

## NEWSLETTER

### Gospel Reflection

It's a strange kind of king that surrenders to the will of others.

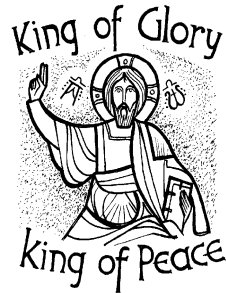
A king that places himself, not in authority but in solidarity with his people; with the lowest and most desperate of his people. Even knowing that a word, a gesture, could make this all go away; Jesus chooses not to; he chooses to remain faithful to his humanity.

Jesus proves his power by being powerless; his submission takes him out of the hands of those who jeer and tempt him - leaving him in God's hands.

When the other criminal speaks up; he recognises this. He knows himself; he has accepted who he is; sees some sort of justice; knows that he now has no power over his future.

There is something bigger here; there is something more; there is a strength and a faith that even at the end; something, even for a few moments, the man wants to be a part of.

*'Take me with you.'* he pleads. And Jesus does; Christ, the king who will not save himself, will save anyone who has faith.



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

### 24th NOVEMBER 2019 CHRIST THE KING (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 23rd November	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mrs Kath Harrison RIP
Sunday 24th November	9:30am 11:00am	Gordon Noad RIP Anniversary People of the Parish
Monday 25th November	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 26th November	<b>10:30am</b>	No service <b>Coffee morning</b>
Wednesday 27th November		No service
Thursday 28th November	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 29th November	7:30pm	No service <b>Parish Bingo Night (doors open at 7pm)</b>
Saturday 30th November	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Alfie Hayes RIP 13 yrs anniversary
Sunday 1st December	9:30am 11:00am	Liam O'Hare RIP People of the Parish
Monday 2nd December	9:30am	Bridie Brennan

**Please note- Mass times are subject to change and, whilst every effort will be made, intention dates cannot be guaranteed**

**On a lighter note: Q: What's the best way to study the Bible? A:** You Luke into it. 😊 **Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? A.** Samson. He brought the house down.

### 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.

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 Maureen Fennell

### 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.

**Scam Telephone Calls & Emails:** If you receive a telephone call or email from HMRC telling you that you will be taken to Court for failing to pay them, this is a Scam. Please ignore it. Similarly, you may get telephone calls or emails purporting to be from Amazon, BT, Sky or Microsoft about your accounts or saying you will be cut off, these too are more than likely to be a scam. There is a poster in the porch with more information on scams.

**Bingo Night:** The Parish Bingo Night is on Friday 29th November, doors open at 7pm and the bingo starts at 7:30pm. Always a great evening of fun and games, your support on the evening itself will help to raise funds for the Parish.

**Coffee morning:** If you would like to come to our coffee mornings for a chat, laugh, cuppa or even a bargain in our bring and buy sale or for a game of bingo you will be made very welcome. The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

### 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 Luke 23 35 - 43



From the Cross Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people!  
They don't know what they're doing."

While the crowd stood there watching him, the soldiers gambled for his clothes. The leaders insulted him by saying, "He saved others. Now he should save himself, if he really is God's chosen Messiah!"

The soldiers made fun of Jesus and brought him some wine.  
They said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!"

Above him was a sign that said,  
"This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals hanging there also insulted Jesus by saying, "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and save us!"

But the other criminal told off the first one  
"Don't you fear God? Aren't you getting the same punishment as this man? We got what was coming to us, but he didn't do anything wrong."

Then he said to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into power!"  
Jesus replied, "I promise that today you will be with me in paradise."



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

**Prisoner Outreach** Grateful thanks to all who have been bringing in their bits of Loose Change over the last few months. A total of £315 has been raised in the last 10 months. The Daily Bible Reading Books that are given to people in Prison make a huge difference to them. Please keep up your generous support. All donations of any amount – however small - are very much appreciated.