

### **Austin O.F.M.**

The King will not pronounce judgment against us because we have failed the hungry, the thirsty, the lonely and the naked; he will pronounce us guilty because we have failed him! “they were hungry” but “I” was hungry!

In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me—not to one of the least of these “subjects” of mine but to the least of these “brethren” of mine—not “you did it for me” but “you did it to me”. It’s beginning to look as though we might need to radically rethink our understanding of Christ as Universal King.

Jesus Christ is not just Lord, or King, he is our Lord, our King; he leads us from within ourselves; he is truly among us. We have been transformed into him, without ceasing to be ourselves—that is why we must love one another...because it is the way he loves us.

### **CHAPTER RESULTS**

Guardian Fr. Donal Walsh  
Vicar Fr. Antoine Baya  
Parish Priest Fr. Michael O’Kane  
Fr. Ignatius Kelly  
Fr. Quentin Jackson  
Bro. Malachy Seymour  
Custos: Fr. Patrick Lonsdale  
Bro. Raymond Hynes

### **DEPARTURES**

Fr. Austin to Canterbury  
Fr. Brian to Craigmillar (Edinburgh)  
Fr. Michael Copps to Stratford

**Effective by the end of January 2015**

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Sat. 29th November 1pm**

Please support the Fayre by coming along on the day. Father Christmas will be in attendance for the day. We are looking for donations of toys and childrens’ books in good condition, costume jewellery, toiletries and unwanted gifts. Also donations of Christmas cakes and puddings, homemade or shop bought, for the tombola.

### **HOME PRODUCE STALL**

Mary Charter and Catherine Bissmire would welcome donations on the day of jam, chutney, breads, pickled onions etc. ‘Phone Mary 020 8504 3798, Catherine 020 8559 0281 if you need collection. Please leave any items of value with the Parish Office. We thank you in advance for your continued support. Also, any interested stallholders and helpers please contact Jackie on 0208 506 1799/07952077546.

### **JEWELLERY STALL**

We are in urgent need of costume jewellery. Please bring it in to the parish office a.s.a.p. Grateful thanks.

### **CWL**

Would be grateful to receive cakes, scones, etc., for sale at the Christmas Fayre. Please bring on the morning of the Fayre to Trinity Hall.

### **RAFFLE PRIZES**

Urgently required. Please bring to the parish office.

### **ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP**

Come along on Thurs. 27th Nov. at 7.30pm to the Becket Centre, to create and make a wreath which will be sold at the Christmas Fayre. Bring a large bag of green foliage. All proceeds to the church.

### **WELCOME**

We welcome into the parish community Charlotte Olivia Brown, Teddy Garvey, Sofia Icilda Fernandes Lyttle and Brendan Patrick Joyce who were baptised in St. Thomas’ last weekend.

### **A BIG THANKS**

Pat Angelo would like to thank everyone who helped her collect items for the Christmas Shoe Boxes which will be sent to children in Iraq.

### **SOUP RUN**

We are up London again next Wednesday night and would be grateful to receive sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, sweets, toiletries and warm men’s clothing. Items can be left in the parish office or in the Becket Centre on Wed. between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

We urgently need tins of tuna, soup, beans etc., for people who find themselves unable to survive on their current income.

A big thank you for the anonymous donation and for all the parishioners’ continuous support.

### **NOVEMBER DEAD LIST**

Please take an envelope from the back of the church and return it with the names of your loved ones. Mass will be said each day during the month of November.

### **IN CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP ALAN**

Thursday, 18th December 7.30pm—10.00pm at Cathedral House, Conference Room Brentwood. Open to everyone aged 17-35 especially those discerning a vocation to Priesthood and the Religious Life. Evening includes fish & chip supper and is free. Please register by emailing [frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org](mailto:frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org) or calling Fr. Dominic, Vocations Director on 01268 281732

### **WANTED**

A qualified nurse to assist a HCPT group taking some lovely children with special needs to Lourdes next Easter 4– 11th April 2015. You will work as part of an experienced team to make the week a very special and enjoyable trip for everyone involved. Specifically, you will look after the daily medical needs of some of the children.

This fantastic and rewarding week involving trips to the beach, donkey riding in the mountains as well as involvement in Masses, celebrations and parties. The rest of the team is made up of a mix of students and police officers (so a good sense of humour is necessary!!) This trip can only be made possible with the support of a nurse. HCPT Group 124 will fundraise to pay part of your fare. If you or anyone you know may be interested or wants more details please do not hesitate to call me on [fionamccormack@yahoo.com](mailto:fionamccormack@yahoo.com) 07766 750833/ The website for HCPT is [www.hcpt.org.uk](http://www.hcpt.org.uk).

### **URGENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Repository urgently needs volunteers for the 6pm Mass and Sunday after 8.30am, 10.00am and 11.30am Mass. Please leave your details with the parish office if you are interested in joining a rota.

If you no longer are a volunteer for the repository, please return the keys to the parish office.

Christmas cards, 2015 Church Calendars, Advent Calendars and Advent candles are now available from the Repository.

### **FR. AUSTIN’S TALKS**

Commencing on Wed. 3rd Dec., Fr. Austin will be giving a talk at 7.30pm in the Becket Centre and on the following Wednesdays during Advent.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Sick:-** Sheila Abrams-Batley, Benjamin & Teresa Bonaventhor, Portia Brighten, Angela & Kerry Bromfield, Julia Croft, Irene & Carter de Freitas, Don Dourado, Ros Drew, Joan Farrelly, Ray Finney, Fr Jim Fitzpatrick, Fr. Tommy Flynn, Judy Gilmartin, Joan Green, Pat Greene, Stephen Gunn, Doris Harriss, Christine Hewstone, Rowland Hill, Phyllis Kelly, Sadie Kelly, Fr. Austin Kinsella, Della Kerr, Roger Machin, Lisa Maguire, Mary McKay, John Meneghan, Jutta Menzies, Kay Meyler, Harry Moody, Patrick Moran, Miriam Mullally, Fr Con O'Connell OFM, Mary O'Donnell, Gary Peile, Anneli Prowse, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Jacky Rott, Debbie Smythe, Joan Steadman, Bert Suffield, Sr. Tian (Cold Ash), Teresa Warnock, Claire & Lauren, Kian Wright.

*and for all the sick and housebound of the parish.*

**Lately Dead.:** Phillip Ashley, Frank Corbitt-McKenzie, Maureen Nonden (Kay Prendergast's Mother), Walter Pert, Mrs Ward Horner.

**Anniv:** Martin Kivineen, Sonia Valentine Malone

Maureen Nonden's Requiem will take place on Tues. 25th November at 10am in St. Thomas'. **May she rest in peace.**

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Thursday 9am 27th November Pat Bell, Lisa Ford, Amanda Rae, Melanie Miller, Emily Hannon, Stella Izu.

### **TUESDAY CLUB**

Very much looking forward to the entertaining Loughton Ladies Choir at 2pm on 25th November. They are always raring to go so, if possible, please arrive in good time (or creep through the kitchen). Please bring your menu and details of any more friends you would like to bring to our Christmas lunch on the 9th December.

### **CLASSES**

Beginners cake making classes £25/day also Jewellery making classes for beginners £20/day. Contact 07475336769.

### **DURUFLE REQUIEM**

South West Essex Choir Sat. 6th December 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Inmans Row, Woodford Green. Tickets £13, £11 concessions in advance. Contact 020 8554 2830 or www.southwestessexchoir.org.uk

### **ACROSS**

Trip to Lourdes on 9th April 2015. If you know of anyone sick, disabled and terminally ill who would benefit from the pilgrimage to Lourdes, please take an application form from the back of the church.

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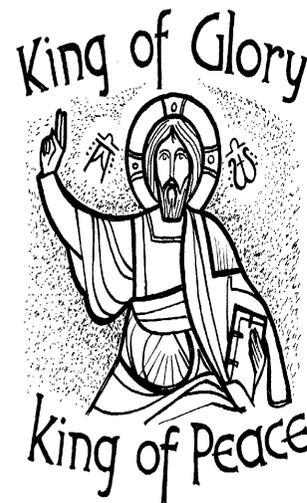
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## **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING CYCLE A**

**23RD NOVEMBER 2014**



Today we celebrate Christ as our king. We will learn about the values of love and compassion in God's kingdom and how Jesus judges his followers.

### **First Reading (Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17)**

Today's reading follows the prophet's stinging words of indictment against the leaders of Israel who had failed in their responsibility for God's people. These leaders were focused on their own political agenda and personal gain; in contrast is a good shepherd.

### **Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28)**

Paul presents a powerful picture of Christ as Lord. Christ is presented as the ruler to whom every other power and authority must eventually give way.

### **Gospel (Matthew 25:31-46)**

A description of the last judgement where God's people are judged according to how well they followed Christ in demonstrating compassion and love in their lives.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
The Lord is my shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want**

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

#### **St. Thomas'**

1st Mass Sat. 6pm; 8.30am;  
10am (Children's Liturgy)

11.30am

#### **Chigwell Convent**

10am

#### **St. James URC**

(Buckhurst Hill)

9am (Children's Liturgy)

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

#### **St. Thomas'**

10am

#### **Chigwell Convent**

9.30am

Saturday 10am

(1st Weds of the month)

No morning Mass

#### **Trinity High School**

8.20am on Lower Site.

### **SATURDAY**

#### **CONFESSIONS**

##### **St. Thomas'**

10.30am—11.30am

5.00pm—5.45pm

##### **Chigwell Convent**

After 10am Mass

#### **BAPTISMS**

1st and 3rd Sundays

Of the month