ALL SAINTS NEVS

24th November 2024 Christ the King



The Liturgical Home: The Feast of Christ the King.

Excerpts from an article by Ashley Tumlin Wallace

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, Christians worldwide celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This relatively recent addition to the Church calendar, established in the 20th century, holds a profound purpose—to acknowledge the dominion of our king, Jesus Christ, over all of creation and every aspect of our lives.

We understand the kingship of Christ to mean that Jesus has authority over all creation. This authority is based on his identity as the Son of God and in his work of redemption. He is a king who serves, sacrifices, and redeems—a ruler who establishes a kingdom not by military might but by love, justice, and the ultimate sacrifice of himself on the cross. His resurrection is the vindication of his kingship and his ascension as his enthronement.

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The belief in Christ as King finds its roots in the Christian understanding of Jesus as the Messiah, whose reign exists as both a present reality and a future hope. In the here and now, his reign manifests in the lives of believers who seek to live under his lordship.

But the Feast of Christ the King also carries a sense of eschatological anticipation, signalling the ultimate culmination of time when the reign of Christ is fully realized. As St. Paul says in his letter to the Philippians,

God has highly exalted him and given him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. – Philippians 2:9-11

The church calendar perfectly positions the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of the liturgical year before Advent begins. We end the year triumphantly proclaiming Christ as King and start the new liturgical year earnestly waiting and praying for the ultimate triumph of Christ at the end of time.



Stir-Up Sunday

Well before the establishment of Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday before Advent was known as "Stir Up Sunday." "Stir Up Sunday" is an informal term that gets its name from the opening words of the collect for the day in the Book of Common Prayer of 1549 (and subsequent editions).

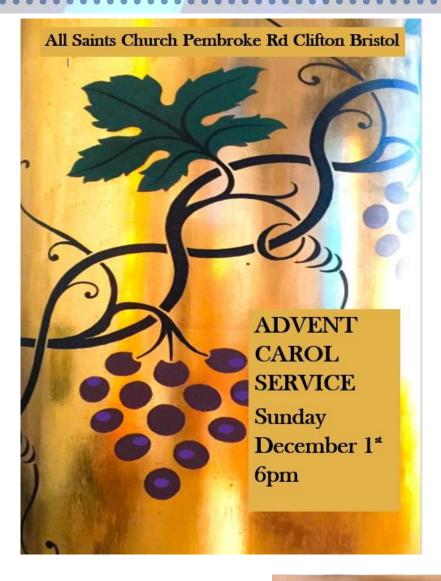
"STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Stirring Up Plum Pudding?

Because of the beginning words of the collect, it was traditional in England to stir up Christmas plum puddings on Stir Up Sunday. Christmas plum puddings were made in advance so that they could mature before being served on Christmas (supposedly, they do not spoil because of their high alcohol content).

Plum pudding is a misnomer since no plums are used. The "plum" in plum pudding was a generic term for any dried fruit, most commonly raisins and currants.

Traditionally, the pudding consisted of thirteen ingredients to represent Christ and his disciples and was always stirred from East to West in honour of the three Wise Men who visited the baby Jesus from the East. The pudding represents all of the good things of heaven that Christ brought to mankind.



The young people of Clifton High School invite you to attend their lunchtime concert on , Wednesday 4th of December at 1.00pm featuring the 6th Form Choir and soloists from across the school.





The final Requiem Mass will be held at 10.00am on Friday 29th November

Please add the names of anyone that you would like to be remembered during the Requiem services to the lists in the Atrium.



All Saints, Walks for All

Eight of us, and three dogs, had a lovely walk from The Echo at Kings Weston, over this cast iron bridge, which has been newly repaired, and on to Blaise. Much chatting, and good walking. The return bus journey was long, but interesting, too.

Mary Benton will lead the December walk, and there will probably be a New Year's Day walk too.





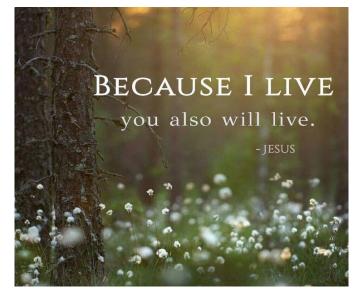
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Prayers Requests

'In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.'

(John 14: 19).

Please let Fr Charles know of anyone who would like to be remembered within the weekly prayer list or anyone who you would like to be remembered in prayer.



Those of the parish and our hearts whom we remember in our Prayers:

Sunday

Tabitha Clark, Ruth and Richard Harding, Katie Norman, Neal Gordon, Joyce Shepherd, Cynthia Ashford Elisabeth Morgan Sathia Aruliah Sister Rosina Jean Detheridge Jack O'Sullivan and family Susie King Arthur Cleaver Sebastian Kloss Vyard Angel Wray Nic Epinay Oussama and Claire Sader Sarah

Monday

Sue Hilliar Hugh Farry

Tuesday.

Ryan Lindsey George Lymperopoulos Pam Parker

Wednesday

Katrina and Katherine King, Philip Miles, Diana Verity, Samantha Tucker, Maureen Mumford

Thursday

Steve Cooper Barbera Freeman Remi Clarke

Friday

Charlotte Hopkins, Caroline Semon, Nicole Kaneza Nadine Benn John Badman **Saturday**

The Departed

Myra York Raymond Clarke David Reed Christopher Trelawny Ross Elizabeth McKie Cher Maximen Nicholas Parker Stephen Jordon Sister Teresa Kane John Temple

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Peter Thompson Sophia Williams Tom Bateman Beryl Kemp Freddie Temple(Bp) Christine Wooles Lovinia Miller Derek Portman Gordon Jones Robert Potter Gillian Barron

	/	ALL SAINTS PRAYERS					
	Mon 25	Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr 4 th C and Isaac Watts Hymn Writer 1748 Pray for Bishop Viv and her ministry in this diocese; may it be a blessed time for her and time of growth and excitement for the diocese. Pray for the Bishop's Staff Team as they lead this diocese and set out the new strategy.					
	Tue 26	Give thanks for the huge range of gifts and talents that people have. Give thanks for your own gifts and capabilities - do not compare with any other. As Oscar Wilde said "Be yourself, everyone else is already taken".					
	Wed 27	Mass 10.00 am Pray for all police officers Understand, our police officers put their lives on the line for us every single day. They've got a tough job to do to maintain public safety and hold accountable those who break the law." Barak Obama					
/	Thurs 28	Pray for the work of All Saints Arts. Pray for the many and various performers, the events (concerts and exhibitions), the members of the audience and those who provide the refreshments. Pray for our Director of Music, John Davenport, and all those who work with him.					
	Fri 29	Requiem Mass 10.00 am Thanksgiving Day for the Missionary Work of the Church Pray for the work of Alcoholics Anonymous, a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Pray for the people who attend the ASC AA meetings.					
	Sat 30	Andrew the Apostle Dementia describes a set of symptoms that may include memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem-solving or language. Pray for those who live with dementia, for carers and the medical and support agencies that research, support and care for them.					
	Sunday Dec 1	1st Sunday of Advent Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal					
		Early Worship 9.00am Parish Mass 10.30am Advent Carol Service 6.00pm					
	If you would like to give regularly to the Church, please set up a standing order to the church account, details below Parochial Church Council of All Saints Account No. 65256747 If you have any Safeguarding concerns please contact : The Parish Safeguarding Officer, Caroline Davenport						

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