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**FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
also DAY OF PRAYER FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY**

34th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

Sat 19 Nov	5.30 pm	St George's	Tom O'Reilly RIP
Sun 20 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	For Pope Francis and the Catholic clergy of the world and for the care of traveller sites and cemeteries.
Mon 21 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Hilary Crosbie for good health
Tue 22 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Tom Farrell RIP
Wed 23 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Bridget Boyce RIP
Thu 24 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	James & John McCartney and Christine McCaul, Intention
Fri 25 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	Brigid McColgan RIP
Sat 26 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	For Tony Burton
	5.30 pm	St George's	The deceased of the Toryusen and Goodman families
Sun 27 Nov	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	John McClelland (Jnr) and Margaret McClelland RIP
	6.00 pm	St George's	Phil Mason RIP

**CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45**

**SAINTS THIS WEEK:**

Mon 21 Nov: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Tues 22 Nov: Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr  
Wed 23 Nov: St Clement I, Pope & Martyr  
Thurs 24 Nov: Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

**HEALTH AND SAFETY, ST GEORGE'S AND HOLY SPIRIT**

On Tuesday morning we had an arranged visit from the Health and Safety Inspector from our Diocese of Nottingham. He was pleased with all the measures we have in place and also the fact that we are gas safety inspected, PAT tested for electrical items and in the process of getting our 5 year electrical certification for St George's and Holy Spirit. We have a few things to work on and await his report and recommendations. It was good that we had recent redecoration of St George's church and the new lighting. Thanks to everybody who helps to keep our churches safe and our parishioners who maintain our premises in any way.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND OFFERTORY GIVING**

Sincere thanks to parishioners who so generously give their offerings for the work of the parish week by week using the Offertory envelopes. Also, many thanks to parishioners who are tax payers and who gift aid their donations. If any parishioners would like to take a box of envelopes for their offerings, please see Fr Alan to obtain a box. Sincere thanks also to the generous parishioners who make their weekly offerings by standing orders to the parish bank account, it is a way of giving that has grown in recent years. Finally, sincere thanks to parishioners who generously give their cash donations week by week in support of the parish. The regular donations of parishioners in these different ways, enables the parish to meet its regular outgoings and together with some rental income, gift aid, Mass offerings, funeral fees, wedding fees and baptism offerings, enabled us to have a small surplus of income over expenditure for the last financial year.

**YOUTH SUNDAY**

This weekend we give a special welcome to our young people who are with us. We thank God for them and for their faith and enthusiasm for life, in what can be a very challenging and demanding time for all of us. We pray for those who may be struggling with mental health challenges and for those with special needs. May they find us ready and willing with our time and care and support and especially our prayers.

**DROP IN CAFÉ**

In response to the current economic crisis we are thinking of opening up a drop in café in the social centre for two hours after Mass on Friday mornings. If you would be willing to help with this in any way please pass your name to any of the team that help with coffee after Sunday Mass.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: (Solemnity) Christ the King, Luke 23:35-43**

Luke's retelling of the Passion and death of Jesus has several unique features. He shows Jesus speaking warmly to the disciples at the Last Supper: 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom...' (22:28-29 NIV). He also speaks of Peter's future role: 'when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers' (22:32).

Furthermore, Luke has little interest in the disciples' abandonment and states that, '...all his acquaintances...who had followed him from Galilee...' (23:49) witnessed Jesus' death. During the journey to Calvary he records the women of Jerusalem weeping for him and Jesus' prayer to the Father for those who will crucify him: 'Father forgive them: for they do not know what they are doing' (23:34).

As with the above examples, Jesus' encounter with the good thief is only recorded in Luke's Gospel. Genius storyteller that he was he's always interested in showing how Jesus reaches out to the lost, especially sinners. Jesus' promise to the good thief is something of a climax. It's Jesus' last act of kindness before he commends his spirit to the Father: '...today you will be with me in Paradise' (v.43). Through this, Jesus offers once more the 'today' of salvation.

We read this passage on the Solemnity of Christ the King because the Kingship of Jesus is seen in his reaching out to the lost. Jesus' kingdom, to quote the Gospel of John is 'not of this world' (18:36 NIV). Instead, it's the kingdom of God, where peace and mercy reign, not an earthly kingdom which can be fought over in war and violence. Jesus has come to 'bring good news to the poor' (Luke 4:18), and to 'seek and... save the lost' (Luke 19:10).

St Cyril of Alexandria wrote, 'How wise the reasoning and how excellent the thoughts of the penitent thief! He became the confessor of the Saviour's glory and the accuser of the pride of those who crucified him. Let us look at this most beautiful confession of faith. He says: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." You see him crucified and call him a king.'

**'The true meaning of his kingship is revealed only when he is raised high on the cross.' (CCC440)**