



Our Vision of the parish we would like to become ..

... a welcoming community,
inviting, encouraging and supporting all to have
an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus.
We are inspired to show God's love to the world
with joy and hope.

The Church's year is coming to an end with next Sunday's Feast of Christ the King being the final Sunday. The word of God has been highlighting the end times and the second coming of Christ. St Paul this Sunday speaks of the "Day of the Lord". "The Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night". The early Christians lived in expectation of the imminent return of Christ. A spiritual benefit of the current coronavirus pandemic would be the development of a similar hope and expectation of the second coming of Christ as had the early Christians. I do not mean that we should be anxious or fearful, but, as St Paul tells us, "stay wide awake and sober!"

National Youth Sunday 2020 is Sunday 22nd November. A host of resources to facilitate the celebration of National Youth Sunday and the Feast of Christ the King can be accessed at www.nationalyouthsunday.com. The resources are split into categories; For Parish; For School; and For Family. They include Prayers of intercession, a Children's liturgy pack, and an excellent Family five minute video that encourages participation and reflection on the theme of togetherness – it is very definitely worth watching. Youth ministry teams and organisations throughout the country will lead a nine-day Novena to Christ the King starting on Friday 13th November. The Novena will be live on Instagram. The text will also be available on social media to pray the Novena at a time that suits. Keep up to date with developments and resources by following @NationalYouthSunday on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

The Bishops of England and Wales also invite us to keep a vigil of prayer on the eve of the Feast of Christ the King. English Martyrs Church will be open for private prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7 pm until 9 pm on Saturday, 21 November. Bishop Philip invites us to keep 24 hours for the Lord on Fri November 27. English Martyrs will be open for private prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 am until 6 pm and from 8 pm until 10 am on Saturday, 28 November. These opportunities for prayer are for the intention of an end to the pandemic. Let us pray our way through the pandemic and place our trust in the providence of God.

Fr Michael



ADVENT AT ENGLISH MARTYRS



The Posada (travelling crib) 2020

Although we cannot physically pass the Posada (the knitted Nativity set) from house to house this year we can participate "Virtually" – welcoming a virtual Sheep, Shepherd or King. You can then spend Advent with your virtual character – take them wherever you go (and tell us where you go), think about the journey of the first shepherd, or the Kings etc towards the Birth of Jesus and beyond (and share those thoughts with us) and your Advent experience through social media – #emposada2020.

The virtual crib can travel far and wide so encourage your friends and family who may not live locally to take part. Lets see how far the figures can travel this year.

Contact
cath_harrington@compuserve.com
for details and to take part.

Spiritual Preparation groups

Advent is a great time to get ready spiritually for Christmas, to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus. **Spiritual Christmas Preparation Groups** are starting on Zoom this Advent. They will provide an opportunity to come together with other people to discuss the Sunday Mass readings and how they impact our lives today. Invite your friends, reach out to family. No specialist knowledge required, just an open heart. The groups will run at various times of the week. If you would like to get involved, contact Richard [rk1500@hotmail.co.uk] for information.

Private Prayer & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday - Saturday
9am - 10am

Plus, coming up this month...

Saturday 21st November

7pm - 9pm

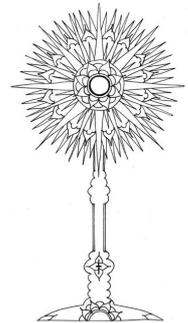
On the Vigil of Christ the King

Friday 27th November

9am - 6pm

8pm (Friday) - 10am (Saturday)

As part of 24 hours for the Lord



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: 5pm, 7pm, 9pm and 12.00am

Christmas Day: 7.30am, 9.30am and 11.30am

Followed by

Saturday 26th December: 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 27th December: 7.30am, 9.30am and 11.30am

These are, of course, all dependent on our current lockdown restrictions no longer being in place.



RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Campbell, a former parishioner, who died recently.

Would you like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lockdown2?



Confessions will be heard outside the front of the Church, socially-distanced at 5pm on Saturday and 4pm on Sunday.

Mass Intentions: Thirty-third week in Ordinary Time		
<i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>(both Masses livestreamed)</i>		
Saturday 14th November (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6pm	Chris Moran RIP
Sunday 15th November	10.00am	Iva Miraglia RIP
Tuesday 17th November	7pm	Private Intention
Wednesday 18th November	7pm	Mary Manning RIP
Thursday 19th November	7pm	Miranda George Intention
Friday 20th November	7pm	Hilary Matthias RIP
<i>Solemnity of Christ the Universal King</i>		
Saturday 20th November (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6pm	Rosie & Joao De Araujo-Ricardo Thanksgiving
Sunday 21st November	10.00am	Micheál Connolly RIP



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