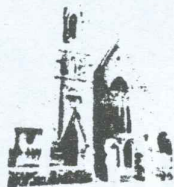


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Feast of Christ the King - 24th Nov 2024

This Weekend **Nov 23rd / 24th**

7.00 p.m.

1. Anthony O'Connor & his wife Kathleen, their son Tony, daughter Mary and daughter in-law Mary.
2. Ken Sheridan, Camlisk (5th Anniv.) & Gwen O'Ferrall (2nd Anniv.)
3. Paddy Walsh.
4. Lily Dempsey (1st Anniv.)

11.00a.m.

1. Michael Smith, Bracklin Road, and his uncles Matt & Pat Smith, Moynalty, Co. Meath.
2. Mary Keenan and deceased family members of the Nicholl family.

Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor

Wed Nov 27th Patrick Walsh (Anniv.)

Next Weekend: Nov 30th / Dec 1st

7.00 p.m.

No Intention.

11.00a.m.

Patrick & Doreen McNamee late of Cranley.

Offertory Collection: Sat/Sun Nov 16th /17th - €1,215 - sincere thanks.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. The feast we have today, and the gospel, give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus (teachers, community leaders, family members).

2. The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, the learnings for you, in this?

3. Jesus came to bear witness to the truth and we are all created for a purpose. Who are today's witnesses to truth in the world? Who are the people whose witness to truth has impressed you, either now or in the past? In what way have you been able to be a witness to truth? What was it like for you to be such a witness?

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Sunday Scriptures

First Reading - The prophet Daniel foresees in a vision the coming of one who will have dominion over all peoples. That person is Christ.

Second Reading - The risen Christ is the ruler of all the earth. But it is only at the end of time that he will take full possession of his kingdom.

Gospel - Questioned by Pilate, Jesus declares that he is indeed a King, but that his kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this world.

• Thought for the Day •

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Often, we light candles as a sign of remembering and, like the remembrance of God, we do something too. As we light the candle we say a prayer for that person that they may be enjoying the marvellous light of heaven. The candlelight reminds us that we too have the opportunity to share the light of hope that we carry with others. When you are in a dark place, the warmth of a smile or a kind word can mean a lot. It may feel that our own light is very small and insignificant in times of darkness but each time it is shared, it is not halved but doubled. Together we really can make a difference.

- Dr Lynn Bassett (INTERCOM)

Sunday Reflection - Today's feast instituted in 1925 occurs on the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. At his trial Jesus was questioned about his claim to be king. The enigmatic sentence, 'My kingdom is not of this world' throws the focus on the world of the Spirit. Unlike the popular perception Jesus' kingship is one of service.

-St Paul's Sunday Missal

A Prayer for the Feast of Christ the King

*As the great wheel of the liturgy spins,
It lands here, once a year,*

*To remind us that Christ is King –
In winter's chill or late autumn drear,
We need reminding that new life will come,
Springing from frozen roots and brittle branches.*

*As we prepare to approach the manger once more,
We need this renewal in understanding
That the glory of God turns up in the most unexpected places.*

O Christ the King, turn our hearts this day

Not only to the world around us

But to the world within us –

Where your Kingdom comes anew

With each act of love we offer,

Each prayer we whisper, each breath we draw. Amen.

Pope Francis on the Feast of Christ the King:

"Do I do anything for someone in need? Or do I do good only for my loved ones and my friends? Do I help someone who cannot give anything back to me? Am I the friend of a poor person? 'There I am,' Jesus says to you, 'I am waiting for you there, where you least think and perhaps may not even want to look: there, in the poor.'"

"The power of the kingdom of Christ is love. "That is why the kingship of Jesus does not oppress us, but frees us from our weaknesses and miseries, encouraging us to follow the paths of goodness, reconciliation and forgiveness."

Parish Website - The parish website address is www.edgeworthstownparish.ie. You are invited to log on to stay in touch with all local parish and community events, prayers, reflections and resources.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - The prayer of Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Sat mornings from 10.00 to 11.00 in the Parish Church. All are welcome to partake in this devotional prayer to Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Irish Catholic Newspaper - on sale in the Parish Church each weekend. Why not consider taking home a quality Catholic newspaper to inform and inspire your family?

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - DECEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Lorena Salazar.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Helena Quinn.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - DECEMBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Gerard Haughey, Gerard Green.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Anne Smith, Yvonne Tuite.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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