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Parish Newsletter

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KIND OF THE UNIVERSE (A)

TODAY'S MASS READING: Parish Mass Book, Page 158

First Reading: Ezek 34: 11-12, 15-17.
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23(22)
Second Reading: 1 Cor 15: 29-26, 28.
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46.



"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins" (2 Maccabees 12:45-46).

NOVEMBER DEVOTION FOR THE DEAD (Holy Souls)

All powerful God, whose mercy is never withheld, look kindly on all who have departed this life and number them among your saints for evermore. It is our certain faith that your son, who dies on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first fruit of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that all who have gone to their rest in Christ may share in the joy of his resurrection. We particularly remember those whose names we have placed before the altar in this month of November, and all the faithful departed. The Lord bless them and keep them. The lord make his face shine upon them and be gracious to them. The Lord lift his countenance upon them and give them peace. Amen.

Pause and silently mention their names

Our Father… Hail Mary… Glory be…

Prayer for the Dying

O my God, I offer you all the holy masses said throughout the world today for the poor sinners who are now in their death agony, and who will die thios day. May the Precious Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ obtain for them mercy. Amen.

Immaculate Heart od Mary,	Pray for them
St Joseph, Terror of demons;	Pray for them
Archangel Michael,	Pray for them
St Nicholas of Tolentino,	Pray them
St Gertrude the Great,	Pray for them
St Padre Pio,	Pray for them
St Faustina Kowalska,	Pray for them

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PARISH NOTICES

Pope's November prayer intention: For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Daily Reflection for Advent: As an aid to personal prayer during Advent, the Spirituality Commission have produced a helpful daily reflection based on the readings for the day. Each is short, practical and calls us to action. All who register will receive an email each morning directly to their inbox! To sign up - here is the link http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv or you visit their website www.southwarkdsc.org.uk and click on the box marked ADVENT REFLECTIONS.

Sunday 22nd November is World Youth Sunday: The second collection today will support the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which helps young people encounter Christ, grow in authentic friendship, and be equipped for mission in the Church and the world. To find out more about our activities for young people and young adults, visit www.scys.org.uk or scan the QR code. Additional resources are available from the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) at www.cymfed.org.uk/wys

Join the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom; for its Advent Lecture on Friday 4th December at 7.30pm at St Patrick's, Soho Square. Mgr John Armitage, Master of the Guild, will explore what a parish truly is, and how each of us can help bring it joyfully back to life. Doors open at 7.00pm for talk, cheese, wine and a social. Book at https://www.guild-ransom.co.uk/events - All are welcome!

Welfare Team Meeting: All members of the parish Welfare Team are invited to a meeting on Sunday, 22 November, immediately after the 11am Mass at St Matthew's. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.

HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES: Envelopes and forms are available at the back of the church. Parishioners are invited to write the names of their departed loved ones and place them in the designated box on the altar. Those who wish may include a voluntary offering. The names submitted will be remembered in our prayers and Masses throughout November.

Nativity Journey, Wintershall, Surrey, performed from the 15th to 20th of December. Discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable immersive event for all the family. They stand with the shepherds, walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey, journey with Roman soldiers and enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold. Tickets can be booked here: https:// www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-nativity-journey/ see poster for full details.

Offering Collections: Grateful for your donations that go a lond way to support our parish. Last Sunday; First Collection (£144.02). Second Collection (£68.09) . Card Reader(£236.19)

May	TIME	MASS	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 21	6:30pm	Christ the King	Pady Walsh; RIP
Sunday 22	9:00am	Christ the King Sunday	Stephen Wafer; RIP
	11:00am	Christ the King Sunday	Holy Souls
Monday 23	9:30am	Feria	No Mass
Tuesday 24	7:00pm	St Andrew Dung-Lac	No Mass
Wednesday 25	9:30am	Feria	No Mass
Thursday 26	11:00am@BH	Feria	No Mass
Friday 27	9:30am	Feria	No Mass
Saturday 28	6:30pm	1st Sunday Advent	Christopher & Katie; w/being
Sunday 29	9:00am	1st Sunday of Advent	Anonymous, t/giving
	11:00am	1st Sunday of Advent	Stephane Magot RIP

PARISH MINISTRY:		21st/22nd	28th/29th
READERS:	6:30pm:	Liane	Ann Doe
	9:00am:	Kene	Savio
	11:00am:	Juliana	Nana/Mickeala
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:			
	6:30pm:	Anne Doe	Jenny
	9:00am:	Lawrence	Zena
	11:00am:	Kereine	Patience

CYCLE OF PRAYER - Intentions for Ordinary Time – Autumn

For Students and Teachers, especially on Education Day

For the Spread of the Gospel, especially on Home Mission Sunday & World Mission Day

For the Harvest, the Fruits of Human Work and for the Reverent Use of creation, especially on World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

For Justice & Peace in the World, especially on Harvest Fast Day

For All Victims of War, especially on Remembrance Sunday

For Young People, Especially on Youth Day (Christ the King)

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED IN OUR PARISH , COMMUNITY, AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

HOSPITAL CONTACTS: If you or a member of your family are admitted to our local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know.

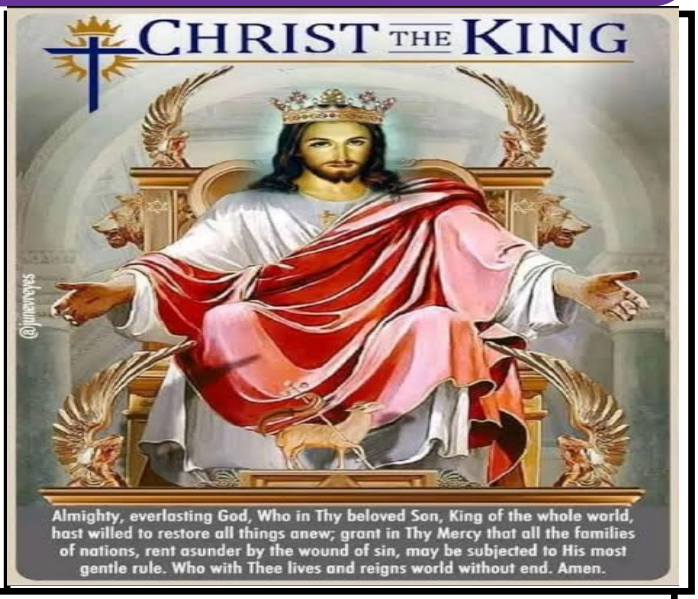
St George's Hospital: 02087253069 / 02086721255)

Kings Hospital: If outside hospital—02032993522. inside the hospital call extension 33522

Croydon University Hospital: 02084013105

St Thomas' Hospital: 02071881187/02071881186

Guy's Hospital: 02071881185/02071889576



PARISH SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass Times :

6:30pm (Sat), 9am and 11am

Week Day Mass Times:

Tuesday ; 7pm

Wednesday & Friday; 9:30am

Thursday; 11am @ British Home

First Fridays; 12noon.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesdays; 6:00pm

Baptisms, Marriage, Funerals: Contact the Parish Office.

Youth Club:

4:30pm Every 3rd Saturday

RCIA: Contact Parish Office

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 5:30pm to 6:15pm and on call.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Open Office: Fridays 10am to 12:30pm and 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

Other days with appointment, please.

UCM:

12noon Every First Friday

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Wednesdays; 7:30pm @ the Church.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

Sundays; after 11am mass @ the Divine Mercy Altar

We are grateful for all you do to support the parish.

Setting up a Standing Order is the most efficient way to make a donation to the parish without incurring fees. You can use the following details for one-off donation or to set up a Standing Order or Direct Debit. NatWest Bank: Account Name: RCAS Norwood West, Sort Code: 60-23-19; Account Number: 44115369. Thank You!