

Concluding Prayer

Father all-powerful, God of love,
you have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from death to life,
resplendent in glory as King of creation.
Open our hearts, free all the world to rejoice in his peace,
to glory in his justice, to live in his love.
Bring all mankind together in Jesus Christ your Son,
whose kingdom is with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Mary Brennan, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Eddie Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Rose Sheridan, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

21-27 Nov: John Alfred Gillard, Patrick McDonnell, Maureen McCarthy, Joe Wheelhouse, Daniel McGoay, John Kelly, Lisha McGeogh, David Deane, Hannah Barrett and Pearl Williams.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Maureen McCarthy.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is for the intentions of the donor.

If you would like to help with the upkeep of the light in the Chapel of Saint Joseph; envelopes are available in the church porch. The light in honour of Our Lady has been generously supported by donations for the whole of 2021.

CHURCH REPOSITORY - a message from Michael Chadwick

At this time in November we would normally have Christmas cards, Christmas candles, calendars, etc., on sale after all weekend Masses. If the current lockdown ends on 2nd December as promised by the Government, and Holly Mass can be celebrated from that date, then we will have Christmas cards, etc., on sale in the Church Porch after all Masses over the weekend of 5th/6th December and for the following 2 weeks. There are a number of boxed cards over from last year, reduced from £3.50 to £2.50 for 16/18 cards per box.

COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

At the moment, the Foodbank could do with these items: Tins of: custard, rice pudding, sponge puddings, fruit, potatoes, fish. Tomato ketchup, instant coffee, teabags, instant mash, long-life fruit juice, dried rice, biscuits, chocolate. Toiletries: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gel, deodorant, shampoo. *They have plenty of the following:* pasta, baked beans, soups, cereals.

VACANCY FOR A MINUTE TAKER

The Campion School is looking to appoint a Minute Taker to work on an 'ad hoc' basis. Duties will consist of taking minutes for various Governor meetings throughout the year. Applicants should have strong previous minute taking experience, excellent attention to detail and strong IT Skills Word/MS Office. If you have the relevant experience and are looking for a new opportunity please contact Mrs Noddings, PA to the Headmaster on 01708-452332 or cnoddings@thecampionschool.org

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

World Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

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Solemnity of Christ the King

21-22 November 2020



Due to the lockdown imposed by the Government all public acts of worship are suspended.

We offer this leaflet as an aid to personal prayer and reflection - it includes some of the readings and prayers from today's liturgy.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN
every morning for private prayer:
9.00 am to 12 noon.

< The Chapel of Saint Joseph

CHAPEL OF SAINT JOSEPH

Our thanks to all who have worked so hard to create our new Chapel of Saint Joseph, dedicated to the memory of Father Seán Sheils: Gerard and John Kelly for the building work and their team (plasterer, pointer and painters); Kevin Cole who modified the window frames and the votive candle stand; Nick Bristow for the electrics; Pat Harrington for restoring the parquet floor; Pat Tattan for his carpentry skills and installing the fittings and to Amanda Winfield of Abinger Stained Glass for the design and execution of the beautiful windows. Our church cleaning team have worked valiantly for the past couple of weeks, removing all the dust. And finally, but not least, our thanks to all who have contributed (and continue to contribute) to the Memorial Fund.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY 22nd November

Today is the Feast of Christ the King, and the weekend where we especially honour and celebrate the place of young people. Last year Pope Francis wrote a letter to young people, *Christus Vivit*, where he said "Young people ... are meant to dream great things ... and to offer the best of themselves to the building of something better." Covid has had particular effects on the young; since March our Brentwood Catholic Youth Service has offered online opportunities for prayer and service, in wonderful ways, and reaching thousands of people. To discover more – including a series of short videos where young people share their experience of the BCYS – go to www.bcys.net. Donations: This year, in addition to lost retreat income, the lack of congregations at Mass will dramatically affect the second collection that usually takes place today – please give a donation to support the BCYS via the website www.bcys.net/donate or post a cheque to "Brentwood Catholic Youth Service" through the letterbox at Church House and we will pass it on.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions that had been arranged for the next few weeks will be held over until public worship is permitted once more and they can be re-scheduled.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month when we especially remember our dead and their influence on us, the living. We also pray for them and offer Masses for the repose of their souls in the eternal life of God. Our custom here, for many years, is to leave the names of our loved ones before the altar throughout the month. Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch; please put them through the letter box at Church House.

Prayers and Readings

Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Psalm

Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I Cor 15:20-26,28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king *until he has put all his enemies under his feet* and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be *put under his feet*. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Intercessions

That Jesus, portrayed in the gospel as a refugee at birth and a criminal in death,
may be proclaimed as the one we serve in all our brothers and sisters. *We pray to the Lord.*

That the Lord God, shepherd of all the peoples of earth,
may gather into unity those scattered by hatred. *We pray to the Lord.*

That in and through this community we may feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,
welcome strangers, clothe the naked,
care for the sick and visit the imprisoned. *We pray to the Lord.*

That we may live the vision of Church portrayed this year in Matthew's Gospel:
an inclusive community, where the last are first and the least are greatest,
a kingdom where authority is service and the fulfilment of the law is love. *We pray to the Lord.*
That our faithful departed may hear: "Come, you that are blessed by my Father;
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world". *We pray to the Lord.*

Spiritual Communion

An act of Spiritual Communion written by St Alphonsus Ligouri.

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and for ever. Amen.