

Gospel Reflection

For Matthew, the image of Christ the Universal King continues to be a terrifying God of Judgement. Matthew's people believed that Jesus would return in their lifetime and expected that those who had decided not to follow the Christian way must surely suffer.

But this reading also suggests that our actions are not so easily defined by what we call ourselves. We all know people who claim to be Christian who seem to be anything but. We all know a neighbour or friend who would never step foot in a church yet cares and provides for those in need.

It's not about looking good for God but about looking out for our fellow brothers and sisters. And knowing that God, who is King of all, sees all.

BINGO NIGHT Friday 8th December. As usual we would be grateful for donations of Prizes for this event. And of course your support on the evening itself - always a great evening out.

BEER NIGHT: We are having another Beer Night on Friday 15th December. Price is £10 for 2 beers and hot food. £4 for food only. There will be pre-order forms for those who wish to purchase additional beers for Christmas. Price list and choices to follow soon.
Please add your name and contact information on the list in the foyer.

SATURDAY 2ND December: DAY OF REFLECTION ON ADVENT:
Coffee at 12:30pm for 1pm start. Stories, Songs and Reflections with Andy and Anna Raine from Lindisfarne. All most welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER
After 11am Mass. Shared table, games and a special guest. We would like parents to stay around to help with their own children (Coffees and teas will be provided). Should finish about 14:00.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon to arrange to see him after an 11am Mass on Sunday morning.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm. that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

NEWSLETTER

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"United in conviction and united
in love, with a common purpose
and a common mind"
Philippians 2:2

26th NOVEMBER 2017 CHRIST THE KING (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 25th November	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Monica and Peter Robinson RIP
Sunday 26th November	9:30am 11:00am	Maddelena Rocco RIP People of the Parish
Monday 27th November	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 28th November	9:30am 7:00pm	Mass - Gerry Doran RIP Mass for the Deceased
Wednesday 29th November	Noon	Jimmy Graham RIP
Thursday 30th November	9:15am Noon	Advent Service <u>in school</u> Mass - Alfie Hayes RIP (11 years Anniversary)
Friday 1st December	9:30am	Mass - Kathleen Harrison RIP
Saturday 2nd December	12:30 for 1pm 4:45pm 5:15pm	Day of Reflection for Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation Claire Backhouse RIP
Sunday 3rd December	9:30am 11:00am	Andrew Horne RIP People of the Parish
Monday 4th December	7:30pm	Scripture Group
Tuesday 5th December	10:30am	CRAFT GROUP MEETS

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mrs V Powell

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation for the flowers please add your name to the list in the porch and place your donation into the wall box.

WALK WITH ME - READING FOR ADVENT

As well as the MY DAY BY DAY booklets we have copies of WALK WITH ME . Price £1 each. Please place your money in the Wall Box in the inner porch by the Hymn Books.

Pensioner's Meal 10th December - noon onwards

Please add your name(s) to the list on the porch if you would like to attend. If you have any special needs (dietary, transport to and fro, access arrangements, etc) please let us know. We would also welcome volunteers to assist on the day - and Raffle Prizes please.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND

This weekend we will be having the annual collection to help to train future Priests and Deacons - as well as lay people (such as Eucharistic Ministers). The Fund also meets the cost of ongoing training of clergy.

There will be a short Advent Service in school on **Thursday 30th November at 9.15am**. The whole school will be gathering together, and they warmly invite parishioners to come and join them, as they mark the start of our Advent journey with prayer, music and reflection.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us



Gospel Reading Matthew 25 31 - 46

Jesus said to his disciples.

“When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty
and all his angels with him, the Son of Man

will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations
will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out,
much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting
sheep to his right and goats to his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Enter, you who
are blessed by my Father! Take what’s coming to you in this kingdom.
It’s been ready for you since the world’s foundation. And here’s why:

I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me
clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to
me.’

“Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about?
When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink?
And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?’ Then the
King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these
things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - you did it to me.’

“Then he will turn to the ‘goats,’ the ones on his left, and say, ‘Get out,
worthless goats! You’re good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why?
Because - I was hungry and you gave me no meal, I was thirsty and you gave
me no drink, I was homeless and you gave me no bed, I was shivering and you
gave me no clothes, Sick and in prison, and you never visited.’

“Then those ‘goats’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about?
When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or
in prison and didn’t help?’

“He will answer them, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do
one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that
was me - you failed to do it to me.’

“Then those ‘goats’ will be herded to their eternal doom, but the ‘sheep’ to
their eternal reward.”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi