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SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2024
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B)

'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' (John 18:37).

In the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, we celebrate the Kingship, Prophetic and Priestly ministries of Christ. We especially recognize the universal reign and dominion of Christ, who, unlike earthly rulers, came not to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. The Gospel reading today did not portray Christ as that authority figure, that divine sort of person that lords it over all, but rather presents Jesus as a king devoid of the trappings of power. Christ is the king who recognises that his kingship is not built on power and domination, but on humble service to his subjects. In Jesus, we find a lowly king, who goes out in search of his sheep, and was ready to lay down His life for his Sheep. Thus, the fear, splendour, awe, respect and terror often associated with the all-powerful king is undermined by the image of Jesus Christ, who is a caring and loving shepherd of His flock.

Jesus today invites us into a kingdom which will never pass away, a kingdom which is more than a pious hope for the after-life. Hence, through our faith, we are heirs to the throne; a throne of truth and life. May Christ reign in our lives and families, and may His Kingship style enable us to show love and compassion for those in need; and may it also inspire in us humble service in whatever office or position we find ourselves.

Confiteor (I Confess)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy.	Kyrie, eleison	Kyrie, eleison.
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy.	Christe, eleison	Christe, eleison.
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy.	Kyrie, eleison	Kyrie, eleison.

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory
of God the Father. Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Prophet Daniel 7: 13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92: 1-2,5

Response: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. **R**

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**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **R**

Second Reading: A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse 1: 5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our

sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

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!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to John 18: 33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS

English

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Latin

**Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dóminus Deus Sábaoth**

**Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.
Hosána in excélsis.**

**Benedíctus qui venit in nómine
Dómini.**

Hosána in excélsis.

We shall pray the **Preface of the Solemnity of Christ the King** and say **Eucharistic Prayer II**

The Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

English

**Lamb of God, who takes away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the
sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Latin

**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata
mundi, dona nobis pacem.**

***O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine (x 3)***

PARISH INFORMATION AND FAITH NEWS

Planned Giving and Stewardship Drive: Starting this weekend and lasting until the weekend of the 7th & 8th of December, we will be holding a Planned Giving and Stewardship Drive. This programme gives all parishioners the opportunity to decide how you can contribute to the life of your Parish through the giving of your Time, Treasure and Talents, as a sign of gratitude to God for all His many blessings. Please collect one of the special leaflets from the porch.

November Birthdays: This weekend, we are celebrating all of our parishioners who were born in the month of November with a special blessing at the end of every Mass. Please join us in the church hall after Mass for birthday cake and refreshments.

2025 Jubilee: This Wednesday (27th November), we will be holding a day of prayer ahead of next year's Jubilee. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available all day, before a talk on prayer at 6pm. The day will end with the 7.30pm Mass. If you can commit to spending an hour with the Lord on this date, please add your name to the list in the porch.

Choir Practice: There will be a practice for members of the 11am Mass choir on Saturday the 30th of November at 2pm. New choir members are always welcome.

A Day With Jesus: Our Advent Day With Jesus will be held on Saturday the 7th of December. More details to follow.

Children's Party: On Sunday the 8th of December, our Parish Outreach Group will be holding a Festive Fun Fiesta for the children of the parish. This will be held in the church hall from 2-4pm. This party is for primary school aged children from our parish families. Spaces are strictly limited to 50 children, so if you would like your child to attend, please add their name to the list in the porch as soon as possible.

Youth Group: The next session of the Parish Youth Group will be held on Friday the 13th of December from 6.30-8pm. Children and young people over the age of 7 are welcome.

Advent Calendars: 'Walk with Me' Advent Calendars are available in the porch. They give ideas about how to prepare for Christmas in a positive way. Please take one copy per family.

Flame 2025: Flame is the largest Catholic youth gathering in the UK. It is a day of inspirational speakers, world-class Christian musicians and moments of prayer and Adoration. It will also feature our parishioner, Nike Adewale. Flame 2025 will take place on the 15th of March 2025 at the Ovo Arena, Wembley, and is open to young people from Year 9 to university age. The early bird offer of £20pp ends on the 30th of November, after which the price is £29pp. Please contact the Parish Office for more details if you'd like to attend.

CAFOD Annual Report: CAFOD's annual report has now been published and includes statements of income and expenditure. It also includes the "Every Second Counts" annual report showing areas of the world where CAFOD has provided assistance and humanitarian relief. As a parish that has always shown tremendous generosity to CAFOD, this report will be of interest and can be viewed on their website www.cafod.org.uk/about-us/how-we-work/annual-reviews

Southwark Archdiocese Rosary Prayer Project: Everyone is warmly invited to join this Archdiocesan-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery. For more details, see the poster on the noticeboard, pick up an invitation leaflet in the porch or email southwarkrenewal@gmail.com

November Dead List: November is the month of Holy Souls when we remember and pray in a special way for the deceased members of our families and our friends. Please put the list of the names of the deceased in a special envelope placed at the porch together with your offering and place it in the Holy Souls box. We will place all those names on the Altar and say at least one Mass for those souls every day in the month of November.

Christmas Hampers: The Parish Outreach Group is organizing a Christmas raffle draw and tickets will available after each weekend Mass. The prizes are: 1st: One night stay for 2 adults and two Children (under the age of 12) inclusive of Breakfast at Hilton Hotel London Bankside; 2nd: £100; 3rd: £50; 4th: £25 of Marks & Spencer vouchers; other prizes: Christmas Hampers. The draw will take place on December 15th immediately after the Carol Service at 7pm.

We need items for the Christmas hampers. If you are happy to donate anything towards the hampers, please place your items in the boxes provided at the back of the Church.

New Lectionary: From the first weekend of Advent, a new Lectionary will come into use in parishes in England, Wales and Scotland. Changes to the lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, will see the English

Standard Version: Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter replacing the Jerusalem Bible with the Grail Psalms. The Lectionary is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations, intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, using better and more up-to-date biblical scholarship and to use a text which is "more proclaimable". We are grateful to one of our parishioners for funding the new Lectionary and Book of the Gospels. New Missals are available reflecting the changes. If any of our Readers would like to look at the new Lectionary to become familiar with it, please speak to Fr. Cyriacus.

Youth and Young Adults: Southwark Catholic Youth Service have produced some leaflets detailing their activities for Youth and Young Adults. Please take a copy from the porch.

Memorial Garden: The parish Memorial Garden is in need of some work, particularly replacement of the rose bushes. If you have a plot in the garden, please contact the Parish Office to discuss whether you wish to renew your lease.

A Day With Mary: A Day With Mary is taking place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday 14 December (10.15am to 5.15pm). Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark, John Wilson.

Baptism: Any parents who wish to have their child Baptised in our parish will need to complete a preparation course entitled 'Pathways to Baptism'. The next course starts in December. For more information, please contact Reverend Longinus on longinusanyanjo@rcaos.org.uk

Primary School Applications: If you need Fr. Cyriacus to sign a Supplementary Information Form for a school application, please drop it to the parish office before next Friday. Any forms already submitted will be available for collection after the 29th of November.

Bank Details

For bank transfers to the Parish –
Account Name: RCAS Cray Valley
Account Number: 50533401
Sort Code: 60-16-03

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

LIVE STREAMING

This parish routinely livestreams 11 AM Mass on Sundays between 10.30 AM and 12.30 PM on YouTube.

You may appear on camera **only** if you approach the altar without prior notice to the recording team during this time. The camera is set to avoid capturing parishioners receiving Holy Communion. If you have any concerns, please speak to the Priest or Communications Team.

Readings For The Week Ahead

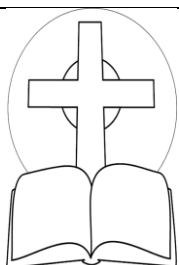
	1st Reading	Psalm	Gospel
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25/11/24	Apocalypse 14:1-5	Ps 23:1-6	Luke 21:1-4
26/11/24	Apocalypse 14:14-19	Ps 95:10-13	Luke 21:5-11
27/11/24	Apocalypse 15:1-4	Ps 97:1-3,7-9	Luke 21:12-19
28/11/24	Apocalypse 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9	Ps 99:2-5	Luke 21:20-28
29/11/24	Apocalypse 20:1-4, 11-21:2	Ps 83:3-6,8	Luke 21:29-33
30/11/24	Romans 10:9-18	Ps 18:2-5	Matthew 4:18-22

CHURCH MINISTRIES		
	23rd & 24th November	30th Nov & 1st Dec
READERS 6PM	P Lobo Chima	G Selvaraj V Martis
READERS 9AM	A Joby M Francis	I Joby M Quintavalle
READERS 11AM	M Higgins A Ollie	P Ajayi M Adepoju
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM	D Winter	E North
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM	K Wingfield	J Laurent
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM	J Smith, M Alademerin, N Adewale	M Ehiosun, F Adewale, M McEveney
CLEANING	Team 4 – Chris Meaney	Team 1 – Funmi Adewale
LINEN	Ese Temenior	Helen Coker

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND

Please continue to pray for: Alison Hannah, Eleanor Smith, Monica Gallagher, Jeanette Miller-Spice, Mary Hayes, Helen Efemini, Sister Maureen Fay, Mary Mackay, Michael Thompson, Mary Brophy, Clara Soares, Jennifer Smith, Mary O'Lone, Eamon Murphy, Shelagh Murphy, all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – NAMES FOR NOVEMBER

We remember in our prayers: Catherine Morrell, Martin Morrissey, Perry Cook, Derek Barrowclough, Molly Harris, Rita Sally Clifford, Michael McEveney, Elizabeth Jowah, Vera Ekpateta, Harry Stevens, Katherine Doonan, Charles Wenham, Olive Stevens, Robert Mojola Anjorim, Steven Spiller, Errol Cunningham, Michael Hickling, Uju Otuogbodo, William Eyre, Martin Morrissey, Derek Beadle, Michael Esenwah, Margaret Mills, Delia Ball, Eileen Morris, Janet Perera, Michael Hurley, Jerzy (George) Grun, Joseph Fay, Patricia Hobbs, Peter Howes, George Frisby, Beatrice Knight, Deirdre Boswell, Kay Frances May, Christy Gahan, Antonio Dos Santos, Mary Cannon, William Forsythe, John Rye, Margaret Drysdale, John van der Luit, Lilly Lockhurt, Jonathan Rye, Eddie Heberton, Damian Crowley, Mimi Viliesid, Ligory Osuuzu, John McCulla, Kitty Quirk, Monica Okonkwo, Patrick Dunford, Gladys Beard, Mark Daly, Irene Stone and Teresa Hanks

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<p>Sunday: Nov. 24: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)</p> <p>6pm (Vigil Mass): Mary Brophy, SR and Jim Kent, RIP</p> <p>9am Mass: Jerome & Slyma Laurent, RIP</p> <p>11am Mass: Regina Omonzele Itua, RIP, Elizabeth & Eddie Nwafor, BT and Sevi Chacko & Tessy Sevi, 25th WA</p> <p><i>(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)</i></p>	<p>Sat: Nov. 30: Vigil of First Sunday of Advent (C)</p> <p>5.15-5.45pm: Confessions</p> <p>6pm Mass: Rose & Michael O'Shea, 60th WA and John Slattery, WB</p>
<p>Mon: Nov. 25: Feria</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Holy Souls</p> <hr/> <p>Tues: Nov. 26: No Mass</p> <hr/> <p>Wed: Nov. 27: Feria</p> <p>9am-6pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>6pm: Seminar/Reflection on Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Mass: Pro Populo</p> <hr/> <p>Thu: Nov. 28: Feria</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Mary & Nick Quintavalle, SI</p> <hr/> <p>Fri: Nov 29: Feria</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am: Derek Brown, RIP</p>	<p>Sun: Dec. 1: First Sunday of Advent (C)</p> <p>9am Mass: Maria Abu & Family, GB and Mary Stanley, RIP</p> <p>11am Mass: Cath Cattigan, SR</p> <p><i>(11am Mass Livestreamed & available on YouTube)</i></p> <p>Note:</p> <p>SI means Special Intention SR means Speedy Recovery Bl means Blessed GB means God's Blessings GP means God's Protection WB means Well-Being TG means Thanksgiving PI means Private Intentions BT means Birthday Thanksgiving WA means Wedding Anniversary Pro Populo: People of the Parish Private Mass: Mass to be said by the Priest alone</p>

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