

SS LAWRENCE AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING YEAR B

20th and 21st November 2021, Proper of Solemnity
DPL: Christ the King, Thornbury; Holy Cross, Wotton-under-Edge
Second Collection: Parish Building Fund



SAT	20 th	CS	5:00pm	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	Adrian Sams RIP
SUN	21 st	StP	11:00am	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	Martins, Goncalves, Alberto, DaCruz. Int
Tue	23 rd	CS	9:30am	Mass	
Wed	24 th	StP	9:30am	Mass	Special Intention (M)
Thur	25 th			No Service	
Fri	26 th	CS	9:30am	Mass	
SAT	27 th	CS	5:00pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)	
SUN	28 th	StP	11:00am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)	Mary & Dick Boland (Fmass)
Tue	30 th	CS	9:30am	Mass	
Wed	1 st	StP	9:30am	Mass	
Thur	2 nd			No Service	
Fri	3 rd	CS	9:30am	Mass	
SAT	4 th	CS	5:00pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
SUN	5 th	StP	11:00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	

Confessions: please contact Parish Priest for appointment.

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GREEN ALERT!

FOOD FACT: Recent research has shown that **more than a third—34%**—of all man-made greenhouse gases are generated by food systems. They also show that food generates an average of **2 tonnes** of carbon dioxide emissions **per person** annually, so ...

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU EAT!

What can you do?

- Don't put more on your plate than you need – and then eat it all
- Try to avoid ready meals
- If you don't know how, then learn how to cook, and use fresh, local ingredients
- Learn to use 'left-overs' to make tasty dishes

...AND EAT LESS MEAT

- Eat smaller portions of meat
- Decide to go meat-free on at least one day each week
- Find recipes on the internet using meat alternatives such as quorn, tofu, pulses, nuts, etc. – all very rich in protein

MEAT FACT: The livestock sector generates 32/40% of all agriculture's emissions in the form of *methane* which is "globally - one of the leading causal factors in the loss of diversity and perhaps the leading source of water pollution."



(F.A.O. Report 2019)

MISSIO RED BOX APPEAL - We would like to collect the Red Boxes for the Year End. If you have a Red Box please bring it to either church or drop it into the Presbytery at St Lawrence. Could you make sure that your **name** and **contact details** are on the **sticker** on the box so that we can return it to you. If you would like us to collect your box if you are not attending Mass then please contact Tony Chapman on 0783 243 0067. Thank you for your continued Support.

www.synod.va/en/news/preparatory-document.html

HEALING MASS - There will be a Healing Mass on **Sunday 5th December** at **3.00pm** at **St Paul's Church**. The SVP will provide transport if required and refreshments which will be available afterwards. If you require transport please contact a member of the SVP or leave a message at the Parish Office.

THE HOLY FATHER'S Prayer Intention for November: Universal: People who suffer from depression - That people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

44 BONUS BALL - Game 950 w/n 29, Joe Greene, £25 plus £25 for the Parish building fund. The lottery is a fun way of supporting the Parish. The monies raised are for the building fund, which helps towards the continuing maintenance of all our Parish Buildings. If you don't feel safe enough yet to return to Mass, you can still take part by posting your lottery money, preferred numbers, and **contact details** through the Presbytery front door. Many thanks for your continuing support. Please speak to P O'Rourke or K Chapman for more information.

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What's on?

Time to Start School? If you have a child born between 1 September 2017 & 31 August 2018, now is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) available from the school admissions team of South Gloucestershire Council, for admission during the 2022-23 school year. If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date 15th January 2022.

Fundraising during Advent We are hoping to have some fundraising activities after each weekend mass during Advent, such as a small raffle and a nearly new sale. It would be wonderful if you could donate some items that could be used as prizes or items to sell to raise much needed money for parish funds. If you have anything you could donate please leave at either church or give to Pat O'Rourke or Kay Chapman. Thanks in anticipation!

SECOND COLLECTIONS. There will be separate boxes or baskets at each church for the main collection and any second collection that is scheduled. Second Collections are announced in the newsletter and if you wish to donate to the specific second collection on the allocated weekend would you please place your donation into the appropriate box or basket which will be clearly marked. If you are a user of the envelope scheme the separate baskets can still be used. Thank you.

Forthcoming second collections

20th/21st November - Building Fund

11th/12th December - Christmas Flowers

18th/19th December - Building Fund

SVP Christmas Cards

We will be selling SVP Christmas cards after Mass at St Lawrence and St Paul's from Saturday 12th November. The sale of these cards will support the local Parish SVP group and also the SVP in England & Wales. There is a lovely selection of good-quality cards, so please come and have a look. Thank you for your ongoing support.

STAMPS: I will be collecting used stamps for Charity again this year. If you have any used stamps, then please leave them in the collection boxes at the back of each Church. Please leave about an inch of envelope around each stamp. Many thanks.

Sr. Greta.

Reflections for Feast of Christ the King Year B

1st Reading from the Prophet Daniel 7: 13-14.

When this vision was first written down the Jewish people most probably envisioned it was the Jewish people returning from exile in Babylon receiving their inheritance. Christians have always interpreted it as referring to Jesus, as Messiah receiving his inheritance. In fact Jesus, himself refers to this passage during his interrogation by the High Priest in Mark 14: 62, and Matthew 26: 64. When Jesus quotes this passage from Daniel as referring to himself; the High Priest is appalled and accuses him of blasphemy and it means death for Jesus. It is a wonderful image to reflect over and see just how accurate the Father's vision to Daniel really was. It emphasises what Jesus was referring to when he claimed that before Moses was, he existed. Jesus existed in God's plan from the beginning after the fall of Adam. God really is great!!

Psalm 92: 1-2, 5.

This song proclaims the Kingship of the Lord, it is full of joy and excitement. Let us, then, join in with our elder brothers and sisters of the Jewish people, in giving glory to the Lord on this wonderful feast.

2nd Reading from the Book of the Apocalypse 1: 5-8.

This passage tells us that Jesus is sending his greetings to the seven churches and he is at one with this unveiling, revelation. John is full of emotion and exaltation, We have the central Christian doctrine of the Resurrection, and the rebellious creed that Jesus is the real ruler of the world. Jesus loves us and has freed us from our sins by the shedding of his blood, but Jesus is not distinct from God, we have the phrase "to him be glory and power", a term reserved for God himself, so we are being presented with the first realisation of Trinitarian theological exploration. We conclude with a great exposition of the Father, the Alpha & Omega, the Almighty. We are called to pay attention to this Revelation, by John, its' author.

The Holy Gospel according to John 18: 33-37.

We are at part of the stage setting John has prepared for this dramatic presentation of Judgement, but whose judgement is it really? We have Pilate who is the local representative of Tiberius Caesar, Emperor of Rome and all its' territories inside the praetorium, and the baying crowd outside creating bedlam. Pilate is running between Jesus and the crowd, so who is in charge? Jesus quiet calmness is far more regal than Pilate's uncertainties, and far Godlier, than the Chief priests and his cronies baying for blood. Jesus proclaims himself a King, but not of this world. He is King of Truth and ruler of all those who are of the truth. Jesus is unruffled by threats and brutality, whilst Pilate will wash his hands of the affair, and we have the terrible denial of all that Israel stood for, when the religious leaders declare "We have no King but Caesar." We act out this drama every Good Friday afternoon, and it never fails to move me. Jesus alone, behaves regally throughout, whilst everyone else fades into insignificance, not only in Christianity but in History itself. The Kingship of Jesus is something we need to contemplate at great length and try much harder to be good and loyal subjects.

God bless you all & stay safe. Deacon Vincent

Safeguarding our Vulnerable Adults and Children: All church activities are subject to safeguarding policies and procedures. We encourage everyone to access these policies which can be found in the Diocesan Resource along with important contact numbers on the safeguarding pages. **Parish website:** <http://www.stlawrenceandstpaul.co.uk/cliffondiocese.html>

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