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22nd November 2026 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 34TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

ST GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 21 Nov	5.30 pm	The deceased members of the Donovan fam.
Sun 22 Nov	9.30 am	People of the parish
Mon 23 Nov	9.30 am	Michael RIP, Jimmy's son and the Devlin Family
Tues 24 Nov	9.30 am	Mary Gladstone, nee Flood, RIP
Wed 25 Nov	9.30 am	Jim Murphy RIP, 2nd anniversary
Thu 26 Nov	9.30 am	For an end to Russia's terrible and unjust aggression in the Ukraine
Fri 27 Nov	9.30 am	For all on the lists of the deceased and for the deceased of our families
Sat 28 Nov	9.30 am	For all who are not well and for their recovery.
	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 29 Nov	9.30 am	Tom Connally, anniversary, and Kathleen Connally RIP

GOSPEL REFLECTION: '

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Christ the King. Our Gospel reading portrays Christ as King in the context of the final judgement. Because he is King, he has the authority to judge humanity and we are judged by how well we have served him, since in serving others we are really serving him. For those who serve the King there is reward and blessing.

It is good for us to look at our lives in the light of this passage, to examine how we have – or have not – served Christ in our brothers and sisters, but not to be excessively fearful about the Last Judgement. Jesus is indeed the Lord of all things (Col 1:15-20), and he is our King and Judge, but he is a Servant King a King who came into this world 'not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many' (Matt 20:28). He gave us a graphic demonstration of the nature of his kingship by washing his disciples' feet at the Last Supper (John 13:1-20). As today's passage shows, he loves his people enough to identify himself with them, especially the poor and needy. As we pray about these truths today, let us ask the Spirit to teach us about Christ's kingship. As we meditate on his majesty, and the love and humility he showed in emptying himself for us (Phil 2:5-11), our hearts will be filled with gratitude and praise, and we shall want Jesus to reign over every aspect of our lives. One of the greatest early Christian writers Origen, wrote:

'If we wish God to reign in us, in no way should sin reign in our mortal body: rather we should mortify our members which are upon the earth and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with his Christ In us the Lord will sit at the right hand of that spiritual power which we wish to receive. And he will sit there until all his enemies who are within us become his footstool, and every principality, power and virtue in us is cast down.'

Lord, you give us Christ, the king of all creation, as food for everlasting life. Help us to live by his gospel and bring us to the joy of his kingdom where he lives and reigns forever and ever.

ENGLISH MARTYRS SVP SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The SVP at English Martyrs are holding their annual Christmas Party on 29 November and we warmly invite St George's senior citizens to join us. We start with Mass and anointing at 3.00pm followed by refreshments and entertainment in the Parish Hall.
If you would like to join us please fill in your name and address on the sheets at the back of Church.

MOTHER'S PRAYERS: The Mother's Prayer Group continues to meet every Monday morning after the 9.30 am Mass. All are welcome.
Also, Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament continues every day before the morning Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on Saturday 10.15-10.45 am.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 23rd Nov: St Clement I, Pope & Martyr & St Columban, Abbot
Tues 24th Nov: St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
Wed 25th Nov: St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
Sat 28th Nov: Saturday Mass of Blessed Virgin Mary

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The new boxes of envelopes have arrived and begin on 6th December. Please take your box which has your name on it. Also, we have a few extra boxes for those who may wish to use an offertory donation envelope.

POPE LEO XIV: Let us all keep Pope Leo XIV in our daily prayers and in our Masses for his continuing good health and for many blessings of the people on his grand visitations of countries of Latin America. May those nations and all in South America continue to grow in the faith and Good News of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

MASS FOR OUR DEAD: If you wish to have a mass offered particularly for a deceased family member or friend, please write their name and place it in an envelope and give it in at church or through the parish house, 40 Village Street, together with your mass offering.

Rev. Fr. Ephraim and supporters – Progress Report

Having successfully established the 20 bed hospital at Umunumo, initially for maternity care and now also caring for others too, Fr Ephraim and his team and supporters took on a new health care challenge. A 60 bed hospital building and living facilities had been built at Obowo, a distance from Umunumo. However, it had not been occupied because there had been no state or national support following its building. Because of the work at Umunumo which was seen to be going well, they were invited to take over this larger building also, and get it up and running. This has been achieved and in addition it was decided to set up a small training college in the upper part of the hospital After much effort it is now running with 20 students of various needs of nursing. (For pictures of the hospital, college please see the display placed in the church covered way this week).
A library for the students has been opened with a number of books donated. However many more are needed and funds are stretched to the limit for teaching and other needs (catering etc.). If you wish to give a donation, however small, see the bank details on the display. Also, if you have any books to donate in the following categories please bring them to us.
Once again, sincere thanks to so many who have supported Fr Ephraim's great efforts over the years

Donation of book needs for Cocotech's Charity.
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