

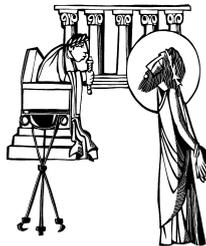


# Solemnity of Christ the King

**Y**es, 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)

Our liturgical year reaches its end and climax as we are faced with Jesus who is deluded, deceitful or divine. We have followed him throughout the year and trusting in his promises we celebrate him as the Christ of God, the Lord of our lives, the Saviour of the world and our King.



The image of a king we are given by today's Gospel is a strange one; a king on trial before Pilate. Pilate questioned him about claiming to be a king when he knew the Romans were in control. As a joke he had the sign nailed to Jesus's cross: 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews'.

## National Youth Sunday

There will be a **retiring collection** this weekend on the occasion of National Youth Sunday. This annual collection goes to support **Animate**.

For some years now **Animate**, the group based in St Helens, has provided a valuable service witnessing to their faith amongst young people in our school and colleges.

## Synod Members

### Wanted: Pastoral Area Representatives

In Synod 2020 each parish will have one representative. In addition to this there will be **a further 11 people representing the whole Pastoral Area** (see next page for further details of our Pastoral Area).

Please consider putting someone forward to be a representative. We need to cover the following areas of background and expertise: caring services, (including healthcare, education (teaching assistants as well as teachers), social action (politics trade union, charity workers..... The total Pastoral Area representation should also reflect the multicultural nature of our area.

**Names have to be in by 14th December.**



## FAITH IN FOCUS: A TALE OF THREE KINGDOMS

We use the word kingdom quite a lot in our liturgy. At every Mass we pray the Lord's Prayer asking, "Thy kingdom come". We acclaim God by saying, "For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever". And we ask for "the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever".

The first words Jesus speaks in St Mark's gospel are "The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand". On one level the kingdom is past. Christ came to establish the kingdom of God and so it already exists. What sort of kingdom did he set up?

Some people thought it might be a political kingdom to overthrow the Roman occupiers, but Jesus said the citizens of the kingdom would be the poor, the gentle and the persecuted. Do we really want "Thy kingdom come" if this is what it means?

So if the kingdom has already been set up, then it must also be present somewhere today. If we live in it, then how should we behave? When we pray "Thy kingdom come" we are telling God that we want to live under the reign of Christ the King. Do we let Christ into our lives or is he someone we have heard about but who doesn't impinge on our daily existence. St Paul says that today is the day of salvation.

Do we try to make our todays conform with the kingdom or do we separate our daily lives from our religious beliefs? Do the values of God's kingdom feature in my life, my family, my job? Who's in charge of my life, who's the king?  
"Thy kingdom come"?

Christ the King is not someone dead and buried. He is the Risen Lord and he leads us on to discover even more of the joys of the kingdom that he has established here on earth. He promises never to abandon us and to be with us always. Christ is king of our tomorrows and shows us the way to fullness of life, on both sides of the grave. So his kingdom is also a future reality and that's why we pray for the peace and unity of the kingdom where God now lives.

The Father showed his great love for us by sending his Son. Christ himself now walks by our side. God waits for us in all our tomorrows. Past, present and future: a tale of three kingdoms that are really one.

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Patrick

This will be Fr Southworth's last weekend in OLMC and St Patrick's before he takes up his new position as Parish Priest of St Paul and St Timothy in West Derby next weekend. After the 11.15 Mass this Sunday there will be coffee and cake in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Next weekend we will welcome Fr Silviu Climent will be the Priest in Charge, resident at Mount Carmel Presbytery.

## Liverpool South Pastoral Area

From 2005 the Archdiocese of Liverpool was divided into 24 Pastoral Areas. They used to be called Deaneries. The number of Pastoral Areas has changed over the years as churches have closed and parishes have amalgamated.

Our Pastoral Area, Liverpool South has been extended recently. In addition to the 6 parishes (7 churches—OLMC and St Patrick is the only one with two churches) there is the addition of St Vincent's and also the Cathedral.

Because of this our total representative at Synod 2020 has increased: One member per parish, as before but a total of a further 11 members instead of the previous 7. (See the front page)

## Nugent Care Charity Shop Allerton

The shop is one of the most popular charity shops in the area. ***Our stock is going so fast we can't keep up!*** So if your having a clear-out, looking to free up some space, have some unwanted gifts, we would be happy to take them.

You can drop goods of at the shop on Allerton Road, or we can collect from you. **Our drivers collect on Thursdays, please call Jeanette at the shop to arrange a collection. 0151 737 2951**

## Feast of the Week; Friday 30th November St Andrew, Apostle

He was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, and worked as a fisherman. He may have been a disciple of St John the Baptist. He became one of the first to follow Jesus and introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to him. As one of the twelve Apostles he was widely venerated in ancient times, and became patron saint of Scotland because according to legend some of his bones were brought there and buried at the place where the town of St Andrew's now stands.



Next Sunday: *First Sunday of*  
**advent**

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

- Mass on Monday at 9am.  
No other Masses this week.
- Funeral Service on Wednesday

### Sunday 25th November

#### Solemnity of Christ the King

Sat 5pm Parishioners OLMC  
Sun 9.45am Thanksgiving for Parishioners (McLeod Family)  
St Patrick  
Sun 11.15am Yvonne Michelle Grant OLMC

### Monday 26th November

9am Private Intention OLMC

### Tuesday 27th November

7pm No Mass OLMC

### Wednesday 28th November

10am No Mass St Patrick  
12noon **Funeral Service:** Edward Doody OLMC

### Thursday 29th November

10am No Mass St Patrick

### Friday 30th November

**Feast of St Andrew, Apostle**  
12noon No Mass OLMC

### Sunday 2nd December

#### First Sunday of ADVENT

Sat 5pm Agnes & James McNulty OLMC  
Sun 9.45am Parishioners St Patrick  
Sun 11.15am Ronnie Jnr, Ronnie Snr  
& Kevin Griffiths OLMC

### Thursday Evening Service 7pm

Short Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament OLMC

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30pm OLMC

### Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 21st November was no9  
Winners won £30 each

### Collections \_\_\_\_\_ Many Thanks

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Envelopes £149 Loose £210.31

**St Patrick** Loose £142.47

Brick £10 Box£8.00

**Please Pray For.... Those who have died:** Edward Doody, Mary Nolan, Theresa Mary Jones..

**The sick:** Bernadette Fennell, Edna Tate, Jimmy Tierney, Betty Flannery, Tony Robinson, Carol Pickford, Betty Billingsley, Tommy Duffy, Audrey McKenna, Ian McCafferty, Betty Christian, Bernard Duffy, Helen Melarange, Jack Davies, Joan Higgins, Michael McNicholas, Billy Thompson, Freya Matheson, Rene Humphreys, Clifford Browne, Gary Hollinson, Jackie Heath-Anderson, Ted Cunningham, Anne Deuchar, Charlotte Rice, Irene Finneran, Lisa Balshaw, Mary Kewley, Claire Kearney,

Lyn Barton, Betty Devine, Kathleen Devine, Joseph Baxendale, Ann Chapman, Nadia Kent, Susan Roberts, Alex Sielski, Lee Foster, Denise King, John Dunning, Emily Rolands, Angela Kent, David Majoury, Donald Smith, Pius Laizer, Maria Jones, Mary O'Toole, Sally Wilkins, Michael Murphy, Margaret Chung, David Stevenson, Thomas & John Paul Conroy, Keith Holden, Kathleen Crowley, Joanne Fairbrother, Eileen Edwards, Erin Caulfield, Lisa Ginley, Lillian O'Connor, Owen Hall, Anne Brannigan, Thelma Mainwaring, Cheryl and Lenny Hart, Sheila Chapman, Elaine Gorry, Alexandra Reid, Winifred Williamson, Kathryn Reid, Wally Williams, Chrissy White, Nicholas Maher, John Hodson, Terry Macklin, Muriel Minshull, Maureen Ryan, Mary Ryan, Regna Lewis, David Shea, Steven Binks.