



Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

# Newsletter

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## Christ the King

### Regular Mass Times

Sunday	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07:30
Friday	09.00
Saturday (vigil)	18.00

### Homily notes

#### King on the Cross

The gospel chosen for the Feast of Christ the King does not correspond to our ideas of royalty. We have recently seen crowds of people queueing to pay their respects to the late Queen Elizabeth II. The gospel tells us that “the people stayed there watching Jesus” as he was dying on the Cross, not out of respect, but to mock Jesus. The religious leaders joined in the mockery. They challenged Jesus to use his power for his own sake: “He saved others, let him save himself.” But Jesus does not use his power in this way. He had declared that he came to serve, not to be served.

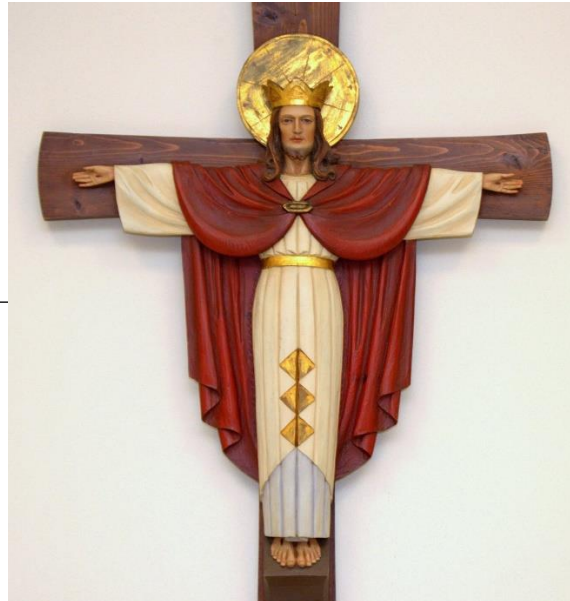
One of those crucified with Jesus had the same expectation of the “King of the Jews”:

“Save yourself and us as well.” He was thinking of his own benefit. The other asked only to be remembered when Jesus would come into his kingdom. Jesus promised that this man would be with him in Paradise. This was surely a gift of mercy, the prerogative of kings.

Some women, including Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Mary Magdalene, and also the Beloved Disciple, “stayed” at the foot of the Cross. They serve as our models. We too are called to look on Jesus as he dies on the Cross to save us from sin. We can ask him: “How did you come to this, our Creator and our King?” Each one of us can ask “What have I done for Jesus; what am I doing for Jesus; what ought I to do for Jesus?” With the Good Thief we can ask to be with Jesus, not only in Paradise, but already during our lives on this earth.

We can ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, our mother, our Queen, to help us to love Jesus and to love and serve all her children for the sake of Jesus. Queen of Peace, she can help us along the way traced out by Jesus, our King, a way of truth and life, of justice, love and peace.

+ Michael



### Mass Intentions

- Sat 19: Holy souls
- Sun 20: Billy & Celia Flatley RIP
- Mon 21: Tommy Baxter RIP
- Tue 22: Jane Mann
- Wed 23: Maria Osbaldeston RIP
- Thur 24: Mary McInnes
- Fri 25: Pauline O'Connor RIP
- Sat 26: Edward Carr, RIP
- Sun 27: Mary Thompson RIP

### Ubuntu

I would like to introduce you to the concept of *UBUNTU*. It is a fundamental life philosophy of the Bantu people of Africa. Many of the Africans we meet in the UK would be of Bantu heritage, in a similar way that most people of

Western and Central Europe are of related heritage.

*Ubuntu* is a “collection of values and practices that people of Africa view as making people authentic human beings. While the nuances of these values and practices vary across different ethnic groups, they all point to one thing – an authentic individual human being is part of a larger and more significant relational, communal, societal, environmental and spiritual world”. (Wikipedia)

*Ubuntu*, then, means that we should treat everyone with respect and reverence, and this attitude is extended to the animal world and to nature itself. It’s a philosophy of life that influenced greatly people like Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu.

I share this with you today because I read a report of a *zoom* meeting between a group of university students and Pope Francis, held this week, on the occasion of **World Youth Sunday**, which is today. The students represented countries from right across the Bantu regions of Africa.

In the meeting, the Pope encouraged young people to get involved in their societies. “Don’t limit yourselves to being concerned”, he said, “but act.” Young people need to get involved in politics and in the defence of society to put an end to the exploitation of Africa by the powerful of the world. They are the ones who will bring about reform to end the corruption, the violence, the exploitation of Africa’s resources and people, which are destroying both people and the environment.

“Don’t stop dreaming because when young people stop dreaming that’s when countries come to an end”, Pope Francis told them.

Is this not also a message for our youth today in Liverpool?

See: [www.indcatholicnews.com/news/45827](http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/45827) Terry

## RETIRING COLLECTION

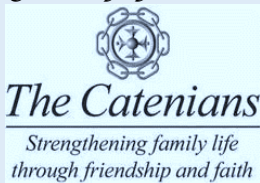
### ANIMATE,

the archdiocesan youth ministry team, will be the beneficiaries of the proceeds of the retiring collection today, to support and finance their work with the youth of the archdiocese.

Thank you for what you are able to give them.

We are happy to welcome the members of the **Catenian Society** who join us on Sunday morning for the Eucharist and to pray for their deceased members.

*It is good of you to come.*



### The Letter

#### - A Message for Our Earth:

About 30 people gathered in the Parish Room of St. Anne's last Wednesday to watch "The Letter". They included the local rep of CAFOD, members of the archdiocese's J&P Commission and parishioners of St. Anne's. Three of us priests represented our parish community. Please do take time to watch it on You Tube. You will be greatly moved.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

With availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Friday 11.00am to Noon



### An Advent Prayer

#### Wake us up Lord!

God of Salvation,  
Wake us up Lord!  
The night is nearly over.  
Let us begin our Advent journey.  
Move us from our lives  
Of greed and selfishness,  
From our globalised world  
Of inequality and exploitation,  
To your kingdom  
Of righteousness and mercy.  
To a transformed world,  
Where peace is built on  
understanding not weapons,  
The poor are empowered to live their  
lives to the full,  
Businesses are built on need not  
greed  
And your Creation is nurtured not  
abused.  
Wake us up Lord!  
Let us live as people of the light.  
Amen.  
*Sue Cooper/CAFOD*

### Shoe Box Appeal

This is to help those who come to the Food Bank on Tuesday Morning with some Christmas cheer.

Needed: toothpaste & brushes, shampoo, deodorants, soap...  
*Please leave in the box at the back of church*

### BAPTISM

#### NATHANIEL BROWNE

will be received into the Church today, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, through the sacrament of BAPTISM. He is the son of Lauren Field and Marlon Browne of Toxteth  
*Congratulations and Welcome*

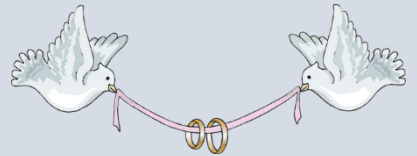


Congratulations to

**Christopher and Barbara** who celebrate the Sacrament of marriage on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10.30am, in the church.

Barbara is the daughter of Joan and Pat Hart of the parish community.

Have a blessed and joyful day!



### OFFERINGS 13<sup>th</sup> November

Envelopes: £ 20.00

Plate: £ 217.21

*Thank you.*

### Lottery Results

12<sup>th</sup> November

**02 07 08 10 12 13**

Christmas Cards, and other new cards, are now available at the back of the church, at a good price.  
**Don't miss out!!**

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### PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Lorraine ALLEN, Natasha BAKER, Kitty BAXTER, Baby Bobby ENWRIGHT, John BRAGGER, Christopher BROWNE, Lesley CARRUTHERS, Emma DOLAN, Baby Daisy Marcia DUNN, June DUNNE, Joe EDIE, Jean ENNIS, Baby FRANKIE, Irene GREEN, Mary HOWARD, Raymond JOYCE, Kai, Helen MARTLEY, Eddie McKENNA, Mary MELODY, Margaret MUCHMORE, Cathy MURRAY, Ava RUDZINSKI, Eileen SALTERS, Jean TAYLOR, Camila WILD, Jane MANN.

**Also, for the intentions of:** Kathy BANKS, Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, GERMAINE, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Helen HARTLEY, Theresa HASTIE, Frances KERWIN, Ian McNICHOLAS, Ann MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, Maureen RICE, Sarah Jane, Teresa SWIFT, David THOMAS, Cath WILSON, A Family trying to conceive.

**And for those who have died:** Kenny ALCOCK, Pauline O'CONNOR (née Barton) Mary THOMPSON, Mary HUGHES, Lloyd CHUNG