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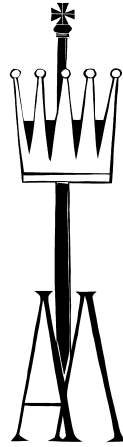
Christ the King

(34th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

24th November 2019

Indeed,
I promise you,
today you will be with me
in paradise.'

Luke 23:43



In today's Gospel the 'Good Thief' hanging next to Jesus on the cross says to Jesus:

**Remember me
when you come into your kingdom.**

The image of Jesus the King presented to us today is one of a criminal condemned to death on a cross; the complete opposite of the worldly understanding of kingship. Christ' kingship is one of service, and one which identifies with all the suffering in our world.

SYNOD PRAYER

Father, we thank you
for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
We thank you for the gift of the Church,
through which you show us
that you are always with us
and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020
help us become the Church
That you are calling us to be.
May your Holy Spirit
be powerfully at work among us.
Strengthen each of us and guide Francis,
our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond
to the challenges of our times in new ways
to bring your love
to all our sisters and brothers.
We make this prayer
through Jesus Christ Our Lord
AMEN

Next Sunday is

the First Sunday of



FAITH IN FOCUS: THE THREE CROSSES

Today's gospel tells us that on the first Good Friday there were three crosses on Calvary. They were the cross of sin, the cross of sorrow and the cross of salvation. The one that we choose for ourselves will affect where we spend eternity.

The cross of sin belonged to the thief who was unrepentant. We don't know what his crime was (traditionally we say he was a thief) but we do know that he was there to be executed. His life of crime had hardened him and he clearly could feel no remorse for his sin. He was so far from God that his cynicism lasted to the very end. He even mocked Jesus, suggesting that if he really were the Christ he would be able to get down from the cross and save them too. His choices in life were such that he didn't know how far he had fallen. His sin had blinded him to reality.

The cross of sorrow was the one on which the other thief hung. Unlike his fellow criminal he recognised his own guilt and felt contrition. He knew that he deserved what he was getting while Jesus had done nothing wrong but was suffering the same fate. His act of repentance took the form of standing up for Jesus and rebuking the other thief. Although he had led a life of crime he was not proud of it and he still had respect for God, something he tried to point out to his companion. Even at this late stage there was still a chance for him to try and set things right.

Of course, the cross of salvation was reserved for Jesus of Nazareth. His crucifixion was a great paradox because although he was being executed, after being falsely accused, his death would end in victory. He had never claimed to be King of the Jews, as the inscription on his cross proclaimed, but he would end up as Christ the Universal King. His cross was the means by which he took the world's sinfulness upon himself in a glorious act of atonement. He willingly accepted to be the sacrificial victim, loving to the very end those entrusted to him by his Father. It was this salvation that he offered to the repentant thief moments before they were both to breathe their last.

The cross of sin, the cross of sorrow
and the cross of salvation:
we each have a choice.
Which will you choose?

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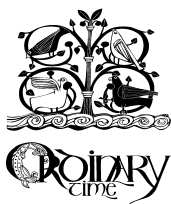
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HYMNS

Entrance: 112
 Offertory: 456
 Communion: 326
 Recessional: 195

Bidding Prayers

Readers please note we are now using the new Prayers of the Faithful books in both churches.



**National Youth Sunday
 Animate Youth Ministries**



Animate was set up as a response to people in the Diocese naming Youth Ministry as one of their top 3 priorities to be addressed. It was decided that the best way to address Youth Ministry in our Diocese was to set up a team of young people who could minister to other young people.

There will be a retiring collection after all masses this weekend.

St Patrick's Christmas Tombola

The Tombola will take place after mass on Sunday 1st December.

St Patrick's School Christmas Bingo will take place on Wednesday 4th December at 6pm.



OLMC CLEANERS: We are hoping to put together a cleaning team to start when the painting has finished in church. It would be a shame after waiting all these years for our lovely church to be restored to not maintain it!

If you have a spare hour or two during the week and would like to be part of the team, please speak to Betty Christian or call Anne Hutchinson in the parish office on 0151 727 1463. Once we have everyone's details we will arrange a meeting.

OLMC Parish Centre: Happy Memories Christmas Party will be on Monday 9th December from 12noon. These afternoons are proving to be very popular so if you would like to join us please call in to the parish centre or ring on 0151 727 1695 to get your ticket. The tickets cost £5 which includes food, bingo and raffle tickets and live entertainment.

Slimming World every Saturday morning 8am & 10am for more information call Kerry Marie on 07541040145. Family friendly.

Eyes Down for Bingo every Thursday night at 8pm. All welcome. If you would like to book our Parish Centre for a function please ring Ann-Marie 0151 727 1695.

Pastoral Associate Update: Our Readers' Enrichment afternoon last Sunday was indeed enriching for all who attended: many thanks for the impressive turnout at St Clare's and for Fr Aidan and the parish for hosting us. Being aware that Christ is alive in the words we proclaim was insightful and humbling for us all. It was particularly encouraging to have two of the Pastoral Area Clergy join with us as we all had a turn at proclaiming God's Word: we are all learning as we journey together. A quote from Franklin D Roosevelt which is quite apt for our Youth Sunday on the Feast of Christ the King "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future" God Bless, Helen. I will be at St Anne and St Bernard's this weekend.

MASSES AND SERVICES

In Church this week

- No Mass on Monday.

Sunday 24th November

**SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
 (34th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

Sat 5pm	Thomas & Mark Willmitt	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Pious List	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Monday 25th November		
10am	No Mass	St Patrick

Tuesday 26th November		
10am	Gerard McDonough	St Patrick

Wednesday 27th November		
10am	The Fogarty Family	St Patrick

Thursday 28th November		
10am	Patricia Coakley	St Patrick

Friday 29th November		
10am	Jacky Waterson	St Patrick

Sunday 1st December

First Sunday of Advent

Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Rebecca Hammond	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Yvonne Michelle Grant	OLMC

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 20th November was no 12
 Winners won £30 each

Collections

Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 Loose £321.92

St Patrick
 Loose £127.29

Total Envelopes £123.88

Please Pray For...

The lately dead Maureen Windever.

The sick: Veronica Boyd, Betty Kent, Mary O'Toole, Michelle Baxendale, Chris Bates, Tony McKean, Anne McCourt, Lisa Balshaw, Mary Kewley, Freya Matheson, Bernard Duffy, Wally Williams, Marie Simpson, Tony Robinson, Erin Caulfield, Susie Bell, Carol Flannery.

If you would like a loved one to be added to the sick list (please ask their permission) please ring the parish office. 0151 727 1463.