

PARISH FINANCE	
Gift Aid	£ 193.46
Loose	133.11
Total	£ 326.57

THIS WEEK	
Red Bag	Counters Team 3
Blue Bag	Parish Collection
Catholic Youth Service	
NEXT WEEK	
Red Bag	Counters Team 4
Blue Bag	Parish Collection
Flowers Appeal	



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Many thanks for your contribution

Mass Attendance

Sat:67; Sun:147. Your weekly mass attendance is the greatest support to the parish.
 If you are going away on holiday please remember the parish in your prayers.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		READERS	
Sat 24 th Nov	J Poole, P Bradley	P Ball, P Ball, J Poole	
Sun 25 th Nov	A Tipper, Sr Sunniva	C Plaza, R Stedall, P Connell	
Sat 1 st Dec	I Ponce, M Eagles	P Grady, P Grady, D Butler	
Sun 2 nd Dec	A Fereday, P Connell	J George, P Brown, L Punithiraja	

Children's Liturgy Rota	
25 th November	Family Mass
2 nd December	Teresa

Children's liturgy takes place every Sunday mass during term time: it is suitable for primary school children who have not yet made their first holy communion. Children younger than 4 years old are welcome to attend, but need to be accompanied by an adult please. For safety reasons, please can any children who arrive late and wish to attend children's liturgy be accompanied down the stairs by an adult.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 5:00 - 5:30 pm.

Welcome Céad míle fáilte *Mabuhay* Vitajte
 Witajcie Swagatam Sveiki atvykę Bula *Croeso*
 Bud'te vítána *Laipni lūdza* Bienvenue *Bienvenido*
 welkom Benvenuti Isten hozta

CAFOD World Gifts: there is a bundle of World Gifts catalogue in the porch where you will find a range of virtual gifts that make a real difference to communities around the world. Those gifts are not only great gifts to give to friends and family, but also, is a way of helping the poorest members of our global family at the heart of Christmas giving.

Priest in Charge: Fr. George Ettuparayil (Rony Kurian George); Email: 8parayil@gmail.com

Parish Deacon: Rev Tony Bradshaw; Email: a.bradshaw555@ntlworld.com (Retired)

Sun 25th November 2018 – Christ the King

Mass book – p 160 Solemnity Yr B Vol 2

Saturday hymns: E:17; O:678; C:477; R:559

Sunday hymns: E:326; Gloria:406; O: 633, 90; C:20, 477;R:268.

Welcome to all new comers. If you are visitors, I hope you have a good time staying in the area. If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself to the Parish Priest after Mass and help yourself to a leaflet about the life of the parish from the porch.

Sat	24	St Andrew Dung Lac, Lk 20:27-40	Memorial	5:45pm	Michael & Bridget Malanaphy (RIP)
Sun	25	Christ the King	Solemnity	10:30am	People of the Parish
Mon	26	Lk 21:1-4		9:30am	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tue	27	Lk 21:5-11		9:30am	Fr Michael Miners Intention
Wed	28	Lk 21:12-19	(in school)	9:30am	Youth Conference
Thu	29	Lk 21:20-28		9:30am	Children's retreat
				10:00am	<i>Adoration of the B Sacrament</i>
Fri	30	St Andrew, Mt 4:18-22	Feast	9:30am	People of the Parish
Sat	1	St Edmund Campion, Lk 9:23-26	Feast	5:45pm	Norman & Lona Brougham (RIP)
Sun	2	1st Sunday of Advent	Week 1	10:30am	Celina, Rodolfo & Adelina (RIP)

Please pray for: Our sick and housebound: Mary Brougham, Malou Cea Biales, Paul Pearson, Robin Butler, Firdela Aclan, Sarah Thomas, and Colin White.

Those whose anniversaries occur during this time: Stan Weller, and Mana Chalmers.

Are you interested in contributing to the music ministry at Sunday mass? If you can sing or play an instrument please join our music group once a month on the first Sunday of the month. There will be a practice before mass at 9:45am.

Baptism Preparation: will take place on Friday 7th December at Our Lady and St Werburgh, Clayton at 7:30pm.

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14 – His sovereignty is an eternal sovereign.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8 – Rulers of the king of the earth... he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Gospel: John 18:33-37 – it is you who say that I am a king.

Sunday Commentary

In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favorable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see [John 17:6-18](#)), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.

NOTICES

Sacrament of Reconciliation: there will be a confession in our Parish on Wednesday 19th Dec from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Council Meeting: on Sunday 9th Dec provisional at 6:00pm in St Catherine Room. Parishioners are welcome to attend the said meeting.

Christmas hampers and presents for the sick and housebound: hamper list is now available at the back of Church. The presents gift tags will be available on this weekend. Please take a gift tag and return the gift with tag no later than 16th Dec. These gifts are much appreciated.

Walk With Me booklets and Advent Christmas Calendar 2018: will be available next Sunday.

Christmas Cards: Joe & Barbara Andrew will be selling charity Christmas cards before and after the Masses next weekend 1st & 2nd Dec.

Parish Christmas art competition: We will be holding a children's art competition for Christmas. There are 4 categories, with prizes for each:

Foundation stage and younger: Colour the nativity scene

Years 1 and 2 : Complete the nativity scene

Years 3 to 5 : Draw a nativity scene

Year 6 and older : Draw a nativity scene

Colouring pages can be collected at the back of church. You can use any medium you like, pencils, paint, collage etc. but it must be no bigger than A4 size. Please make sure all pictures are handed in by Sunday 23rd Dec, so that the judging can take place and that your picture has your name and school year written on the back. All entries will be displayed in church for the Christmas season and prizes will be presented after the Christmas Eve mass.

Sacramental Preparation: the Instruction for First Holy Communion will be on the following Tuesdays **27th Nov, 11th Dec 2018, 8th Jan, 22nd Jan and 5th Feb 2019**. If you cannot attend any of the sessions or have any questions please contact the Parish Catechist, Bev Alaimo on 07708575713.

The Instruction for Confirmation will be every Tuesday on **4th, 18th Dec 2018, 15th, 29th Jan and 12th Feb 2019** at 4:15pm in Priory House.

The SVP is looking for a person to take on the Executive role of Secretary which includes taking responsibility for Data Protection within the group: The present Secretary will be stepping down after Christmas so the SVP are keen to get someone in place as soon as possible. The SVP cannot function without this important role being filled. Please contact Carol Lovatt or any other member of the SVP after mass if interested.