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# Newsletter

26<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
*Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe*

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Mass Times this Week	
Sunday	10.00
Monday	07:30
Tuesday	07:30
Wednesday	09.00
Thursday	07.30
Friday	09.00
Saturday (vigil)	18.00

Mass Intentions	
Sat 25:	Val Warren RIP
Sun 26:	Catenians
Mon 27:	Winnie Ruddy
Tues 28:	Nicole Mawson
Wed 29:	Teenagers who died in car accident in N. Wales.
Thur 30:	Holy souls
Fri 1/12:	Joe Kerwin
Sat 2:	Shelly & Sheila Glanville
Sun 3:	Robbie & Agnes O’Gorman



## Homily Notes

### Christ the King

On this last Sunday of the year, we are invited to consider the judgement that awaits each one of us. Christ will judge us to see if we can enter definitively into his Kingdom. We should notice that we shall not be judged on our belief, but on our actions: “In so far as you did this to one of the least of my brothers or sisters, you did it to me.” Both the righteous and the unrighteous ask the same question: “When did we see you hungry or thirsty and minister to you, or not minister to you?” as the case may be. One can belong to the Kingdom without realising it. But faith motivates us to pay attention to the brothers and sisters of Jesus. Jesus, the Son of God, has united himself to every human being. We do not fully understand this; it will be revealed to us when we meet with Christ at the day of our death. Moreover, through Baptism we are made members of the Body of Christ. This means that we are never alone.

We know too through faith that Jesus is not only our King and Judge. He is also our reward. It has been promised to us that we shall rise again to new life in Christ even if we don’t really understand what this new life will be like. We can nevertheless trust that it will be wonderful.

And again, we shall not be alone; we shall be with people from all different nations and walks of life, with all those who served Jesus in their lives, even if they were unaware of this. We shall be with those righteous who have gone before us, the Catenians and the members of their families for whom we are praying in a special way on this Sunday.

*Michael*

“Rejoice in Hope”, the theme of Pope Francis’ **World Youth Day** letter, is a quote from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans.

Reflecting on these words, the Pope says that “youth is a time full of hopes and dreams, stirred by the many beautiful things that enrich our lives: the splendour of God’s creation, our relationships with friends and loved ones... and so on.”

However, we are living in a period of crisis, of war, when “for many people, including the young, hope seems absent.” Many feel as if they are in a dark prison, where the light of the sun cannot enter.” The Pope asks, “How can we experience the joy and hope of which Saint Paul speaks? When we think of human tragedies, especially the suffering of the innocent, we too can echo some of the Psalms and ask the Lord, ‘Why?’”

### Paths toward hope

Pope Francis suggests two ways to maintain Christian hope in such difficult times.

The first of these is to recognise that hope is not “a product of our human efforts, plans or skills.” It is, rather, “born of an encounter with Christ. Christian joy comes from God himself, from our knowledge of his love for us.” “Christian hope is no facile optimism, no placebo for the credulous: it is the certainty, rooted in love and faith, that God never abandons us and remains faithful to his promise: ‘Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me’.”

A second method for maintaining hope in the midst of suffering, he says, is to recognise that “we can also be part of God’s answer to the problem.” “Created by Him in His image and likeness, we can be signs of His love, which gives rise to joy and hope even in situations that appear hopeless,” he says.

### Hope grows when shared.

Having received this joy and hope, we cannot keep it to ourselves. “Nurture the spark that has been kindled in you, but at the same time share it. You will come to realize that it grows by being given away!”

“Stay close to your friends who may be smiling on the outside but are weeping within, for lack of hope. Do not let yourselves be infected by indifference and individualism.”

We cannot keep our Christian hope to ourselves, “like a warm feeling”, Pope Francis urges. “It is meant for everyone.”

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-11/pope-francis-world-youth-day-message-hope-in-dark-times.html>

## Parish Notice Board

### YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, is Youth Sunday. The parish youth will serve at the Saturday Mass. They will also read the readings and the Bidding Prayers. We appreciate what the parish young people do to enliven our liturgies and we are happy to see them as full members of our community.

*There will be a special collection after Mass for the Youth Service of the Archdiocese, an essential element of the pastoral programme.*

Welcome to the **CATENIANS** for their Annual Remembrance Mass for their deceased members.

### CAFOD CHRISTMAS FUN RUN

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December  
Register from 10am onwards with Family and friends at the Mystery, Wavertree Athletics Centre, Liverpool L15 4LE

### St Anne's Parish Justice & Peace Group

extends an invitation to any interested St Vincent's parishioners to their meeting **6pm Wed 6 Dec**. Councillor **Lucille Harvey** will be there to discuss our climate problems.

If you wish to attend please just turn up. There is limited parking on Harbord Street. *Barbara*

### Lottery Results – 19<sup>th</sup> November

05 07 10 11 12 14

Jackpot £700.00

### Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

#### ADVENT RETREAT

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – 4pm.**

This will take place in the church, hopefully heated, and consist of a talk by one of the priests, time for silent prayer, discussion.

All parishioners are invited to use this time to look forward spiritually to Christmas.

Everyone engaged in ministry in the parish is especially invited, for you are the leaders who help us all live our baptismal vocation.



The WWDN Choir is returning this year to give us a concert of Christmas songs and carols.

They were great last year, they'll be great again this year.

Concert begins at 7pm, doors open 6pm. Entrance is free.

Date: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Belated **WELCOME** to **MITCHELL TERENCE**, son of **Amy and Mitchell Walsh**, baptised here 12<sup>th</sup> November. *Apologies for the late announcement.*

### OFFERINGS 19 November

Envelopes: £ 20.00

Plate: £168.13

*Many thanks to you all*

### Church Heating

We finally got a visit from the heating engineer on Friday. He informed us that the pump has seized up and we need to replace it. Our system being more than 20years old, a new pump needs to be specially made: this will take a few days. Hopefully, the church will be heated next weekend.

In the meantime, come wrapped-up in warm clothing or with heated cushions!

We can offer up our sufferings for the homeless and for all the people across the world who are sleeping in refugee tents, in below zero temperatures.



### Asylum Link Merseyside

invites you to their fundraising concert to be held at **7.00 pm** on

**Friday, 1st December**

in St Anne's Church, Overbury Street, L7 3HJ. Performers will include ALM Choir & Musicians, Mullarkey, Scottish and Irish Pipers, Liverpool Ukelele Club.

### Christmas Raffle.

Tickets are on sale. If you have gifts for the prizes, please hand them in to the Sacristy.

Many thanks.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please, don't forget the traditional Christmas Flowers Contributions.

Thank you.

Thank you to the anonymous donor of 3 plastic trees.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick:** Lorraine ALLEN, Stefan ASHTON, Natasha BAKER, Christopher BROWNE, Emma DOLAN, Daisy Marcia DUNN, Chelsie CAMPBELL, Joe EDIE, Bobby ENWRIGHT, baby Phoebe FENNELL, Baby FRANKIE, Lenny GINLEY, Mary HOWARD, Edie JONES, Maureen MAGUIRE, Jane MANN, May McGARRY, Eddie McKENNA, Elizabeth MORRIS, Peter O'BRIEN, Ava RUDZINSKI, Martina STEWARD, SWEENEY, Jean TAYLOR, Mary TUIITE, Pauline WALSH, Joanne WILCOCK, Camila WILD

**Also, for the intentions of:** Anne BAXTER, Ryan EDWARDS, Rita & Jimmy FLATLEY, Beverley HARPER, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Ann MOORE, Joan MOORE, Susan MORSELLINO, MURRAY & STEVENSON Family, Skyla REID, Maureen RICE, Teresa SWIFT, Martha TAGUE, Cath WILSON,

**Those who have died recently:** Vincent J McHale, Paul NICHOLSON, Marie WOOSEY

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