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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 92(93):1-2,5

R: *The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 20/11/21	12:30 CTK	Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe	Thanksgiving (C Etta)	
	18:00 OLAM		John Roche (RIP)	
Sun 21/11/21	10:00 CTK†		Beck & Mary Harrison (RIP)	
	11:30 OLAM		Jim Lynch (RIP)	
Mon 22/11/21	08:00 Con		St Cecilia, Mem	Mark Cunningham
	09:30 Mon			Teresa W. (Birthday)
	12:00 CTK	Sr Veronica Walsh		
Tue 23/11/21	09:30 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 34	Thanksgiving (St Anthony)	
	12:00 CTK		Funeral Service - Irene Gloster	
Wed 24/11/21	08:00 Con	St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Mem	Janina Mikula	
	09:30 Mon		Krystyna Mikula Deegan	
Thu 25/11/21	09:30 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 34	Fr Apolinary Zawistocki (RIP)	
	10:30 OLAM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES	
	12:00 CTK		Kitty Byrne (Recovery)	
Fri 26/11/21	09:00 CTK	Feria in OT – Wk 34	Fr James Ward (RIP)	
	10:15 Mon		Private Intention	
Sat 27/11/21	10:00 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 34	Eugeniusz Mikula (RIP)	
	12:30 CTK		Paddy Fahey (RIP)	
	18:00 OLAM		Vera Whelan	
Sun 28/11/21	10:00 CTK	1st Sunday of Advent	Desmond, Rose and Paul Byrne (RIP)	
	11:30 OLAM		Anthony McAndrew (RIP)	

RIP: Please pray for Kenneth Joseph Griffiths, Irene Gloster, Marie Anne McCartan, Merline Speid, and Phelim Rowland. May they rest in peace.

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the church of Our Lady of the Assumption every Tuesday at 7:00pm.

Rosary Group: meeting every Wednesday in Christ the King Church at 3:30pm.

Walk with Me booklet is available after this weekend's masses for anybody who would like to use it for their preparation of Christmas.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Sheila Ferns, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Doreen Lakin, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Deacon Jack, Daniel Kelly, Sean Butler, Sr Marie, Patricia Nash, Vanda Strlikovska-Czeczko, Alberto Bolongaro, Mandy Hawkes, Arjun Paul, Teresa Webb, Mary Hickey.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us the wisdom to appreciate your Son's self-gift in the Eucharist, so that although we cannot now be at mass to receive this gift sacramentally we may still be able to receive him spiritually. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come into full communion with you and with all that belong to you. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reflection (<https://goodnews.ie/calendar.shtml>)

The gospels tell us that "the kingdom of God is among you" (Luke 17:21). They also say that it is still to come: in the Our Father we say "May your kingdom come!" (Matthew 6:10).

The kingdom of God is already here in the sense that Jesus lives within and among us now. But we know also that his presence is obscured by the continued presence of evil in the world. Individuals and institutions are very far from being aligned on the will of God, and so the kingdom is incomplete. St Paul imagines Christ eventually handing over a perfect kingdom to God his Father (1 Cor. 15:24), but since it is not yet perfect, his ultimate triumph is delayed. Origen (born in 185 A.D.) wrote the following: "Christ said, 'I will not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father' (Matthew 26:29). For as long as we fail to rise to his level he cannot drink this wine all alone.... We delay his joy. Until I hand over my life to the Father his life is not fully handed over. Without you he cannot receive his full glory. Without you: that is, without his people, who are his body and his limbs."

We are more inclined to think of the kingdom as still to come: a region beyond the grave. This is reinforced by the phrase 'kingdom of heaven.' The situation is even worse in some other languages, such as French and German, where the one word means 'sky' and 'heaven'. We are tempted to think of God's kingdom as up there somewhere. That phrase 'kingdom of heaven' comes from Matthew's gospel; the other gospels say 'kingdom of God.' Matthew was writing specifically for Jews, and Jews did not like to use the name 'God', out of respect. Instead, Matthew wrote 'kingdom of heaven'. But this should not suggest to us that it is somewhere above the clouds. Christ wants to be king here, not king of the clouds.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Envelopes	£ 132.00
Loose	£ 318.55
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 657.24

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 144.95
Loose	£ 83.36
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 261.77

Second Collection this week for Catholic Youth Services

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers who started serving before the pandemic and would like to serve again please contact Andrew Leadbetter on ctkliturg@outlook.com

Blessing of Graves: Witton: 28th Nov 14:30.

Dates for your diary: Parish Visit to Oscott College: on Sunday 13th February afternoon, from 3:00pm – 7:15pm.

Christmas Cards and Calendars are available in Piety Stall of both churches. Please do take a look.

Monthly Community Meal (Funded by Aylesbury Surgery) in St John's Centre on Sunday 28th Nov 21. Please book in with Sandra on 07985607091.

Free Community Christmas Eve Meal in place of Christmas Day Meal, offered by New Heights to Kingstanding residents. Spaces are limited and meals must be booked in advance. All bookings must be made by Fri 10th Dec 2021 by phoning 07555 496 614 or emailing enquiries@new-heights.org.uk

Quarterly days for re-sourcing and refreshing ministers of the Word and Holy Communion:

- 5th March (Saturday after Ash Wednesday)
- 4th June (Saturday before Pentecost)
- 10th September (Saturday, one week into the new school year)
- 3rd November (Saturday before the 1st Sunday of Advent)

The day would begin at 10am and finish by 3pm.

All of the resources used at the recent ministers' days have been put online and can be freely shared.

- Ministers of Holy Communion resources at <https://catholicprayersblog.wordpress.com/2021/11/03/resources-for-ministers-of-holy-communion/>
- Ministers of the word resources at : <https://catholicprayersblog.wordpress.com/2021/10/09/resources-for-readers/>

Certificate of Catholic Practice: required by oversubscribed Catholic Secondary Schools can only be signed by Fr The-Quang for those children who have been attending mass with their families in the parish church at weekends and on holydays of obligation over the five years prior to the application to the school. If you intend to ask Fr The-Quang to sign one please make sure that your child sign the attendance book from year 1.