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Christ the King

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Sunday Reflection – The title ‘King’ is taken from the secular world. We envisage a throne, a realm, a crown, a palace, power, wealth, an army to defend the realm, and powerful authority over his subjects. All of these are the trappings that are associated with Kings and Kingdoms. These are not normally associated with Jesus. However we meet the idea today with reference David, the Shepherd boy who became King of Israel. At Jesus’ birth, Luke locates him within this tradition of kingship. The Angel Gabriel announces his birth to Mary: “The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David... and his kingdom will have no end”. He is born at Bethlehem, the town of David, but the other trappings begin to fall away. He resists the temptation ‘to exercise power and authority’ over peoples and nations, embracing instead the path of powerlessness. Jesus wants to lighten peoples’ burdens and not impose more on them. The authority that Jesus wants to exercise comes from his deep loving relationship with His Father. At His Baptism he was invested with the Holy Spirit and that would be the source from which he would exercise authority in relation to others. Jesus’ preoccupation is with “the Kingdom of God” – the reigning of God in the human heart. His kingdom will concentrate on the poor, the lonely and the marginalized, the despised and rejected. It is very fitting that Luke’s Gospel tells of Jesus ending up on a Cross between two criminals – the very kind of people he sought out in his ministry. Jesus dies as he lived, reaching out to the distressed. In the midst of his personal suffering he has time for others. The first criminal was not able to receive the forgiveness offered, but the second criminal was open to receiving forgiveness and is called “the good thief” because he repents. The Gospel image of Kingdom shows us the criminal and the King going together into Paradise. Christ’s rule is one of love. We pledge ourselves to live the values of His Kingdom: “Thy Kingdom Come” is indeed our prayer.

The Advent Season – begins Sunday 27th Nov. 16, 1st Sunday of Advent. Our school family Mass is on Sunday 27th Nov. at 10am.

Annual Remembrance Service – This will be a special Service for parishioners from our Parish who have died in the past year on Monday 28th November at 6.30pm. Relatives of the deceased have been invited to attend and all names of the Deceased will be recalled during the liturgy. We hope many parishioners will be able to attend this moving Requiem Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers – There will be a meeting on Thursday 8th December at 8pm in the Founders Room.

Safeguarding Awareness/Training: Has been rescheduled for mid-January 2017. Date and time to be announced.

Christmas Bazaar – The countdown is on for the Parish bazaar, only 2 weeks to go! We urgently need your help with donations such as new gift sets, perfumes and toiletries, wine/spirits, chocolates/biscuits, brick a brac etc. All donations will help to make this event a huge success. Unfortunately, we cannot accept clothing or electrical items. There are great cash prizes to be won so please return raffle tickets with all monies to the parish office. On the day there will be a ‘bake off’ so start planning your masterpiece if you think you could be a star baker. More details to follow so look out for the posters. If you would like to donate baked goods or treats for our cake stall please leave your name and contact details with the office and we will contact you. A meeting will be held on Thurs 24th Nov @ 7.30pm to allot the responsibility of Stalls to different stall holders. Please attend and thanks for your help.

Going into Hospital? If you or a family member is ever admitted to one of our local Hospitals e.g. Chelsea & Westminster, please ask to see the R.C. Chaplain when admitted.

The Youth Mass: 9/12/2016 – This takes place at the center for Youth Ministry in Euston from 1900 – 21.00, this is a termly celebration for those aged 14-18yrs. Confirmation groups and youth groups welcome for more info. email callummoore@rcdow.org.uk

Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School – Became a “Teaching School” in August 2015. “As part of this exciting new step in the history of the School we are now able to provide teacher training courses, via the school Direct scheme, for those wishing to become teachers”. cf poster on board.

The Art of Dying well – Cards with a beautiful prayer for the dying are now available In the Colonnade.

Mass Times

Vigil Mass Sat 6.30 pm

Sunday 8.30 am

10 am

(Spanish) 11.15 am

12.15 pm

7 pm

Mon - Sat 10 am

6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am

6.00 – 6.30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 10.30 am – 11.15 am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am, followed by Tea/Coffee in the Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at 7pm. Tel: 0207 352 6965

Contact cdewinton@gmail.com

Lectio Divina – Every Saturday at 11am in the Founders’ Room.

Charismatic Prayer Group – Every Thursday 11am in the Founders’ Room.

Saints Days

Tues 22nd – St Cecilia

Wed 23rd – St Clement I,

St Columban

Thurs 24th – St Andrew Dung-

Lac

Fri 25th – St Catherine of

Alexandria

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1,445 and the Second collection for “Church Restoration Trust” was £416.

Day with Mary: Saturday 26th November 16 at Carmelite Church, Kensington Church Street, London W8.