

# The Little Flower Messenger

Year B – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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## Gospel: John 18:33-37

*'It is you who say that I am king'*

### Mass book (P. 160)

#### 1st Reading:

*Daniel 7:13-14*

#### Psalm 92:1-2:

*The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.*

#### 2nd Reading:

*Apocalypse 1:5-8*

#### Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!*

#### Communion Antiphon: (P. 162)

*The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

## This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, at the end of the Church's liturgical year, the readings describe the enthronement of the victorious Christ as King in Heaven in all His glory. Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 and proclaimed: "*Pax Christi in regno Christi*" (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ). Christ is the creator of the universe and our redeemer. He reigns supreme over all the nations of the world.

The title "Christ the King" has its roots both in Scripture and in the whole theology of the *Kingdom of God*. In most of the Messianic prophecies given in the Old Testament books of Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel, Christ the Messiah is represented as a King. In the New Testament in the Annunciation, recorded in Lk 1:32-33, we read: "...and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the House of Jacob for ever; and of His Kingdom there will be no end."

In fact, the *Kingdom of God* is the centre of Jesus' teaching, and the phrase "*Kingdom of God*" occurs in the Gospels 122 times, of which 90 instances are uses by Jesus. b) The Magi from the Far East came to Jerusalem and asked the question: (Mt 2:2) "*Where is the Baby born to be the King of the Jews? We saw His star... and we have come to worship Him.*" c) During the royal reception given to Jesus on Palm Sunday, the Jews shouted: (Lk 19:38) "*God bless the King, who comes in the name of the Lord.*" d) During the trial of Jesus described in today's Gospel, Pilate asked the question: "*Are you the king of the Jews?*" (Jn 18:33) Jesus replied: "*You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the Truth*" (Jn:18:37) e) The sign hung over Jesus' head on the cross read: "*Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews.*" f) Before his Ascension into Heaven, Jesus declared: "*All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me; go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations ...*" (Mt 28:18ff). g) Finally, in Matthew 25:31, we read that Christ the King will come in glory to judge us on the day of the Last Judgment.



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Jesus is however, not like any temporal King. Jesus is an all-loving King. He told us that He came not to be served but to serve and gave us the perfect example of service by the washing of the disciple's feet.

We become Jesus' followers when we recognize Jesus, present in everyone, especially the poor, the sick the outcast, and the marginalized in society and render humble and loving service to Jesus in each of them. We need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love. Jesus came to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God's love and salvation and gave us a "new commandment" of love: "*Love one another as I have loved you,*" and demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus loves each of us, unconditionally, sacrificially, and with *agape* love.

Deacon Des

### **Making an Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

### **Parish News**

**Offertory Collections to November 2021:** The below table provides the breakdown of the offertory collection figures for the year to date and a comparison to last year for information.

<b>Offertory Collections Comparison Year on Year</b>	<b>2020- 21</b>	<b>2021- 22</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>	<b>YTD 2022</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>%</b>
05-May	£2,357	£2,831	£474	20%	£2,357	£2,831	£474	20%
05-Jun	£2,170	£3,323	£1,153	53%	£4,527	£6,153	£1,627	36%
05-Jul	£1,865	£3,229	£1,364	73%	£6,392	£9,382	£2,990	47%
05-Aug	£3,498	£3,113	<b>-\$385</b>	-11%	£9,891	£12,495	£2,605	26%
05-Sep	£3,346	£2,709	<b>-\$637</b>	-19%	£13,237	£15,205	£1,968	15%
05-Oct	£3,302	£2,974	<b>-\$328</b>	-10%	£16,539	£18,179	£1,640	10%
05-Nov	£3,634	£3,181	<b>-\$453</b>	-12%	£20,173	£21,360	£1,187	6%

**Private Prayer:** The church will be open for private prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

**Rosary, Exposition of the Sacrament & Benediction:** The Friday evening sessions are now postponed over the winter months. A new date will be published as soon as it is known. Thank you.

**Baptism Course:** The next course will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and one in the New Year on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022, all at 7:00 p.m. To enrol on the course, please email the Parish Office [stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Thank you.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Catholics must approach Fr. Lee / Deacon Des, at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

**Visions Group:** We would like to invite anyone who wishes to share and grow their faith to join us every Monday from the 15<sup>th</sup> November at 3:45 p.m.

- Zoom meeting ID: 822 2687 8791 +
- Passcode: visionst.

For a direct link visit the parish website calendar or contact Isobel.



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**Inaugural lecture of the Centre for Ecclesial Ethics:** You are warmly invited to the inaugural lecture of the Centre for Ecclesial Ethics on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm on zoom, in which Professor Jim Keenan SJ will explore how an ecclesial ethics of vulnerability can offer a pathway of renewal for our Church and enable us to become the different, attentive and vulnerable Church that God calls us to be in service of a fragile world emerging from Covid. Tickets are free and bookings can be made at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/centre-for-ecclesial-ethics-inaugural-lecture-tickets-192356893647> - All are welcome and further details can be viewed at [www.mbit.cam.ac.uk](http://www.mbit.cam.ac.uk)

**The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Led by Bishop Alan, the pilgrimage will take place from Sunday 24 – Friday 29 July 2022 in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director via email [cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or by calling 07813 710070.

**Teams4U 2021:** Thank you all so much for your very generous donations to the Shoebox collection. In all St. Theresa's filled 105 boxes and they are now on their way to the poorer children of Romania and Moldova. Truly a magnificent effort. (Special thanks to those who spent so much time knitting the lovely hats, bags, purses, and teddies.) You're all Stars! And mustn't forget the Free Church for offering the Wednesday Club their Hall for filling and checking the boxes. Altogether, Churches Together in Stansted have sent out 211 shoeboxes and 16 Home boxes. The money raised from the CTS Quiz and Raffle in the Free Church Hall, raised over £500 and with other donations enough was raised to pay for the travel costs of all the boxes and to make a further donation of £350. Eileen.

**Christmas Cards & Advent Calendars:** We have a lovely selection of Christmas cards only £3 for a pack of six cards and some lovely Advent calendars for £2.50. Our Repository is open to all whenever the church is open. Pop in and take a look.

**Christmas Flower donations & volunteers:** We shall be holding a collection over the next couple of weekends for our Christmas flowers. Should you wish to donate please put your donation into an envelope marked 'Christmas Flowers' and place into the baskets when leaving the church or through the Presbytery door. If you wish the church to claim Gift Aid on your donation, please write your name and address on the envelope and 'yes to Gift Aid'. You do not need to have completed a Gift Aid declaration; you only need to be paying tax on your income. We are also looking for any volunteers who would be available to make the arrangements for our Christmas celebrations. If you can help, please speak with Fr Lee, Deacon Des or contact the Parish office. Thank you.

**Gift Aid Envelopes 2021/2022:** We still have a number of uncollected Gift Aid envelopes for the current financial year; should you wish to have them, please contact Clair in the office and she will arrange for them to be collected or delivered to you. If you are still using envelopes from a previous financial year, please collect this year's envelopes; using current envelopes avoids unnecessary processing delays. Your continued support for our Parish is appreciated; we cannot thank you enough. If you are a tax payer and are donating to the Parish without a Gift Aid declaration in place, we are unable to claim the extra 25% from the government. Should you have any questions about Gift Aid, or wish to become a contributor, please contact us via email:

[Stansted-giftaid@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:Stansted-giftaid@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or speak to Clair in the office.



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## Mass Times and Intentions

<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING – Year B</b>		
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Confessions: <b>5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.</b> Mass: <b>6:00 p.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Michael Bambridge</b> (J. Bambridge)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> November <i>Youth Day</i>	Mass: <b>8:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: <b>9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</b> Mass: <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>People of the Parish</b>  <b>The repose of the souls of the Roberts &amp; Hurley Families</b> (F. Roberts)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November <i>St Cecilia</i>	Confessions: <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Mass: <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Derek Alfred Collier R.I.P.</b> (N. Collier)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November <i>St Clement</i>	Confessions: <b>7:15 p.m.</b> Latin Mass (EF): <b>8:00 p.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Fr Gerard</b> (O.Salici)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November <i>St Andrew Dung-Lec</i>	Confessions: <b>12:00 p.m.</b> Mass: <b>12:30 p.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Mrs Margaret Aldridge R.I.P.</b> (T. Aldridge)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Confessions: <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Mass: <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Holy Souls</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Confessions: <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Mass: <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Gerard &amp; Elsa Braekman R.I.P.</b> (The Braekman family)
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Year C</b>		
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Confessions: <b>5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.</b> Mass: <b>6:00 p.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Peter Bennett R.I.P.</b> (Bennett & Dalzell Families)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Mass: <b>8:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: <b>9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</b> Mass: <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>People of the Parish</b>  <b>William Shevlane R.I.P</b> (M. Michelson)



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