

Sunday 23rd November 2025

Christ the King

SA: Saint Anthony's

OLR: Our Lady of Reconciliation

Saturday 22nd November	(OLR) 6pm	Eileen Mottram, Dave Mulligan, Agnes Hamlet & John McCabe & Pious Lists
Sunday 23rd November	(SA) 10.30 am	Christina Roberts, Pat Cannell, Annie Foran, Lee Seasman, Ann Marie Rothwell & Pious Lists & Paula Freeman
Monday 24th November		
Tuesday 25th November		
Wednesday 26th November	(SA) 10.00am	Chrissie Brady, Mary Corish, Janette Dooley & Pious Lists
Thursday 27th November	(OLR) 10.00am	May & Tommy Walsh, John Cassidy & Pious Lists
Friday 28th November	(SA) 10.00am	Krishna, Susan Roberts & Pious Lists
Saturday 29th November	(OLR) 6pm	Irene & Jimmy Hanratty, Mary Kearns & Pious Lists
Sunday 30th November	(SA) 10.30am	Patricia Loftus, Mary Joyce, Alec Williams & Pious Lists

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The Parish of St Sylvester

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Gospel Reflection for the Feast of Christ the King 'Christianity Rules!'

The reign of 'Christ the King' from the cross is obviously not about jewels or palaces or great treasure. So why do we refer to Jesus as King, and why do we refer to Paradise as God's kingdom? In the context of Christ we have to disassociate riches from our notions of 'king' and 'kingdom' and think in terms of leadership. Being a king is more about authority than wealth and this is why Jesus is King. We're not of course talking about Jesus having the authority to rule or dominate but the authority to demand peace, tolerance justice and sharing. Key to Jesus' authority comes in today's gospel reading where we are taught that Christian authority begins with the ability to love and to forgive. 'Love' and 'forgiveness' are words that trip off our tongues easily but might take a life time to achieve. The criminal who was crucified next to Jesus realised his mistakes just in time to find salvation, but we can't bank on leaving things this late. Jesus wants us to start realising his kingdom right here on earth and that means thinking very hard about how we love and how we forgive. To love or not to love is a decision. It's easy to love those who are attractive or who like us ... but not easy to love those who we hardly know or actively dislike or mistrust us. It's easy to imagine Judgement Day and Christ the King's Kingdom as a long way off. It's easy to think that we will start living differently tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow, but what makes us believe that we will start living our lives any differently at 95 than we did when we were 25? If Jesus had just been a very good person, we might be tempted to sit back and let him get on with things. That Jesus is a king means that we are his followers and that we are all called upon to fight his cause. Love and forgiveness takes practice starting in the here and now, starting with little acts of love and forgiveness on a daily basis. The Feast of Christ the King. It's not so much about the future than our commitment to build a culture where Christian authority rules.



Parish Collection

Thank you for your continuous generosity:

Last Weekend's collection: £742. 16

Restoration Fund: Received: £100 Running Total: £30,086

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday and Thursday this week starting at 9.30am

Archbishop John Sherringham

On Sunday 7th December we welcome Archbishop John to St Anthony's as he will be celebrating the 10.30am Mass. There will be refreshments afterwards to give an opportunity for him to meet you

North Liverpool Family of Parishes.

An afternoon of 'Advent Fun' will take place at the Irish Centre, 6 Boundary Lane, Liverpool L6 5JG on Saturday 6th December from 2pm to 4pm. There will be crafts and games, all children must be accompanied by an adult, please bring your own lunch, drinks will be provided. Please come and celebrate Advent with us.
For further information: Contact Ann on 0777883328

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions received this past week:

Stella McKinley, John Dykes, Edward Sarsfield, Helen Doyle, Elaine Bonshar, Cheryl Wright, George Knibb, Dot Tully, Johnny Francis, John Hudson, Lily O'Callaghan, Joyce McGreary, Terry Morton, Val Langeard, Colette Williams, Maureen Hindley, Joseph Farrell, Dyer Family, Paula Freeman.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

As part of the Liverpool Central Deanery, we are supporting the Cathedral Christmas Appeal for pyjamas for children and toys which are forwarded to three Women Refuge Charities that are supporting women and their children in Liverpool. You may leave the gifts at the back of church in the foodbank bin that each church has. You don't have to wrap them up as they are assessed for health and safety before they are distributed. In anticipation, thank you.

Forthcoming Funerals

A Funeral for Winnie Selkeld will take place at St Anthony's on Wednesday 26th November at 11am

A Funeral for John Dykes will take place at Our Lady's on Thursday 27th November at 11am

A Funeral for Marie Rimmer will take place at St Anthony's on Friday 28th November at 11am

A Funeral for Georgina Garvey will take place at St Anthony's on Wednesday 3rd December at 11.30am

A Funeral for Thomas McInerney will take place at St Anthony's on Tuesday 9th December at 11am

A Holy Hour for the Children of the War in Gaza and Israel

There will be an opportunity to pray for the children of Gaza and Israel.

We will host the '**REMEMBER THE CHILDREN MEMORIAL**'

The memorial is a vessel that contains the names of over 11,500 Palestinian children who have been killed in both Gaza and the West Bank, including 30 Jewish children. Sadly, there are many more names of Muslim and Christian children who have died during this conflict, their names are not available, they are represented in the empty space of the vessel as a reminder of the nameless children. It is estimated that over 20,000 children have lost their lives.

This will take place at St Anthony's on **Tuesday 25th November** between **7pm and 8pm.**

(note: Everton play away on Monday 24th; Liverpool play at home on Wednesday 26th)

St John's, Kirkdale will host the Memorial Vessel on Wednesday 3rd December between 6.30pm and 7.00pm before the final Novena Mass. This is an open invitation for all of us to pray for peace and for the repose of the souls of all who have lost their lives in warfare