front – and already a menace in the 1920s – was the Russian Revolution and the spread of Communism. Faced with two ideologies, the one pagan and the other atheistic, victory in the spiritual battle was claimed in advance by the new Feast of Christ the King. Whatever happens during the course of history, the Gospel says, the ultimate victory is that of Christ, Risen, Ascended and Glorified. Under the new onslaught of secular and other non-Christian ideologies, this Gospel message is of continuing urgency and relevance.



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Sunday 25 th November	CHRIST THE KING Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s Baptism: 12.30pm St Mary’s	Psalter Week 2 [WHITE] <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday 26 th November	<i>Of Week 34</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[green]
Tuesday 27 th November	<i>Of Week 34</i> No Mass	[green]
Wednesday 28 th November	<i>Of Week 34</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary’s Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s	[green]
Thursday 29 th November	<i>Of Week 34</i> No Mass	[green]
Friday 30 th November	St Andrew, Apostle Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House	[red] <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 1 st December	St Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s [Latin]	[red]
Sunday 2 nd December	ADVENT SUNDAY Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s	YEAR C: Psalter Week 1 [PURPLE] <i>Pro populo</i>
Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk		

TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

FR ANDREW

Fr Andrew is planning to say Mass on Saturday 1st December and Sunday 2nd December and then resume the normal routine on Saturday 8th December.

CHRIST THE KING – ‘YOUTH SUNDAY’

Three years ago, thanks to a grant from the ‘Living our Faith’ Fund in the Diocese, Thames Isis Pastoral Area was able to appoint a Youth Worker – Melanie Parris-Dollar. Over these three years Melanie has worked hard, but in so large a Pastoral Area, she has not been able to be everywhere. Above all, in such a role, she cannot be expected to ‘take over’ all the work with young people – that work which is already happening thanks to volunteers running all sorts of programmes and activities in the five parishes. Indeed, it was never intended that she should do so.

The grant we have received from the Diocese for the last three years was given on the understanding that the parishes of the Pastoral Area would after that be able to fund the post themselves. Starting last month, this is the first year in which we have had to do so. It was a big new commitment for the parishes to take on, with an annual budget of £32,000 to cover salary and expenses, including some administrative help.

Last year, on this Sunday, with this in view we ran an Appeal in Didcot and Wallingford Parishes, and in Hinksey Parish. We avoided Abingdon and East Hendred, because they were engaged at the time in other major fund-raising efforts. We asked people whether they would be prepared to make a regular monthly contribution towards the Youth Worker post. As a result, we now have a direct income of £5,000. But that still leaves most of the cost to be borne by parish budgets. It has been pledged for this year, but we need to assure it for the future. Further regular contributions would be welcome. If you would like to help, there are leaflets and forms for completion at the back of the Church

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Abingdon parish is planning to develop their bereavement work and has asked the leader of the thriving bereavement ministry in all the Reading parishes to come and explain what they do, on **26th November at 11.30am**. Everybody is welcome to come, please email clare@claresimpson.com who can give you the address for the meeting.

PARISH COLLECTION

The Sunday collection on the 4th and 11th November raised a total of £2,186.32 and on Sunday 18th November was £1,005.32 of which 88% was Gift aided. We collected a total of £321.27 for Survive-Miva.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

20 January 2019: Cathedral

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WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time: *Felicity Jones* who will be baptised today at St Mary's.

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadwiga Adasko, Angus Clark and Fr Andrew. Names remain for four weeks.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Lilian Purcell, William Flanagan, Albert Castle and Teresa Brown.*

HOLY FATHER'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION - Universal – *In the*

Service of Peace. That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays, **December 4th** and January 8th. At our meeting in December we shall finish our study of Paul's letter to the Romans and cover chapters 14-16. We meet in the parish rooms at 7.30pm and finish between 8.30 and 9.00. For more information contact Denis Smith; 01235 765564; djbm.smith@ntlworld.com.

SACKCLOTH AND ASHES DECEMBER 2018

On Friday 7th **December**, the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

CHRISTMAS GIVING FOR ‘LITTLE PEOPLE’

During Advent we will be collecting small presents for children who will not be receiving much this Christmas. Please note we have changed the meeting date to **Saturday 15th December**. We would like to invite the children and young people in the parish to come and help preparing the presents. Everybody is welcome in the parish rooms from 10.30am. Please talk to Maria if you have any questions.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND AT QUARR ABBEY

Designed to give single Catholic men aged 18-35 the opportunity to sample monastic life, as it is led at Quarr Abbey in the Benedictine tradition of the Solesmes Congregation. It will be of particular interest to those wanting to explore the possibility of a vocation. **Friday 8th (evening) - Sunday 10th March 2019**. Please see poster in church.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish Rooms after Mass.