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Christ the King – Year B

The Feast of Christ the King is one of the most significant celebrations in the Catholic liturgical calendar, established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to emphasize that Christ is the King of the Church and the entire universe. Originally celebrated in March, it was later moved to the end of the liturgical year to highlight Christ as the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end of history. This day underscores the eschatological nature of Christ's Kingdom, which, while inaugurated with His coming 2,000 years ago, will reach its fullness at the Parousia, when Christ returns in glory.

Christ's Kingdom, as described by Jesus in the parables of Matthew 13, is like a mustard seed that grows discreetly but effectively, leaven that transforms the whole dough, or a treasure that surpasses all earthly riches. These images demonstrate that the Kingdom of God is a call to seek and live it, recognizing its incomparable value. The feast also invites us to allow Christ to reign in our hearts, homes, communities, and society, building a world of love, justice, and peace from now on.

Christ's Kingdom is not of this world, as Jesus clarified to Pilate: it is not based on earthly power but on truth, love, and reconciliation. It is a Kingdom of salvation that confronts the lies of sin and restores humanity to communion with God. This mission was fulfilled when Jesus, the Lamb of God, sacrificed Himself on the cross, overcoming sin and death.

The celebration of Christ the King not only proclaims Christ's sovereignty but also calls the faithful to know, love, and imitate Jesus to live the Kingdom of God authentically. Knowing Him involves reading the Gospel, prayer, and experiencing the sacraments, which open the heart to Christ's love. This spontaneous love leads to imitation, adopting His way of thinking, feeling, and acting, and experiencing the presence of His Kingdom in our lives.

Apostolic commitment is the culmination of this process: extending Christ's Kingdom through concrete actions that promote love, peace, and justice. This testimony is essential to the Church's mission, which not only journeys toward the Heavenly Kingdom but already represents it in the world through the sacraments and prayer. Christ Himself, present in the Holy Eucharist, gives strength and grace to the faithful for this transformative mission.

This celebration serves as a reminder of our calling to follow their example by announcing the truth and reconciliation that Jesus embodies. Ultimately, the Kingdom of God, begun on earth, will culminate in eternity when Christ, the King of Kings, gathers all humanity into His eternal love.

LONG LIVE CHRIST THE KING!

We welcome to our parish the Franciscan friars of the Renewal who this Saturday will lead the parish day of recollection and will celebrate and preach at all the Holy Masses in this solemnity Christ the King of the Universe.

Fr Barto



Baptism of infants & RCIA Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

Confession is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday), on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday before the Holy Masses. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

Marriages We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

Weekday Morning Prayer

Psalter Week 2

Lectionary

Sundays Year B: week 34 Ordinary Time

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Teresa McGilloway who died on Wednesday 20 November. Please remember her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

ADVENT PROJECT

The collection during Advent using the **red fire extinguisher** will be for the causes supported by the Friars.

RETIRING COLLECTION - THIS SUNDAY

This will be for the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. If you are a tax payer please use the Gift Aid forms at the back of Church for your donations.

RETIRING COLLECTION – NEXT SUNDAY

Will be for WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY - a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Find out more at www.bcys.net, searching @brentwoodcys or if you are able to donate online, please visit www.bcys.net/donate.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



for Primary School children Sunday 1 December from 2-4pm. Please use this QR code to book. **Closing date 24 November. Cost £6. Cash not accepted on the day.**

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

For new and existing servers on 15 December at 4pm in Church.

FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Many thanks to parishioners and volunteers who supported the bazaar. Thank you to Tina and family who worked so hard to make it a great success. £1,474 was raised for the Church & Hall maintenance fund.

CONTACTLESS MACHINE

From this weekend you will be able to donate your weekly offertory using your bank card. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer.

BAPTISM COURSE

Last session at 6pm Tuesday, November 26 Nov. in the presbytery (7 Grove Crescent).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next session is on **Sunday 24 November** in the hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER SPONSORS

11 sponsors needed to pray for the 11 children making their First Holy Communion next year. Please contact Joanna on 07852 923376 if you would like to be a prayer sponsor.

JOURNEY OF FAITH (RCIA)

The course continues on Tuesday 26 November with Holy Mass at 7pm finishing at 9pm at St Anne Line. Please email the parish office or Rev. Alan at alanmair@brcdt.org.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

On Tuesday 26 November in the parish hall after the 7pm mass. All are welcome to come and explore.

CCP and APPLICATIONS PROCESS – NURSERY & PRIMARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

A Certificate for Catholic Practice can only be issued for a family when the priest has evidence that **they attend Mass on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation**. Fortnightly or monthly attendance does not constitute the practice required by the Church's Code of Canon Law.

Hand in or post the following to the presbytery in a sealed envelope by **Sunday 8 December**.

- Completed initial CCP Information form to be collected this weekend from the porch
- A copy of your child's Baptism Certificate
- Completed CCP form (the information about your child), printed from

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Certificate-of-Catholic-Practice.pdf>

- Make an appointment with the office by email to see Fr Barto to collect the CCP on **Tuesday 17 December** between 4pm and 6pm.

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided as you leave Church.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 8 December at 4:30pm –at St Thomas of Canterbury, High Road, Woodford Wells, IG8 0SG.

LOYOLA BOYS SCHOOL CHOIR

Will be singing here on Friday 6 December at 7.30pm. All proceeds in aid of the Diocesan Lourdes 2025 pilgrimage. £10 per ticket. From: https://www.justgiving.com/page/aine-wood-1732115042057?utm_term=bAVvqvxxvX

SACRED HEART NOVENA

First Friday Novena on **6 Dec** starts at 8.45am with Confession and Adoration. This is on every first Friday of the month until the feast of the Sacred Heart in June 2025.

SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

First Saturday devotion continues on **Sat 7 Dec** until 7 June 2025 starts from 5:30pm with Adoration, Confession, praying the Rosary,

followed by the 6:30pm Mass. During this time you can also have the special presence of the statue of Our Lady in your home. Each Sunday, the statue will be passed to a new household. If you would like to welcome Our Lady into your home, please sign up **for January to March 2025** at the back of the church.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club Next meeting will be on Wednesday 4 December at 2pm in the hall.

Christmas Coffee morning Sunday 8 December.

Christmas Nativity on 21 December at 3pm.

Table tennis. On Fridays 3-5pm in the hall. Contact Liz on 07403

CHRISTIAN MEDIATION

On Tuesday 26th November in the parish hall after the 7pm mass. All are welcome to come and explore.

WORD ON FIRE UK CONFERENCE

Join Bishop Robert Barron and thousands of other Catholics from across the UK for Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible. Date: Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd February 2025. Location: Excel Centre, East London. Speakers Include: Bishop Robert Barron, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland and more. To register, please visit: <https://events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event>

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/safeguarding/>

PARISH WEBSITE

Our website menu contains the following headers - About Us, Faith in Action, Parish News, Partners, Prayer, Sacraments, Youth, Children's Nativity Play. We have now set up our new Privacy and Cookies policy.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

(To be left on the table by the organ loft)

- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
- Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
- Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
- Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.

Please also check the notice boards in the porch for other news and information.

Mass Intentions 23rd November – 1st December

Mass on Monday is celebrated privately. Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is at 9am from Wednesday to Saturday. Rosary will be prayed after morning Mass from Wednesday to Saturday.

Saturday 9.30am Dec'd Keating/Colleran families
Vigil Mass 6.30pm Franciscan Friars of the Renewal Ints

Christ the King

Sunday 24th 9.30am People of the Parish
11am Therese Burke (anniv)
12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday Holy Souls

Tuesday **7pm** David Hocking (anniv)

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Souls

Thursday 9.30am Raul Hermoza RIP

Friday 9.30am Bob & Anne Power RIP

Saturday 9.30am Fr Barto Ints

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Pat Burton (1st anniv)

1st Sunday Advent

Sunday 1st 9.30am Owen Branley RIP
11am People of the Parish
12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Intention for the week: - "As we contemplate the kingship of Christ, we ask that He rule each of our hearts. In particular, we pray that He guides the hearts of MPs to vote against the assisted suicide Bill this Friday. Lord hear us".

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 25 Nov – 1 Dec

CX Gomes, Miss Racine, Fr Ned Power, Christina O'Donnell, Katherin Canavan, Mr Godkin, Patrick Lam, Beatrix Bird, William Clooney, Peter Shearing, Eamonn Farrell, Annie Piper, Matilda McArdie, Constance Baker, Mr Dodds & Mary Farnham. Ernest Goldingay, Mary Finch, Mrs J O'Shea, Mr A Hassell, Mrs Lawrence and Daniel Donovan.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 245.

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LISTEN TO GOD- Lectio Divina

In the parish hall after Friday morning mass we will be praying Lectio Divina. See our website for details or just come along to find out more. <https://saintanneline.com/parish-news/lectio-divina/>

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

SVP SUPPORT

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could benefit from support from the SVP please contact the Parish Office (in strict confidence)

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on Monday afternoons, Wednesday and Friday mornings.