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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year B) – 21st November 2021

1st Reading – Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm – The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

2nd Reading – Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel – John 18:33-37

Today we mark the last week of our liturgical year before we move into the holy season of Advent. We are celebrating the fact that Jesus, Our Lord, is King of the Universe. He is clothed with power and glory and will come back to judge the living and the dead. He is the one in front of whom every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth. He is king and He is the ruler. It is important for us to remember that this vision of the kingship of Jesus Christ is not something that will happen on the Last Judgment, it is a present reality. The challenge for all of us is to recognize His kingship and live under it.

What does it mean for me that Jesus is my king? He doesn't order me about like others may do. His kingdom is not of this world. John reminds us today that the same Jesus finds Himself being interrogated by Pilate, seemingly being subject to the decisions of others. Can I show the same humility and allow myself to be subject to God's teaching and judgment? Jesus comes to bear witness to the truth. How well do I know God's truth in order to bear effective witness to it?

To say that Jesus is my king implies that I know Him, that I wish to serve Him, that I want to listen to the voice of truth in my life. Listening and searching for God are two practical ways of showing to others that I take the kingship of Jesus seriously. Imagine what each day could look like if it was lived with a sense of expectation of learning something new that would be life-giving not just for me but for others too, if each day was spent searching for the One we claim to love, if we managed to make this our priority for the whole of our life. The Pope's call to us to take an active part in the Synod and to learn how to listen to the voice of God is a preparation for us to celebrate what this Solemnity is all about: a celebration of someone whose voice brings the dead to life, the voice that shatters all barriers preventing us from experiencing life to its fullest. Let us learn to listen to the King again.

Welcome to Aidan Lack - There is a second collection for the Kenelm Youth Trust on this World Youth Sunday and Aidan Lack from the Kenelm mission team is here to talk about young people in our diocese and the work of the Kenelm Youth Trust. The talk will be between 3-5 mins at the end of each Mass this weekend.

Altar servers – If your child would like to serve at the altar, please get in touch with Br. Martin M or Br. Martin S. This is for children who have made their 1st Holy Communion and older. Training will be provided once we have a list of interested children.

Cleaning the church volunteers – Thank you to all of you who volunteered for this important service for the whole community. We now have 2 weeks covered, which does mean we still need a lot more of you to help us fill a 4-week rota. Please consider giving up some of your time and energy to ensure that our place of worship is clean and worthy of what we are celebrating here. If you can volunteer once per month then do get in touch with your details.

Church Hall Opening Next Sunday 28th November – We are really grateful for our volunteers who turned up last week to ensure our parish hall is in best shape possible for our use. We do intend to have a coffee morning and a Christmas Cards sale after our Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am on the 1st Sunday of Advent next weekend. Do come to those if you can, it would be a great chance to meet one another.

Advent Prayer Group – Beginning on Tuesday 30th November, we will meet every Tuesday of Advent 7pm – 8.30pm in the church to pray and meditate on the message of the Word of God for us this Advent. The first theme will be God's promises to us: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given". The sessions will be led by Cláudia Azevedo, one of our parishioners - do join us if you can during this holy season.

House Visits / Blessings – An important part of my service to you as your parish priest is to come to know you, pray with you, and bless you. That is why I would like to invite myself into your homes! – not for a 3-course meal, not even a cup of tea required, but to meet you, chat, and pray. Don't be afraid – I won't turn up uninvited. If you'd like a visit, just get in touch in any way you can – speak to me after Mass in the sacristy, email, phone, fill out the form on the website, or fill in a card that should be available at the back of the church.

Rosary Prayer Group Fridays 7.00p.m. – We meet every week in church to ask Our Lady's protection over our parishioners and the whole world. Join us.

FIVE BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way!

Five Wednesdays: 24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time). Free of Charge | LIVE sessions on YouTube.

Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

Catholic Schools Inspectors Required - The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking to recruit inspectors of Catholic primary and secondary schools. We are particularly keen to hear from former school leaders who seek to remain connected with Catholic Education. Email b.mcardle@bdes.org.uk for details.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Just a note to remind all parishioners that our church opens from 5.30 p.m. on Saturday evenings for a time of silent adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a perfect opportunity for some quiet prayer and reflection, which ends at 6.15 p.m. with benediction.

1st Holy Communion / Confirmation 2022 – If you would like your child to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, please get in touch in order to sign your child for the relevant course. All classes will begin from January, but the sooner you let us know the better. Please fill in the relevant form on the website or speak to me in person. You have until mid-December to ensure your child is signed up.

Intercessory Prayer Group

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 21st November 2021 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Mary & Johnathon
9.00 a.m. November Dead List
11.00 a.m. Parishioners
5.30 p.m. Pearl & Frank

Monday 22nd

St. Cecilia

7.30 a.m. November Dead List

Tuesday 23rd

7.30 a.m. November Dead List

Wednesday 24th

All the Souls of the Seraphic Order

7.30 a.m. November Dead List

Thursday 25th

7.30 a.m. November Dead List

Friday 26th

St. Leonard of Port Maurice

7.30 a.m. November Dead List

Saturday 27th

St. Francis Anthony Fassani

8.00 a.m. November Dead List
6.30 p.m. Parishioners

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere**. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.