

Christ the King

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 Mysteriorum Paschalis*, Blessed 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 19th November	SUNDAY 33A PER ANNUM Year A: Psalter Week 1 [GREEN] Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s, East Hendred RIP Lucy Kelly Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s, East Ilsley Pro populo
Monday 20th November	<i>St Edmnd, Martyr</i> [red] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s FM Canon Luck 1919
Tuesday 21st November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary [white] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s
Wednesday 22nd November	St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr [red] Adoration: 11.15am St Mary’s Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s
Thursday 23rd November	<i>Of Week 33</i> [green] Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s
Friday 24th November	St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs [red] Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Holy Souls Adoration: 3pm Hendred House
Saturday 25th November	<i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> [white] No Mass at St Mary’s. Mass at 9.30am at English Martyrs, Didcot
Sunday 26th November	CHRIST THE KING Year A: Psalter Week 2 [WHITE] Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s, East Hendred Pro populo Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s, East Ilsley Pro populo
	Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

FROM THE HOLY TRINITY MONASTERY

The trustees recently voted to close the free audiobook creation and loan service for the blind and visually impaired which has been operating from above the parish rooms at St Mary's under the name Veilaudio. Sister Catherine and Sister Lucy hope that members of the Parish may have a use for some of the smaller metal cabinets and so on. The upstairs room will be open **TODAY** after Mass for those interested.

MUMS ON THE RUN

Join us on **Monday 20th November at 8.15pm** in the Holy Family Room. If you are a mum raising children, who would like a bit of time to chat and reflect with other mothers, please come along to these meetings. Contact Gillian Groeger for more information gilliangroeger@hotmail.com

GIVING SUNDAY: ANNUAL REVIEW

On **Sunday 26th November**, the Hendred Buildings and Finance Council is presenting a 'Giving Sunday', and opportunity for people to review their planned giving, or to join our scheme. It will also be an opportunity to think about moving from envelopes to making a Standing Order or claiming Gift Aid. The Treasurer, Anne Dalton, has prepared a copy of the accounts for everyone to see and the Chairman, Chris Harrison, is preparing a leaflet, setting out what we hope to achieve in the coming year.

YOUTH SUNDAY WITH BISHOP PHILIP

Bishop Philip invites young adults (16 - 35) from around Portsmouth Diocese to join him at St John's Cathedral on the **26th November**: The Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday. He will be celebrating the 6pm Mass. there will be a social with food, and talks from inspiring guest speakers. Register at youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

YOUTH ADVENT RETREAT DATES

Saturday 2nd December at St Edmund's from 3-6pm - 'Waiting for the coming of the Lord' - with Monsignor Andrew Burnham

Sunday 3rd December at Holy Rood Catholic Church - 9-11am - 'Waiting for the coming of the Lord' - with Brother Isaac Maria Wharton OP.'

PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised a total of £1061.60 of which 77% was Gift Aided.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Mill Hill Appeal: 11th February; Clergy Assistance Fund: 11th March

NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to Maria at hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Wednesday 10 am**



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WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.



THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Kathleen Doyle, Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadhya Adasko, Angus Clark and Ann McCarthy. Names remain for four weeks.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently *Lucy Kelly* and those with anniversaries at this time: *Anthony Francis Castle, Patrick Kelly, Cornelia Purcell and Lilian Purcell.*

HOLY FATHER'S NOVEMBER INTENTION - *Christians in Asia*

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

PARISH GROUPS

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Meets on the first **Tuesday** of the month at St Mary's Parish rooms. Starting at 7.15pm (coffee)

MUMS ON THE RUN

Meets at 8.15pm on the third **Monday** of the month at St Mary's Holy Family room.

ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

As advertised.

PRO-LIFE VIGILS - THE REALITY

"It's folly that Jeremy Corbyn and MPs want to restrict freedom of speech/prayer outside abortion clinics. Let's pray for their conversion." Bishop Philip Egan. Find out what is behind the Bishop's statement by having a look at the work of the Good Counsel Network Please see poster in church or go to www.goodcounselnetwork.com

10-MINUTE DIARY

Do you struggle to spend time with God every day? The 10-minute diary following Lectio Divina will help you to read, pray and meditate on the word of God, and plan your week! There are a few diaries at the back of the church (£8).

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RAFFLE

St Mary's Church needs to provide 13 prizes for the Village Christmas raffle. If you can donate, there will be a box at St Mary's Church. Many thanks!

COFFEE AFTER MASS

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