

34th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – CYCLE A

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE AND YOUTH DAY

Sunday, 26 th November	9.30 am	Christ the King of the Universe Youth Day	Teresa Mulligan - Anniversary
Monday, 27 th November	9.30 am 2.00 pm		Ursula Ventre – Lately Dead Holy Rosary Group
Tuesday, 28 th November			
Wednesday, 29 th November			
Thursday, 30 th November	9.30 am	St Andrew, Apostle and Patron of Scotland	Mary Boyle - Anniversary
Friday 1 st December			
Saturday, 2 nd December	12.15-12.45 pm		Confessions
Sunday, 3 rd December	9.30 am	1st Sunday of Advent, Day of Prayer for Migrants	Peter Haigh – Lately Dead

Sick - Philip Akehurst, Sylvia Armitage, Peggy (Margaret) Atherton, Philip Bond, Sarah Bond, Luke Bryan, Vincent Carr, Pat Chapman, Patricia Chisnall, Imelda Cowley, Francis Curran, Ava Davidson, Tony Devereux, Gerada D'Orsi, Dennis Edmund, Jim Evans, Elaine Fairclough, Marjorie Fairhurst, Ellen Firth, Father Tom Gagie, John & Lily Glover, Hilda Hamlett, Mary Hill, Jack Kelly, Shelagh Lowe, Will McDookin, Angela Monks, Margaret Murphy, Annie Plant, Beryl Pudifer, Tanya Rattigan, Nathan Sa Joe, Jean Sharkey, Patsy Shiel, Danny Singleton, Georgina Smith, Margaret and Frank Speakman, Stan Springford, Howard Thomas, Michael Twist, Marjorie Wills, Eden Rose Wilson, Baby Callum James, and those suffering from Covid.

Lately Dead – Peter Haigh, Grattan Hamlet, Brian Kett, John G. Mather, Fred Quinn, Margaret & Tom Stalker, Ursula Ventre, John Waterfield,

Anniversaries – Anne and Kevin Allen, Mary Boyle, Bill Gerrard, Teresa Mulligan

Confirmations – Registration for Confirmations for those in Year 8 (or above) will open on the 15th of January and end of the 15th of March 2023. Anyone wanting to be confirmed should register on the Liverpool Called website from Jan to March and they will be invited to prep meetings along with other young people.

Weekly offertory - Last weeks' collection was £310.13. Last month we received £1,460 directly into our bank account. Anyone wishing to donate directly into the bank the details are: 40 29 12 / 41545612. St Julies (206).

Retiring collection – There will be a collection for Animate Youth.

After many years of preparing families for Baptism, Margaret Markey will be stepping down. I wonder how many hundreds of people Margaret has supported over the years? Deacon Brendan will take over the co-ordination of Baptism preparation and would like to hear from anyone who would be in a position to help. Please speak to Christine in the office.

Mary's Meals Charity Event – Saturday 25th November 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Chicago Teddy Bears Society Jazz Band will be entertaining. Tickets are available from Bernard or Irene Dillon (07974189132/07974189133. Tickets are available at the door. All proceeds to Mary's Meals.

LGBT+ Catholic Gatherings: Out on a Limb.....a meeting with Jesus - This is an invitation to come for a time of reflection and prayer. Venue: All Saints, Oakfield, Liverpool, L4 2QG. Sunday 10th December 2023; Venue: All Saints Church, High Street, Golborne, WA3 3BG Mass at 2.00pm

Would you consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister and take Holy Communion to those in the parish who cannot get to Mass? Or becoming a chaperone or driver to support the Eucharistic Ministers? This is a very rewarding ministry and means so much to the sick and housebound. You would not be required to distribute Holy Communion or lead Eucharistic services in church unless you wish to! Please contact Fr Michael to find out more.

We would love to see more boys and girls become **altar servers** in church. Anyone who has made their first Holy Communion can be a server.

Advent recollection 16th December 2023. We are planning a day of recollection for readers, Eucharistic ministers, Sacristans and others who prepare for Mass, funeral teams, musicians, church cleaners, welcomers and anyone else who helps with the liturgy. The theme will be on Advent and spiritual preparation for Christmas. There will be scriptural input from Dcn Brendan and Fr Michael, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Mass. The event will take place at St Julie's 16th December 10.00-3.00pm. Please register with the Parish Office. Tea and coffee will be available and bring your own lunch.

St Helens Singers – are performing "Joy to the World" a programme of Christmas Music, in the **Church on Friday 15th December at 7.30 pm.** Tickets £10 each available from Marie Holden or any choir member. (01744 612485 / 07857 677844). There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards. Proceeds to St Julies Church.

Our Faith on Sunday

LITURGY

Christ the King (A)

ENTRANCE ANTHIM: Rv 5:12; 1:6
 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:
 Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17
*As for you, my sheep, I will judge between
 sheep and sheep.*

PSALM: Ps. 22:1-3.5-6. R. v1

**R) The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.
 Fresh and green are the pastures
 where he gives me repose. (R)

Near restful waters he leads me,
 to revive my drooping spirit.
 He guides me along the right path;
 he is true to his name. (R)

You have prepared a banquet for me
 in the sight of my foes.
 My head you have anointed with oil;
 my cup is overflowing. (R)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
 all the days of my life.
 In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
 for ever and ever. (R)

SECOND READING:
 I Corinthians 15:20-26.28
*He will hand over the kingdom to God the
 Father,
 so that God may be all in all.*

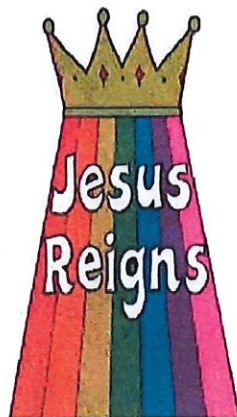
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
 Alleluia, alleluia! Mk 11:10
 Blessings on him who comes in the name
 of the Lord!
 Blessings on the coming kingdom of our
 father David!
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46
*He will take his seat on his throne of glory,
 and he will separate men one from another.*

COMMUNION ANTHIM: Ps 28:10-11
**The Lord sits as King for ever.
 The Lord will bless his people with peace.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION



There are some Christians who are very strongly opposed to dialogue with people of other faiths. Why? They say, and it's true, that Jesus says that the only way to the Father (i.e. heaven) is through me. So, they argue, unless people recognise Jesus as Lord, they will not be saved. Today's Gospel gives the answer to this question. In it Jesus talks about clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, visiting those in prison, etc. There are very many non-Christian people who offer all of these services to their less fortunate fellow humans, and Jesus says that they will be welcomed into the Kingdom. They will be puzzled and will ask: "When did we see you...?" And Jesus will reply: "In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." In other words, they are going to the Father through Jesus, even though were not aware of it. There will be others

who think they are going to the Father through Jesus, but whom Jesus will not recognise. Jesus reminds us time and time again that the way to his Kingdom is first and foremost through our love for our brothers and sisters, and not just those belonging to our church, but to everyone we meet.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM
 (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)**



POPULAR VS. POPULIST

157. The attempt to see populism as a key for interpreting social reality is problematic in another way: it disregards the legitimate meaning of the word "people". Any effort to remove this concept from common parlance could lead to the elimination of the very notion of democracy as "government by the people". If we wish to maintain that society is more than a mere aggregate of individuals, the term "people" proves necessary. There are social phenomena that create majorities, as well as megatrends and communitarian aspirations. Men and women are capable of coming up with shared goals that transcend their differences and can thus engage in a common endeavour. Then too, it is extremely difficult to carry out a long-term project unless it becomes a collective aspiration. All these factors lie behind our use of the words "people" and "popular". Unless they are taken into account – together with a sound critique of demagoguery – a fundamental aspect of social reality would be overlooked.

The Fire of Love* THE REAL ROOT OF SIN

On the other hand, there are those who are not interested in beautiful women or riotous living, so they consider themselves sure of salvation. They think themselves saintly because their lives are chaste! But the real root of sin is not chastity but greed. "The love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Tim. 6: 10). Look at what people do and you will see what they really love. Those who are God's chosen ones direct everything Godwards and turn their thoughts constantly back to him.

Others may look religious, even spending

a lot of time in church though they are mentally miles away. They do charitable acts, but their hearts are unconverted. They give generously but only of their ill-gotten gains. That kind of love is not pleasing to God.

People act 'charitably' as they see it but they are actually trying to 'buy' God and store up merit for themselves in a sinful manner. They seem holy, while underneath they are selfish and proud. Humility and love are of more worth than busy working or vain preaching.

*The Fire of Love by Richard Rolle Published by Aeterna Press

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