

THIS WEEKEND	Solemnity of Christ the King		Year B
Sat 20th Nov	5.00pm	St O	Pamela Makin LD, Pious List
	6.30pm	St T	Vera Conway (A) Pious List
Sun 21st Nov	8.30am	St O	Peter Fielding, Pious List
	9.30am	St T	David Ian Nicholson, Pious List Mrs J Rose (LD)
	11.00am	St MM	Anne Hardacre (A), Pious List Tim+ Lucy O'Brien Diamond Wedding (A), Jack Keegan (LD)
Divine Office Week 2			
Mon 22nd Nov	9.30am	St O	Special Intention, Pious List
Tues 23rd Nov	9.15am	St T	Vera Conway, Pious List
	9.30am	St O	Pious List
Wed 24th Nov St Andrew Dung-Lac	9.30am	St MM	Margaret Dorgu, Pious List Mark Woodward (LD)
Thu 25th Nov	9.30am	St O	Tom & Della Brighthouse, Pious List
	7.00pm	St T	Covid 19 Remembrance Mass, Pious List
Fri 26th Nov	9.15am	St T	Pious List
	9.30am	St O	Pious List
NEXT WEEKEND	First Sunday of Advent		Year C
Sat 27th Nov	5.00pm	St O	Bernadette Glenda Knights, Pious List
	6.30pm	St T	Andrew Fairbrother, Pious List
Sun 28th Nov	8:30am	St O	Jean Coupe, Pious List
	9.30am	St T	Gerard Singleton (A), Pious List
	10.30am	St O	Sacramental Programme Mass
	11.00am	St MM	Pious List, Jack Bereton (A), Yvonne + Philippa Roberts (A) Tim+ Lucy O'Brien Diamond Wedding (A), Joseph Airey Snr, Joseph Airey Jnr



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## Solemnity of Christ the King 21st November 2021

*Mine is not a kingdom of this world'*

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, brings the Church's year to a close, and calls us to celebrate again Jesus's victory over suffering and death. As servants, we offer all that we are, and invite him to reign within our hearts, so that we can play our part in bringing God's truth, love, justice and peace to the world.

Foretelling the coming of Jesus, the **First Reading** describes Daniel's vision of a 'son of man' coming on the clouds of heaven to be crowned King, with everlasting sovereignty, ruling over an empire that will never be destroyed. Such is his glory that people of all nations and languages become his servants.

The **Psalm** rejoices in the glory of the Lord – the *king with majesty enrobed*.

Through the verses, we are told of the eternal nature of the Lord's power and the trust we can place in him.

Again in the **Second Reading**, Jesus is described as *coming on the clouds* and as *ruler of the kings of the earth*. The depth of his love for us has been shown by his sacrifice on the cross, and brings us ever closer to the God *who is, who was, and who is to come*.

In the **Gospel**, we witness the scene in which Pilate asks Jesus the question, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' In his reply, Jesus speaks of a kingdom in which those who seek the truth listen to his voice and follow his ways.

This week, we ask God for the grace to open our hearts and minds to the needs of those who do not yet know his voice. We pray that by the service of our lives we will draw others to his loving embrace.

Please adhere to guidelines when entering and leaving the church.

\*Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.)

\* Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive.

\*Weddings, funerals and baptisms guests will be limited by the capacity of each building.

**Remember the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated and livestreaming Masses will continue.**

**November Pious Lists:** If you wish your deceased loved ones to be included in these Masses please take a pious list envelope, write their name(s) on a piece of paper and hand it in at Mass or post it in the presbytery letter box together with your donation.

**This weekend:** 20th/21st November there will be a second collection for Animate Youth

Thursday 25th November 7.00pm at St Teresa, Mass will be to remember those parishioners who have died since the beginning covid.

**World Youth Day, 2021:** In November 2020, Pope Francis called for a relaunch of World Youth Day (previously celebrated annually on Palm Sunday) and asked the global Catholic community to celebrate locally on the Solemnity of Christ the King, on Sunday, 21st November 2021.

It will be a day for the world to recognise and celebrate young people in our local church communities, whether that be through school, at home, or of course in church.

The additional collection today goes to support the ongoing work of youth ministry here in Liverpool, Animate. "Without the generosity of your parishioners much of the work that we do would not be possible."

"Quite a number of young people from our own Diocese have grown in their faith through the retreat programme we offer or the pilgrimages they can experience. In turn this has led some to join the community here at Lowe House and from here go on to teach in local schools, work as chaplains in different areas, and also offer themselves in discernment for Priesthood."

**St. Oswald's Blessing of Graves Service:** There will be a blessing of family graves in St. Oswald's Cemetery at 2.30pm, on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**Foodbank Request:** During November, the foodbank would like donations of, rice, tinned vegetables and corned beef. All donations gratefully received.

**St Teresa + St Mary Magdalen**—Both Piety shops have Christmas cards now on sale.

**The SVP** Rosary Group will next meet at St Mary Magdalen's church on Thursday 25th November and Thursday 16th December

**St Mary Magdalen's school** require some well washed used sardine tins to make some Christmas decorations with. If you have any please leave at St Mary Magdalen's church or school

**St Mary Magdalen's Bingo** Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

**Christmas Coffee Morning 28th November** — Any donations of Raffle prizes would be gratefully received, unwanted gifts, bottles etc. Can be left in the back of church or in the Piety shop. Sunday 28th November 10.30am—12.30pm after Mass. Pick a Bag, Win a Teddy game, Chocolate Tombola, Grand Raffle, Coffee + Mince pies, Visit Santa in his Grotto. EVERYONE WELCOME.

**SVP Christmas Hot Pot** lunch will take place on 9th December 12.30-14.30 at St Teresa's Parish Centre. We are limiting numbers to 60. If you would like to go please include your name on the list at the back of church and state if you require transport.

The SVP are also involved in the Christmas Day lunch in the Parish Centre, this is for anyone who will be alone on Christmas day. For more information contact Georgina -073377341993 or Catherine 740569.

Zoom meeting of **Churches Together in Lancashire**. This will take place at 7pm on Thursday 25th November. You are invited to register using "Eventbright." The Zoom link is [antonmuller@ctlancashire.org.uk](mailto:antonmuller@ctlancashire.org.uk)

**St. Oswald's Caritas Group** are holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on Friday 10th. December in the Church Hall, Chapel lane, from 10-00am until 12 noon. Everyone is welcome together with your friends. In addition to the coffee, tea, cakes, and mince pies there will be a raffle and plant sale. It is also an opportunity for us to listen to your comments about restarting the monthly Lunch Club in the New Year and any suggestions you have about future activities.

The Caritas Group would like to thank everyone who came with us on the Christmas Shopping Trip. It proved to be a very enjoyable trip and could well become an annual event in response to the many requests. Thank you to everyone who attended, Steve.

**Pastoral Plan:** After the meeting of Synod 2020 in June this year, work began on preparing a pastoral plan which would guide the archdiocese in the years to come based on the outcomes of the Synod. This plan will be launched next weekend. Every parishioner will get a postcard giving details of how to access the plan and an invitation to a meeting to hear about it. Copies of the plan will be available online and at Pauline Books and Media from next weekend. Please pray this week for open hearts to receive with grateful thanks the fruits of much listening, discerning and work that is Synod 2020.

To find out more, you are welcome to any of these open meetings:

Saturday 4th Dec 11.00am – 12.30pm in St Mary's Church, Leyland

Tuesday 7th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree

Thursday 9th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm on Zoom

***Thank you** for making the celebration of our diamond Wedding Anniversary so memorable. The Special Blessing—Thank you Fr Roy—the presentation of the bouquet of flowers, the best wishes of all the parishioners as well as the S.V.P, all went to make the occasion very special. Also the mass cards, other anniversary cards and various presents really added to the occasion. Thank you. Tim + Lucy O'Brien.*

#### **Prayer For the Week**

God our Father, be with us on our pilgrim journey of faith. Give us the grace and courage to step forward in faith and hope on the road ahead.

Open our eyes to see your face in all those we encounter. Open our ears to hear your voice in those who are often ignored.

Open our hearts that we might be faithful disciples of mercy and truth. Transform us. Empower us to give of ourselves to the poor; to welcome the lost; to forgive those who hurt us; to comfort those who suffer and are marginalized.

*Come Holy Spirit of Vocation, Stir within young people an awareness of God's call; reveal to us the graces of young people; guide them all, in finding their place and raising their voices to build a world of love. Amen*