

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

We pray for Patrick Kelly, Mary Kenny, Jerzy Danilenko, Cyril Smith and Kathleen Bernard who have died recently and remember also David Mahony, Emmanuel Ayanru,, Kenneth Lettman, Emmanuel Ayanru, Thomas Ajayi, Jaime Villaquiran and all the faithful departed.

May they rest in peace.

OUR SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sat 21st	10.00 am	The Sick and the Housebound
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5.30 pm	Kenneth Lettman (RIP - anniv)
Sun 22nd	9.00 am	Pro Populo
OUR LORD	10.30 am	David Mahony (RIP)
JESUS CHRIST	12.00 noon	Thomas Ajayi (RIP - anniv)
King of the Universe	6.00 pm	Jaime Villaquiran (RIP)
Mon 23rd	9.30 am	Mario Toma (intentions)
Tue 24th	9.30 am	Emmanuel Ayanru (RIP)
St Andrew Dung-Lac, & Comp, Martyrs		
Wed 25h	9.30 am	Persecuted Christians
'Red Wednesday'	10.45 am	Funeral - Patrick Kelly (RIP)
Thu 26th	9.30 am	Christine Cannon (RIP)
Fri 27th	9.30 am	Cyril Smyth (RIP)
Sat 28th	10.00 am	The Sick and the Housebound
	5.30 pm	Maria Koper (RIP - anniv)
Sun 29th	9.00 am	Dolores Arce Rebolledo, Sergio, Oscar, Umberto, Imarden & Antonio Arce (RIP)
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.30 am	Pro Populo
	12.00 noon	Jerzy Danilenko (RIP - LD)
	6.00 pm	Paul Moore (RIP)

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MASSES ARE ONLINE AT:

www.stthomasfulham.com

ALL MASSES IN NOVEMBER ARE OFFERED FOR THE HOLY SOULS



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER MONDAY- FRIDAY

FROM 10.00 - 11.00 AM AND FROM 4 - 5 PM

SATURDAY 10.30 - 11.30 AM AND 4 - 5 PM

SUNDAY 4 - 5 PM

RED WEDNESDAY

Red Wednesday is a day to gather and draw attention to the plight of those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs. Cathedrals, churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is clear that the persecution of Christians is worse today than at any time in history, not only are Christians more persecuted than any other faith group, but ever-increasing numbers are experiencing the worst forms of persecution. How do I get involved? Wear something red, or a red ribbon, on Wednesday 25 November to raise awareness of those persecuted for their faith. The morning 'red' Mass on that day will be offered for all persecuted Christians - why not join us online?

Many of you have expressed your concern with regard to the financial situation of our parish at this time. Details of our parish bank account are below should you wish to donate directly.

YOUR NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE PRESBYTERY

Finally, if you are a tax-payer and would wish your offering to be Gift Aided, please let us know and we will help to sort this out.

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Christ the King

I want to begin today by sharing a true story with you. A retired teacher decided to volunteer teaching children in hospital. She was given the name of a nine-year-old, and there was also a note saying that the boy's class was studying nouns and adverbs. The teacher headed to the hospital and was shocked to find that the boy was very badly injured. So much so that she almost turned around and went home, but she got up her courage and went inside. "Hi," she said, "I'll be your teacher while you're here. Now it's important that you learn about nouns and adverbs." And she went right into the lesson, and when she'd finished, she said she'd be back the next week, and hurried away.

A few days later the teacher received a call from the boy's mother asking if she'd be coming in that day. Thinking that she'd done a poor job and that the mother would rather he be left alone, she apologised and said that she'd understand if the boy would rather she didn't go back. "No, no," said the Mum, "You've got it all wrong. I don't know what you've said to my son, but since your visit he's been fighting really hard to get better. It seems that he's finally decided to live."

The next day, when the boy saw the teacher he said to his mum, "I know I'm going to live. After all, they wouldn't send a teacher to work on nouns and adverbs with someone who's dying, would they?"

And this brings me to today's feast, for God wouldn't send his Son into the world if we were a lost cause. He wouldn't make Him a King if that King were to have no subjects. He wouldn't allow him to die on the cross if He didn't realise that some of us would call out to him, "Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom." Prophets of doom see gloom in everything and have given up on society. But Jesus has not given up on us and He refuses to do so. He is the King who loves his subjects and loves them to death.

That's the story - now I want to talk about goals and dreams. For you see the only goal that matters, the only dream that matters is the dream of the Kingdom of God and our participation in this Kingdom. This dream includes the only real purpose for our lives, the formation of a community of God's love that makes life meaningful. All other goals and dreams are transitory and illusory. All other goals, no matter how important they may seem at the time, will pass away.

For example, some people's dreams are so caught up in work that they devote not just their careers, but their lives to forming a successful enterprise. No sacrifice is too great, no obstacle too difficult, no day too long. And then, in one of those complex City manoeuvres the company is sold to an international

conglomerate that coldly sells off the assets and lays off the workers. In the blink of an eye, the dreams of a lifetime are wiped out forever.

This last Sunday of the year challenges us to decide: What are the dreams that really matter? What are the values and principles that we are willing to fight for?

Our baptism into the life of Christ was and continues to be a bold statement to the world: Jesus is Lord and King of our lives. We dream His dreams. We share His hopes, and we believe that nothing, not even death, can steal the dream of his Kingdom from us. He's not given up His hope for us and we cannot give up our participation in His dream. The Solemnity of Christ the King is not just the conclusion of the church year, it is a summary of our lives as Christians:

His dreams are our dreams. His hope is our hope.
His present is our future.



FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Deacon Wayne writes: Dear Parents, we are currently working carefully to ensure we can offer the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in a safe and reassuring way and in line with Government guidelines. We are hoping to commence the programme as soon as possible after the current government lock-down has been lifted. If at all possible we hope to offer the programme in the traditional manner more details to follow.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

(the Feast of Christ the King)

Sunday, 22 November is a special day of prayer for young people. The theme this year is 'Together' and CYMFED has produced resources for schools, parishes, families and individuals. Resources for National Youth Sunday are available at www.nationalyouthsunday.com.

These resources may be most helpful during the current lockdown.

ST THOMAS' SCHOOL

St. Thomas' is a warm and welcoming school that offers a Catholic education to children aged 4-11. If your child is starting primary school in September 2021, our virtual open evening on Tuesday 17 November at 6:00pm, via Zoom, will give you the opportunity to meet our Heads and learn more about the school's ethos and vision. To register your interest please contact us on 0207 385 8165 or admin@stthomasrc.lbhf.sch.uk