

WELCOME TO THE
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory,
and he will separate men one from another.*

First Reading Ezk 34:11-12.15-17

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3.5-6

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26.28

Gospel Mt 25:31-46



KINGSHIP OF CHRIST: KINGSHIP OF CHRIST: Today's feast was established in 1925 (then on the last Sunday in October) as a way of contrasting the Christian view of society with the all-enveloping ideologies of fascism and communism that claimed too much for Caesar – a claim to control the totality of human life. All things are ultimately under the power of God. For a Christian God cannot be excluded from the 'public square'. Today the threat is not so much from totalitarian regimes as a 'dictatorship of relativism' that denies any absolute values. At one level this guarantees individual freedom but at another endangers it by dissolving the common values that hold a society together. The danger is that the freedom protected is really that of those with the loudest voice. The Church does not seek to impose her views on civil society but rather to win people over by persuasion. Christ's is a Kingship of the heart and not of this world. In the end there can be no conflict between faith and reason since God also created the human mind and the power of thought. What God reveals to us through the Scriptures and the teaching of Christ spells out more clearly what human beings can also arrive at in a general way through the power of reason reflecting on human nature (Natural Law). As Christians we must not abdicate our responsibility to shape public policy but we need to show how our values flow from what is to be fully human so that those who do not share our Faith can still accept our arguments.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Ann Ross, Rosemary Tuite, Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Angela Gummett, Minnie Pachowski, Pawel Piekieron, Susan Masters, Ernest Bell, Frances Browney, Christopher Edwards, Sr Mary Teresita OP* and *Marlene Kennedy* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY: Today is the day particularly dedicated by the Church in England and Wales to pray for and encourage our young people. Please look at www.nationallyouthsunday.org.uk for more information. Young people of all ages are warmly invited to share their views with Pope Francis in preparation for the Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment taking place in September 2018. To do this, please visit www.youth.synod2018.va where there is excellent content, and an online questionnaire – deadline for responses is November 30th 2017. For everything going on in the Diocese look at www.bcys.net where online applications for our Advent Retreat 2017 and Summer Lourdes 2018 are open.

DEANERY MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY: The annual November Mass for Deceased Clergy takes place at St James the Less Priory St Colchester this Wednesday at 10.30 a.m.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **19th November - £600.70.**