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Christ the King

Sunday, 21st November 2021 Psalter Week 2 Cycle B

Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	John Miller RIP
Sunday 21 Nov	8.30 am	Well-being McLoughlin Family
	10.30 am	Emily Tay RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am	Well-being Kitty Cusack
Friday	10.00 pm	Deceased members of the Mason Family

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 28th November Psalter Week 1 Cycle C

Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	John Sheridan RIP
Sunday 28 Nov	8.30 am	Mary, Felix & Vincent Edwardson RIP
	10.30 am	Elizabeth Keogh RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am	Michael Lee Wright RIP
Friday	10.00am	All Parishioners
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	Matthew Cruickshank RIP
Sunday 05 Dec	8.30 am	Sean McCabe RIP
	10.30 am	Salvatore Bellino RIP

FEAST DAYS: 21ST NOVEMBER – 27TH NOVEMBER

Monday: St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
 Tuesday: St Clement, Pope, Martyr
 (To be celebrated on Wednesday)

FEAST DAYS: 28TH NOVEMBER – 4TH DECEMBER

Tuesday: St Andrew, Apostle
 Friday: St Francis Xavier, Priest

ANNIVERSARIES: 21ST NOVEMBER – 27TH NOVEMBER

Canon John Sullivan, John Callander, Patricia Sproat.

ANNIVERSARIES: 28TH NOVEMBER – 4TH DECEMBER

May Maynard, John Campbell, Gerry Boughton, Ted Bryant James Peters, Catherine Chalupka.

COFFEE AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

21/11/2021 – Friends of St Clement's School

COFFEE AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

28/11/2021 - Win and Lawrence Chu and Eunice Onyeonoro Akomah

RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING: Please pray for: Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Mary Frost, Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing and Maritina Savage, Jimmy Finn.

DEATHS: Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Kavanagh who died recently.

Funeral: Wednesday, 1st December at 4.00 pm, North East Surrey Crematorium. May he rest in Peace. Our sympathy to Richard, his son, who looked after him and his late mother, Maura.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations and welcome to Alexander and his brother Joshua Treacy who were baptised recently. Congratulations also to their parents, David and Elena.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Celebrated by Bishop Richard at St Josephs, Saturday, 13 November. Congratulations to our seven young parishioners: Sebastian Aquiar, Olivia Dunn, Erin French,, Alex Hayman, Lucy Howick-Smith, Chinelotam Izugha and Jayden Strange who received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

MISSIO BOXES (RED BOXES): These are now ready for collection from the narthex Please take your box.

ADVENT GROUP If you would be interested in joining a group on Wednesdays 11.15am - 12 noon starting 24th, please speak to Father Graham or Pauline G.

MODERN SLAVERY IN FISHING Stella Maris is running a Zoom seminar to try and make this problem better known. Tuesday 23rd November 7.30 - 9pm. Register at www.StellaMaris.org.uk/ModernSlavery

FAMILY FAST DAY: £890 was raised, £400 of this was gift-aided giving a tax rebate of £100. Making a total of £990. This has been sent to CAFOD. Sincere thanks to all who gave – supporting the poor disadvantaged by climate change.

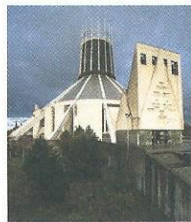
NOVEMBER 200 CLUB WINNERS: Margaret Marshall No.19 £30 John Hannan No.164 £20 Congratulations!

REFLECTION

Christ the King

The first reading today describes the people in the kingdom as being servants of God. The second, like the medieval poem, depicts them as kings. But there is really no difference between the two images. The servant-king is the most apt description of Christ, the “first fruits” of all who enter the kingdom. To be a servant-king is what inspires the Christian life. What are the characteristics of a servant-king? Well, in the play *Macbeth*, Shakespeare makes a list of qualities of kingship, or “king-becoming graces” as he calls them: “justice, verity, temperance, stableness, bounty, perseverance, mercy, lowliness, devotion, patience, courage, fortitude”. Quite a standard to live up to – but nothing that should be beyond the capacity of each and every Christian who aspires to wear the heavenly crown.

Houses of God



The architect who won the competition was called Frederick Gibberd. Construction began in 1962, the same year as the Second Vatican Council was opened. The altar faced the people, who were seated “in the round” – it was a break with the traditional Latin cross design in favour of a building in which the celebrant was in the midst of the congregation, rather than set apart. And wherever worshippers sit in the space, they have clear sight lines to the high altar. Consecrated in 1967, this was a new church for a new age; it was a suitable bookend for the Anglican cathedral that stood at the opposite end of Hope Street, and with its crowning centrepiece above the altar, which quickly became a Liverpool landmark, it was soon known as “Paddy’s Wigwam”.

The vast interior space sits 2,300 people, with walls decorated with embroidered hangings made in the cathedral’s art studios. Among the greatest jewels are the side chapels, each with works of art and devotion by contemporary artists. John Piper designed the stained glass above the tower, and the sculptor Elizabeth Frink was responsible for the bronze crucifix on the altar. The Stations of the Cross are in manganese bronze by Liverpool artist Sean Rice.

HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Pope St John Paul II said Mass at the cathedral on his UK visit in 1982, when more than a million people lined his route there from Speke Airport in the city. As well as visiting the Catholic cathedral, the Pope also attended a service at the Anglican cathedral. A few years earlier, in 1977, Queen Elizabeth II included a trip to the Metropolitan Cathedral in her Silver Jubilee tour of the country. On 16 April 1989, the day after the Hillsborough disaster, the cathedral was packed for a special Mass, with more than six thousand people also on the piazza outside.

Mass text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING Daniel 7:13-14

PSALM Psalm 92

RESPONSE The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

- 1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. R.
- 2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. R.
- 3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. R.

SECOND READING Apocalypse 1:5-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 18:33-37

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Next Sunday's Readings:
Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

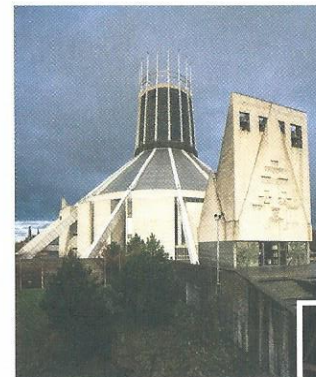


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PADDY'S WIGWAM – LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

It was first mooted in the 1850s; but it would be more than a century before Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral would eventually open its doors.

The soaring Catholic population of the city at the height of its shipbuilding success, when Irish labourers poured across in search of work, led the Catholic bishops to decide they needed a cathedral in Liverpool; and the first architect they commissioned was Edward Welby Pugin. His plans were eventually discarded, but in the 1930s the bishops embarked on an extraordinarily grand plan, for which they hired the most successful English architect of the time, Edwin Lutyens. He had made a name for himself designing grand country houses, but had by now moved on to being inspired by seventeenth- and eighteenth-century architecture – and a cathedral that would dwarf both St Peter’s Basilica in Rome, and St Paul’s in London, promised to be his crowning glory. The plan was for a vast, Italianate, pinky-brown edifice; Lutyens, who was an Anglican, took his drawings to Rome for a papal blessing.



Work began in 1933, but halted with the start of World War Two. By this stage only the elaborate crypt was complete. And when in the early 1950s the project was reignited, the costs had soared from £3 million to £27 million. The bishops pulled the plug and soon afterwards Adrian Gilbert Scott, ecclesiastical artist from a renowned architectural family, was asked to come up with new plans.

Gilbert Scott’s plans were a great deal more modest – but, once again, the project floundered. So the then Archbishop – later Cardinal – Heenan decided to take the matter in hand once and for all. In 1959 he launched a competition to find the best architect for the new building – an affordable church that could rest on Lutyens’ labyrinthine crypt.



Joanna Moorhead concludes this selection of British churches by looking at Liverpool’s Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

YEAR B

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK II



During the time of the pandemic, we have had several options. We could collapse in on ourselves, becoming icons of misery, failure and despair. We could choose to become “couch potatoes” in front of the television. Then again, we might look at the unexpected limitations and see an opportunity to do things differently.

But life isn't lived according to global reflections. It comes down to me, as an individual. I can't say what “everyone” could or could not do. It's a question of how I live and behave which makes the difference, not only in my own life but also in the lives of the people whom I know and love. There is a saying that there are two ways of looking at a rose: to

regret that roses have thorns or to marvel that thorns have roses. Where have I stood during the Covid-19 pandemic? Have I wilted or have I blossomed?

RIPPLE EFFECT

Now, as Advent starts, I'm looking back at what has been, but I am also looking ahead. Christmas is coming. Jesus can be born into my heart if I open its door and welcome him. There's a ripple effect: Jesus within me can be the centre of an unlimited pool of love and hope. If I stay awake, I can watch it happen, perhaps not with my physical eyes, but certainly with the eyes of my soul. Advent is hope for sunshine tomorrow, after the darkness has gone.

Mass text

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

PSALM Psalm 24

RESPONSE To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. R.
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. R.
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who
revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. R.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:4-6. 8-11
Luke 3:1-6



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SUNDAY BULLETIN

Hope in the darkness

WHISPERING HOPE

Soft as the voice of an angel,
breathing a lesson unheard,
hope, with a gentle persuasion
whispers her comforting word:
wait till the darkness is over,
wait till the tempest is done,
hope for the sunshine tomorrow,
after the shower is gone.

(Alice Hawthorne
[Septimus Winner], 1868)



Today we begin a new series for the Advent season with Sister Janet Fearn FMDM.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. It's both the beginning of winter in the northern hemisphere and the promise of the birth of hope into our world.

Yet today, as we look forward, we also look backwards. We can't help it. This time last year we had become used to listening to the latest news concerning positive Covid-19 tests and the numbers of deaths of those infected with the virus. We looked towards the easing of the lockdown and wondered what restrictions we would be living under. We worried about our celebration of Christmas and its customary family get-together. Workplace Christmas parties were scrapped. Millions of people faced job insecurity and its effects on their nearest and dearest. Families wondered if they might be able to visit relatives in care homes. Would it be possible to give granny a hug? We weren't even sure that we could go to Mass for Christmas. In accordance with government regulations, many churches had to insist that parishioners booked their attendance in advance in order to ensure safe distancing.

There was a glimmer of hope. Vaccines might be available. Vaccination might allow us to return to some sort of normality in a world which many feared had possibly changed for ever. We need hope. We find it hard to survive for very long in hopeless situations. Throughout the time of the pandemic, we've looked for signs of hope to help us to deal with seemingly endless limitations and anxieties.

Yet in today's Gospel Jesus, the source of all hope, seems to offer little but doom and gloom. Even his promise of liberation is almost hidden between impending disasters. He instructs us to stand erect and hold our heads high while the world as we know it collapses around us. He tells us to stay awake so that we can see the new dawn. Are these impossible “asks”?

28 NOVEMBER 2021

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR C

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1