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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

34th WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 23 Nov	5.30 pm	SG	Sp. Int. Pamela Besong for examination success.
Sun 24 Nov	9.30 am	SG	Dec. members of the Toryusen family.
	11.15 am	HS	People of the parish.
Mon 25 Nov	9.30 am	SG	Hilary Crosbie RIP .
Tues 26 Nov	9.30 am	SG	For Michael Swingler, seriously ill in Intensive Care, Jimmy's son.
Wed 27 Nov	9.30 am	SG	Sr Marion Finnegan RIP (Anniv.)
Thu 28 Nov	9.30 am	SG	For Holy Souls in Purgatory and deceased members of the friends of suffering souls.
Fri 29 Nov	9.30 am	SG	For all who are not well in St George's and English Martyrs and Holy Spirit.
Sat 30 Nov	9.30 am	SG	Tom & Kathleen Donnally RIP
	5.30 pm	SG	Chris Lynch RIP
Sun 01 Dec	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish.
1 st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	11.15 am	HS	Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The feast of Christ the King, is a relatively new one. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in his encyclical *Quas primas* (1925). He introduced it because he saw in the rise of secularism a denial of Christ's authority and Lordship. In many ways the Pope was a prophet who foresaw the rise of Nazism and Communism, both ideologies which resented and refuted the authority of Christ. Jesus is a King, but he is a Servant King. He turned on its head the idea of kingship because he is the Servant King, an oxymoron if ever there was one. He came to seek and save the lost and die on the cross. What earthly king would do this? An earthly king exists to be served, not to serve. Jesus said: 'the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many' (Mark 10:45). It is evident from our Gospel passage today that Pilate sensed Christ's Kingship. He said to Jesus, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'My Kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place'. Pilate said to him, 'You are a king, then!' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth' (John 18:33b, 36-37)

When the lord returns in glory he will come as King, but he came first in humility, born in a stable, riding on a donkey and dying on the cross. Although the idea of servanthood is not *a la mode* today, the truth is we are all servant of the King. Through a grace of revelation we glimpse that God the Father's plan was that we would worship the Son – the Lord of heaven and earth the King of the cosmos. When this plan was thwarted through the Fall, God did not renege on his plan but sent the Son to redeem us. We identify power, authority and dominion in terms of lording it over others, but in God's mind kingship is rooted in divine humble service and love. Human kings have come and gone in history whereas Jesus Christ is King yesterday, today and forever.

Every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of heaven and earth to the glory of God the Father.

HOLY SPIRIT: Every Thursday 2.45pm at Holy Spirit, Sinfin, please join the Prayer Group to pray for Divine Mercy, The Rosary and Prayers for peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin at St George's after Easter. Forms will be available before Easter from the back of Church or school. Fr. Brentnall.

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

ADORATION before the Blessed Sacrament daily before the 9.30 am Mass and then other times as announced.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 25th Nov: St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

Sat 30th Nov: St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland.

SECOND COLLECTION at all Masses this weekend at Bishop Patrick's request for Hospice support, especially keeping in mind the Church's teaching on end of life care and against euthanasia.

FROM LIVING FAITH:

Our Humble, Loving King

My kingdom does not belong to this world. John 18:33b-37

It is natural to want to be esteemed by others. It is good to want to be a great parent, a great teacher or great worker or whatever our state in life. It is a source of pride when we are named "Employee of the Month" and we see our photo on the wall. To work hard and be recognised for it is good. But today, we are asked to raise our minds higher. Everything in this world is passing away. What is of ultimate concern and everlasting is the kingdom of God. To be "Great" in that kingdom is to follow in the footsteps of the one who is truly great. Jesus' greatness was revealed in his humble, self-sacrificing love. On the Cross, Jesus shows us his greatness. Today are you being called to the greatness of a self-sacrificing love? How will you be "great" today?

THE CATHOLIC POST: Please get your FREE copy. See especially Page 12 under the heading, "How to oppose the Assisted Dying Bill" You can use the given QR code to register your opposition to the Assisted Dying Bill. The Church proclaims the sanctity of human life from conception to its natural end.

THE CATHOLIC NEWS: Please get your FREE copy. See Page 3. Under the heading "Ten Reasons to oppose assisted suicide and euthanasia" and again a QR code to register your opposition.

If you have any possessions presently stored in the church kitchen next to the sacristy, would you please remove them so redevelopment work can take place. Many thanks, Fr Brentnall.

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Christmas Fete

7th December – 12:30 onwards

Opening by:
Bishop Patrick McKinney

All Welcome