



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS,
NORTH HILLINGDON UB10 9BT

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~SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY~

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THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
(YEAR B)

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21 NOVEMBER 2021

Welcome to All Saints' on this final Sunday of the Church's Year. As we continue on our way through this time of pandemic, please take care by:

- a) *Maintaining at least some degree of **social-distancing** both inside and outside All Saints'.*
- b) *Leaving a gap between your nearest neighbour by sitting on your own or with members of your household/bubble.*
- c) *Singing 'carefully', that is in a normal conversational tone, not in a loud voice.*

If you wish to wear a face-covering in church, we are all entirely happy with that decision.

Reflection for this Sunday: Every time we complete the cycle of the Church's year (as we do this morning), there is a seamless blending into the new one: so, just as this week we hear of the King who is to come, next week, we begin a New Year and the Season of Advent by more meditation on the end of time and the One who is to come again, as he once came among us. This Solemnity affirms that Christ is King, that he is Judge, that he is Ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. By his own words, we know that this is true, as he stands before Pilate and says, 'Yes, I am a king.' But his kingship is different: it is not of the same kind as earthly kings, whose empires fade and pass away. His kingship is eternal and holy until the end of time. Through his love for us, we share in this sovereignty, this holiness, as priests and kings who serve his God and Father. We end our year in simple, awe-filled praise of the One who is, who was, and who is to come, namely the Almighty. Alleluia! Amen!

Please remember: *For your sake (and all our sakes), you must not come (in)to church*, if you have (or have had within the last ten days) any symptoms of **COVID-19** or if you have been exposed (or think you may have been exposed) to **COVID-19** within the last ten days, even if you have no symptoms.

HYMNS TO-DAY AT 10 O'CLOCK (NEH)

- 1. Processional: 345
- 2. Offertory: 114
- 3. Communion: 280 (Omit **vv.)
- 4. Communion: 282
- 5. Recessional: 457



Introit: The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour: to him be glory and power for ever.

Collect: Let us pray (*that all mankind will acclaim Jesus as Lord*): Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. May all in heaven and earth acclaim

your glory and never cease to praise you. We ask this though our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

TO-DAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

A reading from the Prophet Daniel (7.13-14): *His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.*

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty, which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The response in the Psalm (92/93: 1-2 & 5): The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse (1:5-8): *Ruler of the kings of the earth, he made us a line of kings and priests to serve his God.*

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he, who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'

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!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (18:33-37): *It is you who say that I am a king.*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for



**JESUS
CHRIST**
KING of kings
**LORD
of lords**

this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

AT THE BIDDING PRAYERS

Intercessor: Lord, your kingdom come:

All: your will be done.

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

We pray for our parish and its needs; for local young people; for our church musicians; for office workers hereabouts; for parishioners recently bereaved; for a good appointment to the See of Willesden.

We commend to God our Father:

those who are presently ill, in trouble or in any kind of need, especially: Mike Allen, Helen Dey, Janet Keal (*former Churchwarden*), Mike & Evelyn Kirby, Hope Mattheson, Brian Measures, Hazel Parris, Helen Parris, Steven Patrick, Pat Szymanski, Irene Wilkinson.

the recently departed: Evie Hoskins, Bee Rowley.

those whose anniversary falls at about this time: John Baulch (*priest*), Eileen Cox, Maisie Gibson, Kathleen Lattibeaudiere, Arthur Rackham, Albert Tullet, Edith Wasley, Colin Watson, Joanne Watson. **May they rest in peace and rise in glory!**

We commend all that we have just prayed for, our families, our friends and those we love to the intercession of Mary (*Mother of Jesus*), S Joseph (*her spouse*), S Cecilia, S Catherine (*of Alexandria*), the Martyrs of Vietnam and all the saints: **Hail Mary...**

FATHER DESMOND'S NOTES THIS WEEK

1. Many thanks indeed to all who contributed in any way to yesterday's Christmas Bazaar here. We look forward to learning soon how much money was raised for parish funds.



2. Many thanks for **volunteering** to help with the cleaning which still needs to be done at the end of our time together in church.

3. Don't forget that **you are definitely invited** to the Hall for refreshment and a chat after today's 10 o'clock Parish Eucharist. It would be good to see you.



4. **The Eucharist at ASH this week**

- Wednesday, 24/11; 1000: *The Martyrs of Vietnam, +1749-1862*
- Saturday, 27/11; 1800: Vigil Eucharist of the Sunday

5. Wednesday, 24/11: 1930: **Remembrance Service** (*of readings and music*) before Christmas for all who have been bereaved over the last year (in conjunction with *Haven*

Undertakers and the Centre of Hope). All are very welcome.

6. Thursday, 25/11; 2000: Members of the *After 8 Club* meet in church.

7. **Next Sunday, 28/11: Advent Sunday**

- 0800: Said Eucharist
- 1000: Parish Eucharist

8. I plan to return to our having a Sunday Readers' List by Advent I on 28/11. Please look out for it.

9. **Two** important matters arising from our PCC Meeting on 16 November:

- Having reviewed our financial position so far this year and taken proper advice, the PCC has put in (to the Diocese of London) a Common Fund bid of **£44,700** for 2022. This corresponds to the present level of Common Fund we are paying, but represents only 79% of the direct ministry costs of £56,550 in 2022. Until this year, this parish had regularly paid the direct ministry costs.*
- Since we are not yet clear of the pandemic, it seems prudent to ask once again this year that those attending Midnight Mass at 2300 on Christmas Eve should book their place in advance. We are also planning to hold our Christingle Service at 1700 on Christmas Eve, though we shall ask those planning to attend to book their seat. Arrangements for 'on-line' booking are currently being set up. Those not 'on line' will be able to book their place(s) in church. **Please note** that worshippers at the Carol Service (1700 on 19/12), the First Mass of Christmas (1200 on 24/12) and the Mass of Christmas Day (1000 on 25/12) will **not** need to book places in advance.*

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