

RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

Mrs Kathleen Pitman R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Thursday 2nd December at 1.00pm.

Mrs Geraldine McEwan McKenna Evans R.I.P. – Service at Thornhill Crematorium on Tuesday 14th December at 11am.

Mrs Frances Stone R.I.P. – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary's on Tuesday 21st December at 12.00pm.

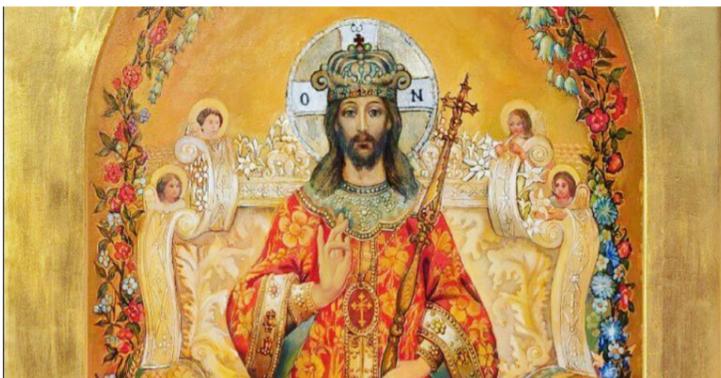


Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Readings continued

John:18:33-37.

Today's feast of Christ the King was only formally established in 1925. We could be tempted to interpret the feast as a last desperate and mistaken attempt by the Church to retain the semblance of temporal power in a rapidly secularising world. We might also be tempted to think that today's feast represents the Church's escapist mentality, a withdrawal from reality. The feast accurately reflects what we encounter in John's Gospel when Christ speaks of 'the world' in terms of all that is not redeemed. At every moment of his earthly life, Christ held dominion over the whole of Creation. Pilate believed he had complete control of the situation when he addressed Jesus, however, it was Jesus who held the dominion. By act of the will, rather than calling down the legions of angels, Jesus chooses the pathway of self-sacrifice. The Word made Flesh manifests all that is most noble and most generous in our humanity. Christ the King fosters nobility in us, sustains generosity in us.



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Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Bernard Perry, Mary Bodman, Valentine, Collette Griffin, Vivian Miller, Brian Webster, Henry Fernandez, Hanna Marengi, Susanna, Martin, Chris Collins, Joseph Stancombe, Zaid Saffo, Peter Macpherson, Rita Aquilina.

St Mary's: Fr Christopher Delaney, Bethan Williams, Jean Allen, Madison Lane, Marian Lamb, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, James Church, Anthony Jackson, Tom Hopkins, Margaret Griffiths, Joanne Coakley, Helen Ward, Carina Foster, Ben Foster, Maria Sullivan, Mary D'Alpa, Patricia Sadka, Mary Williams, Donald Rees, Michael McLoughlin., Jacob Callaghan, Martin Jones and Connie Greck.

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21st –28th November 2021 Feast of Christ the King (Cycle B)

Readings for the 34th Sunday of the Year

Daniel 7:13-14.

We listen once again to an extract from the Book of Daniel, which was written in the 'apocalyptic' style a century and a half before Christ was born. The Hebrews were suffering yet another round of persecution at the hands of the Syrian empire (a portion of empire that had been forged by Alexander the Great). The Book of Daniel was written to encourage God's people in fidelity to the practice of faith. Through imaginative visions, the reader is offered the reassurance that despite present sufferings the unconquerable but hidden power of God maintains its sovereignty. Relief will come and ultimate victory is assured in the end. As we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, Christians proclaim that Christ has refashioned human history by embedding it within the context of salvation history. We must address an unbelieving world with the Good News that the victory of Christ constitutes the core of human history. Christ rules and directs from beginning to end. When the Book of Daniel describes the figure of a 'son of man' it is representative of God's people. In the Gospels Jesus adopts this title for himself and its meaning is greatly expanded. The 'Son of Man' claims the power of apocalyptic judgement over the entire universe.

"I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man."

"His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty, which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed."

Psalm 92.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Apocalypse 1:5-8.

The Book of the Apocalypse begins with the promise that the lordship of Christ will be fully manifest in the clouds of heaven at the end of time. This lordship, however, is already at work in our midst. We are already privileged to share in the dignity of Christ and he has bestowed his own authority upon the Church. The terminology of 'kingship' feels somewhat alien to us today, but we must understand that the content of the imagery should not be interpreted in earthly terms. Christ has no need of the ceremonial trappings of an earthly crown or sceptre. Though we are a kingly people, we are not robed in earthly finery. Christ the King holds dominion over the whole of Creation but he exerts no domination. Christ is the Shepherd King who washed the feet of his disciples, who washed away the sins of the world as his blood was shed upon the Cross.

"Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth."

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Alleluia. Alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Continued opposite

Holy Family Masses

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (21st November)

6pm Vigil Mass Joseph Holland RIP

(Merchant Navy 1940)

11am Cecilia & Bill Brookman (Birthday)

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

Tuesday: (23rd November)

9.30am Mike Cox

Thursday: (25th November)

9.30am Eileen Geary RIP

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent (28th November)

6pm Vigil Mass Amalia Pegoraro

11am Fr Dewi Davies

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (21st November)

10am Andrew Sultana

12pm Antonino & Joseph D'Alpa RIP

6pm Intentions for the Thomas Family

Monday: St Cecilia (22nd November)

9.30am November Dead List

Tuesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (23rd Nov.)

9.30am Mario Azzopardi

Wednesday: St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs (24th Nov.)

NO MASS AT THE CHURCH TODAY

(9.30am Mass in the school for Years 3 and 4)

Thursday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (25th Nov.)

NO ADORATION AND BENEDICTION THIS WEEK

Friday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (26th Nov.)

9.30am Teresa Catherine Jones

Saturday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (27th Nov.)

12.15pm November Dead List

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent (28th November)

10am Thomas & Marjory Duffy (Anniv.)

12pm Gordon Baker & Carlo Toscano

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6pm Harry Hogan

Confessions will be celebrated in children's liturgy room on Saturday from 10am to 11am. Access via the Church.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 22nd November: Memoria of St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

St Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians. Legend has it that the 2nd or 3rd-century Roman noblewoman Cecilia vowed her virginity to an angel of God, and when she was married against her will, her husband Valerian promised to uphold her wish only if he saw the angel himself. All he had to do, she said, was be baptised and he would be able to see. He did so, and he was met by the vision of Cecilia talking to the angel. His brother Tiburtius followed suit, and after beholding the visions, both brothers were martyred.



Cecilia continued the work of converting people to the Christian faith and of burying the Christian dead, even though it was against the law. Hundreds were baptised through her witness and strength of faith. Her refusal to worship false gods and her burying of the dead led to her arrest. Attempts were made to suffocate her but her purity protected her and she wasn't harmed. She was beheaded instead.

From this violent end, Cecilia became St Cecilia, the patron saint of music and musicians. Cecilia was buried in the catacomb of St. Callistus, near Rome. At the beginning of the 9th century, Pope Paschal I discovered her incorrupt (undecayed) relics in the catacomb of St Praetextatus and had them moved to Rome. Her final resting place is the Church of Santa Cecilia in Trastevere, a 5th-century church in Rome.

Wednesday 24th November – Memoria: St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs

On the 19th June 1988, Pope Saint John Paul II canonised 117 persons who were martyred for the faith in Vietnam from 1723 to 1861. Groups of these martyrs had been beatified at different times – 1900, 1906, 1909 and 1951. 96 were Vietnamese, 11 were Spanish members of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and 10 were members of the Paris based Foreign Mission Society. 8 were Spanish and French bishops, 50 were priests (13 European and 37 Vietnamese) and 59 lay people of every state in life.



The faith had reached Vietnam in the sixteenth century. Persecution was perpetrated from soon after the arrival of the Gospel and there would be sporadic outbreaks until 1866. Excruciating cruelty was employed. Limbs were severed, joint by joint, before decapitation. The Martyrs of Vietnam are referred under the lead name of St Andrew Dung-Lac. He was born to a poor family in 1785. His parents, though pagan, sent their son to a Catholic catechist for instruction. Following his own baptism, Andrew became a catechist himself. Ten years later he was ordained to the priesthood on the 15th March 1823. He worked in several parishes before his first arrest for being a Christian. Lay members of his congregation purchased his freedom. He moved location and disguised his identity by changing his name from Dung to Lac. He was arrested once again on the 10th November 1839 in company Fr Peter Thi, another Vietnamese priest. A ransom was paid a second time and both priests were set free, though their freedom was to be short-lived. They were soon re-arrested and both were taken to Hanoi.

Fr Andrew and Fr Peter were beheaded on the 21st December 1839.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - THE OFFICIAL RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION

We will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent on the 27th/28th November. The Season of Advent marks the commencement of the new liturgical year and it will also mark the re-introduction of our canonical obligation to attend Sunday Mass. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales removed the obligation at the beginning of the lock-down in 2020.

Remotely tuning into the celebration of Mass via our streaming service proved to be so beneficial when we were unable to attend in person. However, whilst acknowledging that remote electronic participation has been a fruitful compensation for not being able to physically enter our churches, such a connection could never be a substitute for actual attendance and participation in the Sacred Mysteries of our Faith, above all in relation to the Sacrifice of the Mass. A sense of spiritual communion is no long-term substitute for our actual sacramental celebration.

Our participation at Mass is not driven by legal canonical obligation but by our love for the Lord who gives himself to us in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, the Holy Eucharist. Let us joyfully embrace our Sunday obligation each week so as to celebrate and nourish our Catholic faith.

HOLY WATER FONT FROM ST PAUL'S, NEWTOWN

The Holy Water Font that stood in St Paul's Church in Newtown has been reclaimed and restored and will be officially blessed and positioned in a permanent place in the grounds of The Cornerstone Centre in Charles Street this Sunday 21st November.

His Grace the Archbishop will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 3-00, this will be followed by a short ceremony of dedication at Cornerstone following which, light refreshments will be available for those that wish to gather and share memories and catch up with friends and relations. All are welcome to join in this celebration.

OFFEREN YN GYMRAEG

'Offeren yn Gymraeg': Mass in Welsh at the Cathedral.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Friday November 26th at 6pm to celebrate 50 years of the regular Mass in Welsh in the Archdiocese and 80 years since the establishing of 'Y Cylch Catholig'. Reception to follow at the Cornerstone. Croeso cynnes i bawb - welcome to all. Contact: carys@caerdelyn.com

BLESSING OF GRAVES AT WESTERN CEMETERY

On Sunday 21st November at 2.30pm, Canon Collins will be blessing graves at Western Cemetery for the Corfiot Association (Corfu Catholic Community).

PAPER NEWSLETTER TO RECOMMENCE

From the start of Advent, we will be producing a simple paper newsletter. A fuller version will still be available online and via email.

THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023

'FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION.'

Our process of consultation will begin on the First Sunday of Advent. Reflections and submissions will be gathered by the end of February. It is hoped that the preliminary period of preparation in each diocese would present two concrete actions that could be addressed between the beginning of Lent and the conclusion of Eastertide, the Solemnity of Pentecost. Let us consciously pray for the Universal Church and for our Archdiocesan Family as we embark on this journey. Let us pray that our two Parish Communities will respond fruitfully to the invitation set before us by the Holy Father.

*** I am most grateful to Kath Elley who has agreed to my appointing her as St Mary of the Angels Delegate and Coordinator for the Synodal Process of Consultation.

*** I am most grateful to Neil O'Toole who has agreed to my appointing him as Holy Family Parish Delegate and Coordinator for the Synodal Process of Consultation.

The Holy Father has designated a text attributed to St Isidore of Seville (560-636) as the official 'Prayer for the Synod'. The prayer is entitled 'Adsumus Sante Spiritus', meaning 'We stand before You, Holy Spirit'. This prayer has been invoked throughout the centuries at Councils and Synods. Every session of the Second Vatican Council opened with this prayer. Here follows a simplified version of St Isidore's text that is meant for use in parishes as we journey together in preparation for the Synod in 2023.

WE STAND BEFORE YOU, HOLY SPIRIT, AS WE GATHER TOGETHER IN YOUR NAME.
WITH YOU ALONE TO GUIDE US, MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME IN OUR HEARTS;
TEACH US THE WAY WE MUST GO AND HOW WE ARE TO PURSUE IT. WE ARE
WEAK AND SINFUL; DO NOT LET US PROMOTE DISORDER. DO NOT LET IGNORANCE
LEAD US DOWN THE WRONG PATH NOR PARTIALITY INFLUENCE OUR ACTIONS.
LET US FIND IN YOU OUR UNITY SO THAT WE MAY JOURNEY TOGETHER
TO ETERNAL LIFE AND NOT STRAY FROM THE WAY OF TRUTH AND WHAT IS
RIGHT. ALL THIS WE ASK OF YOU WHO ARE AT WORK IN EVERY PLACE AND TIME,
IN THE COMMUNION OF THE FATHER AND THE SON, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

A MESSAGE FROM ST MARY'S DELEGATE, KATH ELLEY

Having been asked to help us, as a Parish, to consider the ways in which we could better know and share the message of the joy of the Gospel I would like to ask everyone in anticipation of 1st Sunday of Advent (the formal start of the process) to consider how they may become involved in the Synodal process.

What ideas do you have to take the work of the Parish forward in terms of our current experience?

What good things (and there are lots) would you like to see developed and enhanced within the Parish? What do you identify as opportunities to grow the Church or to meet unmet need inside or outside of the Church community?

Thinking of those of us attending Mass at St Marys for example, how may we support each other further? How might we perhaps encourage a more active engagement in the Church? How could we help each other grow in our personal faith? Thinking of those Catholics we know who aren't currently attending Mass and the wider community of the Parish how might we encourage them to become part of the Church? How might we better spread the message of the Gospel to share the love of our Lord Jesus Christ and the peace that can bring to our lives?

This is what Pope Francis is asking us to do through the Synodal process. This message of course is shared through both word and deed, so how may this be realised? What time may you be able to give and what skills do you have that you can offer to help?

For us as a community to experience a sense of satisfaction and growth through this Synodal process it's important that people engage; play a part and be open and willing to support the process. If the process is supported the outcomes will be sound. I hope and pray things go well and I would kindly ask us all to pray to promote open and giving hearts and minds to make this a success. My phone number is 07976903111 and my email kath.elley@gmail.com. Let's all work together to make this happen.

Here is the link to the Archdiocese of Cardiff Synodal Church page:

<https://rcadc.org/for-a-synodal-church/>

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Defibrillator training is taking place next **Tuesday 23rd November at 6pm** in Holy Family Church Hall. Training will follow in St Mary's at a later date.

RECOMMENCING COMMUNITY TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS IN ST MARY'S

I am immensely grateful to Cynthia Trevelyan for her willingness to organise a new rota of helpers to facilitate the provision of teas and coffees following 10.00am Mass at St Mary's. Step by step we need to re-establish our opportunities to gather socially as well as liturgically. The weekly opportunity to chat and share experiences holds enormous value for a parish community. If you are willing to assist then please contact Cynthia directly or inform me via telephone or parish e.mail.

Archdiocese of Cardiff "The God Who Speaks": Scripture Study Days

The next two Scripture Study Day will be given on Saturday, December 4th from 11am-12.30pm. **Mrs. Kate Duffin will be giving a talk: "The Scriptures of Advent"**. Kate is one of the Scripture Champions for the Archdiocese and has promoted the Year of the God Who Speaks during the last two years. She has sent the Quote of the Week to parishes for their newsletters throughout that time too. Kate has been a tutor on the CCRS course for a number of years. Kate has an honours degree in Theology and is known for her love and knowledge of the Scriptures. She will bring our series of Scripture Study Days to an excellent end.

You can access the talks on the day via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86396695727?pwd=aHlpV3lnbGgrWGVITHBFeGdqclpVdz09>

Meeting ID 863 9669 5727

Passcode: 068790

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SCOUT POST CANCELLED CHRISTMAS 2021

The Scouts are unable to operate the wonderful Scout Post system again this year due to the ongoing pandemic. As you are probably aware, they are hugely dependent on the revenue from the Scout Christmas Post to cover their growing expenses during the rest of the year. It raises about £150,000 each year, which helps to keep all the local groups afloat.

This year there is an online fund-raising campaign via the following link:

<https://localgiving.org/appeal/Scoutpost2021/>

If you have benefitted over the years from the Scout Post, or perhaps from being a part of the Scout movement yourself, then please consider making a donation. This will help ensure that the Scout Post can run again next year and also that our young people have the opportunity to enhance their life skills by joining a Scout group.

N.B. In order for your donation to go to the local Scouts, you have to specify the name of the group in the message box when you donate. For Holy Family Scouts, this would be “1st Pentrebane (Holy Family)”.

If there are other local Scout groups linked to our parishes wanting to be mentioned, please email canton@rcadc.org.uk

A NOTE FROM DEACON MAURICE

ST VINCENT'S COMMUNITY CENTRE, ELY BRIDGE



I'm very pleased to report that the refurbishment and refitting of the former St Clare's Church is now complete with major financial support from the SVP and the Welsh Assembly via its Communities and Facilities Programme. Henceforth it will be known as St Vincent's Community Centre, Ely Bridge and the SVP have appointed a manager, Nathan Harding, who took up his new role a few weeks ago.

There will be an official opening by Archbishop George at the end of November. We will hold a meeting of volunteers at St Vincent's in the near future to discuss things further. If you think you may be able to help in any way as a volunteer in this exciting new venture, please contact Deacon Maurice: mfscanlon@hotmail.co.uk or 07747038274

UPDATE ON THE BOILER REPAIR AT ST MARY'S

As parishioners at St Mary's will be aware, the heating system is still not functioning due to problems with the boiler. Mulletts have visited on a number of occasions over the past 3 weeks and 2 parts of the boiler have been replaced. However, a failure has occurred once again and it would seem that there is a fundamental electrical problem that will need to be remedied. Please pray for mild weather!

Further update: I've been assured by Mulletts that the new electrical system is on order but we are still awaiting delivery.

NEW ELECTRONIC DONATION STATION AT ST MARY'S

Our new electronic donation station is now operational at St Mary of the Angels. It is currently located within the entrance porch. The display screen offers clear instructions for use. You can make a donation securely either by the contactless method or by inserting your card and using your PIN.

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:
14th November - Gift aid £58.12 Loose £627.01

Sick and Retired Clergy Fund total **£2133.11**

St Mary's Standing Orders per week amount to £600.00 of which 90% is gift aided.

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:
14th November - Gift aid £370.00 Loose £331.94

Sick and Retired Clergy Fund total **£1334.10**

Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £250.00 of which 95% is gift aided.

A WORD OF THANKS – THE ARCHDIOCESAN FUND FOR SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY

I wish to express my gratitude for the generosity of your response to the annual appeal in support of the Archdiocesan Fund for the Sick and Retired Clergy. The total for St Mary of the Angels was much enhanced by a single donation of £1,000 and the total for Holy Family was enhanced by two donations of £200 each.

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TELLERS NEEDED AT ST MARY'S - RECOMMENCING THE USE OF COLLECTION BASKETS

The passing of Collection Boxes for our Offertory Donations to the Parish have been back in operation at Holy Family Church for the past month. I hope to recommence their use at St Mary of the Angels from the First Sunday of Advent. This operation will need Volunteer Tellers at each of the Masses. Could I ask those who previously undertook this responsibility (pre-lockdown) to assist with this task once again. I would be most grateful if some new volunteers step forward to join the cohort.

DANGER FROM SCAM EMAIL

I have been contacted by a number of parishioners who have informed me that they have received scam emails purporting to be from myself. The content of the email is a request for £500 supposedly to fund the cancer treatment of a seminarian in a foreign country. Needless to say, I have not and would not make any such request for funds. This incident highlights the need to be vigilant regarding our use of the internet. If we have any doubts regarding emailed requests for money, let scepticism guide our response.