

CARDIFF CATHEDRAL ✝ CADEIRLAN CAERDYDD

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SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

21st November | Readings: Year B (Sunday), Cycle 1 (Weekday) | Psalter: Week 2

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King) was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea at which the doctrine of the consubstantiality of Christ with the Father was defined.

The Pope asserted that the most effective defence against the destructive forces of the age (the rise of Communism and Fascism) is the recognition of the kingship of Christ; and, furthermore, a feast which is celebrated every year by everyone is a far better way of deploying that defence than any number of books. First, we do; then we come to understand what it is that we are doing.

Each of us has been anointed with holy oil in baptism as priest, prophet and king. The feast of Christ the King is thus a good moment to reflect on our kingship and on what “king” means and how to be one. Understanding the feast makes us understand our own call better.

One possible point of entry is in Genesis, where Adam sits in state and God brings him all the animals for him to give them names. To give names to one’s subjects is the act of a king. The responsibility of a king is then to care for his subjects, which is why we are obliged to act as custodians of creation: something no other creature is. How far that responsibility takes one can then be seen in the King of the Universe, who is simultaneously the ruler of all and the servant of all. He rules in triumph, not from a throne of Gold; he reigns from the Cross.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

POPPY APPEAL

My sincere thanks to those who contributed to the Poppy Appeal this year. Donations from the Cathedral raised £60.65.

HONOURING SUNDAY

Following the recent Plenary Meeting of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, the Bishops have released a statement regarding the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. The statement is available at the entrance to the Cathedral, and on the Cathedral website.

At present, the Bishops have decided not to reintroduce the obligation.

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CARDS

As the shops have already started celebrating Christmas, perhaps you will forgive me for this 'plug'. From Monday, we will begin selling Christmas cards at the Cathedral. I asked an artist I know in London, Mike Quirke, to design three Christmas cards for the Cathedral. We are selling them in packs of six, with three designs in each pack. They depict the Nativity, the Adoration of the Magi, and the Flight into Egypt. The packs will sell for £3.50.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALTAR

As you will have seen, the new Altar is now in place on the sanctuary. His Grace the Archbishop will consecrate the Altar at a Mass celebrated on the 8th December—the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of our Diocese, at 6pm. This is a most important day in the life of any church, but most especially in the life of the Cathedral and the wider Diocese. It will be a wonderful way to celebrate the great solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

OFFEREN YN GYMRAEG

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Friday November 26th at 6pm to celebrate 50 years of the regular Mass in Welsh in the Archdiocese and 80 years since the establishing of 'Y Cylch Catholig'. Reception to follow at the Cornerstone. Croeso cynnes i bawb - welcome to all. Contact: carys@caerdelyn.com

VIRGIN MONEY GIVING (VMG)

From the end of the month, VMG will cease its operation as a charity platform. The diocese will be moving over to a different platform, which works in a similar way. If you have been contributing to the running of the Cathedral via VMG, you will have to move over to this new platform from December. I have been assured that it is similar to the easy-to-use VMG style. If you have been contributing a regular monthly donation via VMG this will also cease and will need to be transferred to the new platform.

WEDNESDAY MASS

This week, the Mass on Wednesday will be celebrated at the earlier time of 9:00am

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA will begin this month, if you are interested please contact Fr Robert.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, who called the Apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in your Holy Church.

Teach them that to serve you is to reign, to possess you is to possess all things.

Kindle in the young hearts of your sons and daughters the fire of zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread your Kingdom on earth.

Grant them courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth and the Life; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us.

Help our seminarians who are preparing for Priesthood.

EXTRA PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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ALTAR SERVING

If you're interested in serving on the altar, please speak to Fr Robert, or one of the

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

If you, or a loved one, are admitted into hospital, please contact the hospital Chaplaincy team: (029) 2074 3230

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CATHEDRAL OPENING TIMES

Monday to Friday 11am - 3pm

Weekend: around Mass times, unless otherwise stated.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available Monday to Friday 12noon - 12:25pm & Saturday at the advertised times.

Saturday 20th November

4:30pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5:15pm

5:30pm | Vigil Mass: Marie Popelkova

Sunday 21st November—Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

11:00am | Mass: Holy Souls List

3:00pm | Mass & Blessing of the Holy Water Font from St Paul's, Newtown.

5:30pm | Mass: Robert Miller

Monday 22nd November— St Cecilia

12:45pm | Mass: Holy Souls List

Tuesday 23rd November—St Clement I, Pope & Martyr

12:45pm | Mass: Saviour Attard

Wednesday 24th November—SS Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs

*NB 9:00am | Mass: Angelo Tabone, RIP

Thursday 25th November—St Catherine of Alexandria

12:45pm | Mass: Straughn Family

Friday 26th November

12:45pm | Mass: Holy Souls List

6:00pm | Offeren yn Gymraeg

Saturday 27th November

10:00am | Mass: Eugeniuze & Leda Kozaczynski

Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration until 12noon

4:30pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5:15pm

5:30pm | Vigil Mass: Frank Naughton

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Sunday 28th November—First Sunday of Advent

11:00am | Mass: Cathedral Community

5:30pm | Mass: Holy Souls List