

Reflection

A big thing in life is where you are from. We say 'your accent betrays you'. Sometimes we judge totally on where people are from.

Pilate was the same with Jesus. With all he knew of him and heard, the miracles and the speeches - *where are you from? Are you a king really? What sort is your kingdom?*

Pilate was intrigued always with Jesus and so are we.

Our Christian life is getting to know Jesus more, and taking part in his mission. The type of person he was. That he came from God and from humanity. He speaks of the best of God and the best of us, the best of heaven and the best of earth. He is worth our following.

Our role - vocation/called to be like him. Our mission is a calling to live like him in love and service.

There is the 'from above' in Jesus and much of John's gospel stresses the divinity of Christ. He doesn't look very divine but he does look very human. In the human is the divine. So we could be like him. We become like him by reading about his life and living like he did.

King is a strange feast....he never wanted it. But he didn't want a lot that happened to him. He took it on out of love. What sort of king do we meet?

One of truth, justice, compassion and love. The defender of the poor. The King who prays.

A good ending of one church year to begin another. King and servant. We'll see more of what it's all like in the weeks of December. Meantime we want to live in this reign of God and pray and live - *your kingdom come or maybe Your Kingship come.*



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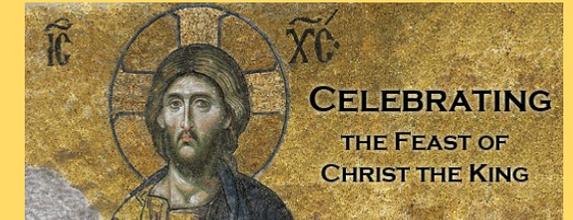
THE 34th SUN OF ORD TIME CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

Saturday 20th Nov 2021

Vigil Mass 4 pm.

Sunday 21st Nov 2021

Mass 9.30am



Saturday 20th **The 34th** **Vigil Mass 4 pm**

Sunday 21st **of Ordinary Time** **Mass 9.30 am**

Monday 22nd St. Cecelia **NO MASS**

Tuesday 23rd St. Clement **NO MASS**

Wednesday 24th St. Andrew Dung-Lac & comp M. MASS 10 am

Thursday 25th Feria **NO MASS**

Friday 26th Feria MASS 10 am

Saturday 27th Feria **NO MORNING MASS**

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) 2021

Saturday 27th November **VIGIL MASS 4 pm**

Sunday 28th November **MASS 9.30 am**



First Sunday of Advent

The sign-up lists for being on the various rotas have been in the porch for weeks before the recent closure. They will be removed after this weekend and new rotas issued beginning next week. **SO SIGN UP TODAY.**

The Archdiocese Magazine

THE SOWER will be available in Church next weekend. It is the Advent edition. This is a **free** magazine, so I encourage you all to take a copy. It is also online at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>. There is an electronic version of the publication on the Blog on our website. Our Archdiocese is large and covers a huge geographical area. The Sower is one way we keep up to date with what is happening elsewhere in the Diocese.



The Synod's overall theme is 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'. The process is one of 'journeying together' and every member of the Church is invited to speak.

All are invited to discover why Pope Francis has asked for the Synodal Pathway and how to become involved.



Canon Paul Fitzpatrick has been appointed as the Episcopal Vicar for the Pastoral Area of Coventry, Warwickshire and Oxfordshire, to strengthen pastoral life, represent the Archbishop locally and help parishes and deaneries to discern and

implement the Diocesan Vision. Canon Paul is the Chair of the Diocesan Synodal Pathway Committee. He will undertake these duties alongside his existing pastoral roles as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Henley-on-Thames, Dean of the South Oxfordshire Deanery and chair of the Care of the Clergy Committee. He is also administrator of the Johnson Association which cares for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese. "I consider the role of Episcopal Vicar to be a great privilege," he said. "It is wonderful to be able to support the priests and people of this episcopal area." Canon Paul is also the Chair of the Council of Priests

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION : NEXT weekend available before & AFTER Vigil Mass. Usually Fr. Paul will hear confessions on Saturday morning between 11.30 and 12 noon Also Before Vigil Mass from 4 pm. Just arrive prepared.

Chinthowa Development Trust *Our Christmas Gift Card Appeal.*

This will be our only fund raising event this year, sadly we were unable to have our Coffee Mornings and Sales. We have missed seeing our sponsors and supporters.

We have a friend who makes the Christmas cards and they are really beautiful. This year most of the cards are to raise money for mosquito nets for the really poor families of the village. In the past we have lost a few children to malaria.

We ask for a minimum of £5 per card. Each card bought will enable us to purchase a family mosquito net! The cards contain a little certificate and you can fill in whatever you donate and send them with the greeting card.

FOR MORE DETAILS SEE SEPERATE SHEET AND WEBSITE

COMING BACK TO MASS - Those of us coming to Mass now wear masks and practice social distancing, so why not try coming back and see for yourself? You could come back in the week when masses are normally quieter. We are looking forward to seeing you.



St. Benedict's the LITTLE GEM OF ATHERSTONE.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND CHILDREN AT MASS



One of our parishioners has kindly purchased some children's illustrated Mass books for children to make use of. They are available in the porch but please do not take them away as this would mean they were not available for other children to make use of them. We

hope to begin Children's Liturgy again from the First Sunday of Advent (next week) but we need those who are teachers to care for the children, work sheets will be provided. It is also a time to remember that were going to make surer we had all returned to Church by Advent. So parents, you too, need to be bring your children tgo Mass at weekend.