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24th November 2024 ✕ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE B ✕

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| Reading 1 | Dan 7:13-14 | His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty. |
| Psalm | Ps 92:1-2. 5 r.1 | The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed. |
| Reading 2 | Rev 1:5-8 | Rulers of the kings of the earth... he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God. |
| Gospel Acclamation | Mark 11:9. 10 | Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! |
| Gospel | John 18:33-37 | It is you who say that I am a king. |

Readers this week; 6.30pm Yolanda Danday

9.30am Tania Jackson/Chiamaka Eke 11.30am Ellie Tetteh/Chelsea Atoe

6.30pm Chidubem/Maureen O-Krakue

Readers next week: 6.30pm Benedict Kenechukwu/Kieran Shannon

9.30am Samuel Robinson/Tania Jackson 11.30am Danielle Ibeh/Joseph Kuruvilla

6.30pm Chidubem Uche/Ugochi Uche

✕ Please pray for Maureen Chadwick and Anne-Marie Hawker† who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

✕ George Jones, Michael Simmonds, Jacqueline Hunt, Alfredo Figueira, Peter Keating, Joseph Cardwell, Thomas Caulfield, Edward Staples and Eileen Benson.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

Collections; This week's collection amounted to £540.62 of which £91.00 was Gift Aided and the collection for the Music ministry amounted to £100.33.

Thank you.

The QR code for contactless payments is shown here.

Second collection today is for Catholic Youth Services



PARISH NOTICES

TODAY IS NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY – Second collection for Catholic Youth Services which supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

NEW LITURGY- Today is feast of Christ the King and also the last Sunday of Year B. Next Sunday we begin Liturgical Year C – The first Sunday of Advent when the new liturgy will be introduced.

ADVENT SEASON – We start advent next Sunday and we shall have the Parish Advent service of adoration and reconciliation on Sat. 14th December, at 3.00pm. This is a highly recommendable spiritual exercise for the preparation of the celebration of Christmas, don't miss it please. Details are on the noticeboard.

TO ALL READERS - You are warmly invited to A Basic Introduction to the New Lectionary – an introduction to the new translation and explanation of the changes. If anyone did not attend yesterday the same presentation will be given on **Wednesday 27th November at 7-8.30pm**. Both will be held at English Martyr's Parish Church, Strood.

SUNDAY MASSES – When we come to attend mass we need to keep time and we want all of us to be harmonious and enjoy the mass, not upsetting others. We need to be considerate and our stewards are always there to welcome and help us to sit safely in the Church.

PASTORAL SUPPORT TO PARISHIONERS – Those in need of spiritual direction, pastoral guidance and counselling, please book an appointment with Fr. Dennis, Fr. Pascoal or Deacon Michael.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER - **For anyone who has lost a child**
We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

OLOG SEEDS YOUTH MINISTRY – The Christmas photography competition is open to the youth age 11 – 18 years old. Those who wish to participate contact the parish office or gillinghamyouth@rcaos.org.uk Also the registration for FLAME 2025 youth conference scheduled on 15th March, is ongoing at £31 per person. Interested youth contact the parish office. The parish shall provide the transport and safeguarding.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 – Please note that the forms for applications for children making their First Holy communion in 2025 must be returned by this coming Saturday **30th November**.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY AT MEDWAY HOSPITAL There is Sunday mass at the hospital chapel/prayer room, at 2.00pm every Sunday for the hospital staff, visitors and patients. Visiting the in-patients on wards is on Wednesday, morning and Sunday afternoons done by priests, deacons and volunteers Thus, there is a call for catholic hospital volunteers. If you are willing and interested in offering this service please see Fr Dennis or Fr Pascoal or contact the parish office on 01634852979.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL – meets every second Sunday of the month after 11.30 Mass

✘ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✘

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| Saturday 23 rd November | | |
| Vigil Mass | 6.30pm | Repose of the soul of Thomas Busher |
| Sunday 24 th | 9.30am | Repose of the soul of David Keating |
| | 11.30am | Pro Populo |
| . | 6.30pm | Repose of the soul of Frank Hanham |
| Monday 25 th | | St Catherine of Alexandria |
| | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Pat Meade |
| Tuesday 26 th | | Feria |
| | 10.00 | Christine Travelle's intentions |
| Wednesday 27 th | | Feria |
| | 10.00 | Well-being of Deidre Crosbey |
| Thursday 28 th | | Feria |
| | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Sylvester Igeogbu |
| Friday 29 th | | Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr |
| | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of Cyril Firth |
| | 7.30pm | Holy Souls |
| Saturday 30 th | | St Andrew. Apostle |
| | 10.00am | Repose of the soul of David Campbell |
| | | Followed by Exposition and |
| Confessions | | |
| Vigil Mass | 6.30pm | Birthday of Vera Uzoegbu |

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Kim Leadbeater MP introduced a bill last Wednesday 16th October to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs next Friday **29 November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk/volunteer **There are cards at the back of the church for you to send to our local MP expressing your views**

DIVINE MERCY - The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat **on** Saturday 30 November 2024 **from** 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Scholastica 17 Kenninghall Road Clapton London E5 8BS

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

FOUNDATION SCHOOL GOVERNORS SOUGHT FOR ST MARYS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Marys are looking to plug the gaps within our governing body. Anyone aged over 18 can be a governor and you do not need to be a parent with children at our school. There is no requirement for you to understand the education system, just the necessary skills, character and time to contribute. There is plenty of training available to help you learn about education and the role of governors. The School needs and would benefit from a range of professional knowledge on their governing board including education, finance, human resources, legal, marketing and public relations, property and estates management, and organisational change. The only requirement to be a Foundation governor is that you are a practising Catholic. Please do contact or speak to the chair Johnmark direct or at chairofgovernors@stmarysrcp.medway.sch.uk if you are interested.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2024

Sunday (24 November) is World Youth Sunday. The second collection today will support youth work in the Archdiocese and beyond, especially the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults. For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth network for regular updates at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork or via the QR code. Additional World Youth Sunday resources have been produced by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) at www.wys.cymfed.org.uk.



MISSIO RED BOXES.

If you are supporting our missionaries by keeping a red MISSIO box at please bring the box into the sacristy to be emptied.

If anybody else wishes to keep a box at home for loose coins, or notes, please contact the Missio secretary on 01634 326132 or email: t11940@virginmedia.com