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**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025****WORLD YOUTH DAY****34th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR****OUR LORD JESUS CRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE****St GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

Sat 22 Nov	5.30 pm	Jim Murphy, 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary
Sun 23 Nov	9.30 am	Danny Reynolds RIP
Mon 24 Nov	9.30 am	Special Intention, Marian
Tues 25 Nov	9.30 am	Deceased of the Crosbie family
Wed 26 Nov	9.30 am	Baby Joseph Power and family and A.Gain, Rolsten, Gallagher & Gillen families
Thu 27 Nov	9.30 am	Deceased members of the Clayton family
Fri 28 Nov	9.30 am	Gain, Bagon and O'Neill families and Holy Souls and all
Sat 29 Nov	9.30 am	Tom and Kathleen Connally RIP
	5.30 pm	Annie Dunne RIP (anniversary time)
Sun 30 Nov	9.30 am	People of the Parish First Sunday of Advent

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:**

The Solemnity of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year, instituted in 1925 by Pius XI, against the backdrop of rising ultranationalism and the emergence of socialism and communism. Dictators reigned like quasi-emperors and demanded devotion from their subjects and ruled with iron fists. The Sanhedrin manipulated their Roman oppressor by falsely claiming that Jesus had claimed to be a secular king thereby charging him with sedition and treason. Jesus' executioners even wrote a sign above the gibbet which read, 'This is the King of the Jews'. Jesus did indeed claim to be a king but that his kingdom was not of this world.

Jesus is our King but unlike any King who has walked the earth and demanded homage. He is the Servant King, Queen Elizabeth despite her royal lineage declared Jesus as her Lord and King.

We think of Kings as capricious, unpredictable and autocratic with unlimited wealth and power. Pope Leo declared shortly after his election that he would not be autocratic but a humble servant of God's people. For every king, every emperor and every pope will bow down low before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Jesus of Nazareth, God made man.

Jesus' kingship is counter-intuitive, rooted in humility and service as the ancient Christian hymn proclaims. (Philippians 2:6-11). For Jesus was in very nature God but made himself a servant, humble unto death, death on a cross. The servant-king is an anathema, a sign of contradiction, for some scandalous and offensive.

Jesus is our King. We have no king but Jesus and we are his subjects and servants. His name is exalted above every other past, present or to come. He is King yesterday, today and forever. Come let us worship Jesus, the King of Glory.

*Every knee will bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

***Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)***  
***on Saturday 10.15-10.45 am.*****SAINTS THIS WEEK:**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Nov: St Andrew Dung-Lak and Companions, Martyrs  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Nov: St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Nov: Saturday Mass of Our Lady

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November**

For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

**NEXT SUNDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** is the First Sunday of Advent.

For World Youth Day and the jubilee of young adults and universities in the Diocese of Nottingham, Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass for young adults and all those in our diocesan university chaplaincies and CATHSOCS, at the Cathedral at 6 pm, Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**A Different Kind of King**

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.* LUKE 23:42

With Christmas on the horizon, the last thing we expect to hear in the Gospel right now is an account of Jesus's death. It's especially jarring on this Solemnity, the last of the liturgical season, honouring Christ the King.

But there's a lesson here: Our King comes to us in surprising ways in unexpected moments. He is a guest at a wedding, a visitor to a well, a traveller on a stormy sea, a criminal bleeding on a cross. And again and again, we realise: An encounter with him changes everything.

What kind of king is this?

Think of the name we will soon hear in Advent, "Emmanuel," God-with-us. He is not detached. He listens, he empathises, he forgives. Even in his final conversation on the Cross, Christ offers mercy to a man who pleads "Remember me."

Where will we encounter our King this season?

May we never tire of looking for him.

**AN INVITATION:** English Martyrs, Alvaston, St Vincent de Paul Society invite all senior citizens to Mass with Anointing of the Sick, at English Martyrs Church on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 3 pm. Mass will be followed by refreshments and entertainment in the parish hall afterwards.

If you wish to go, please put your name on the list at St George's Church.

**PARISH (FAMILY NAMES AND ADDRESSES) CENSUS**

It is quite a while since we took a parish census to be able to know our parishioners better. Also, our diocese in the aid of mission and outreach, is looking for the support of our Catholic communities. The diocese, under our Bishop Patrick wants to build up diocesan mission and outreach and needs our support. Census forms will be available from today. Please take a little time to fill one in.