

**ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY**  
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**SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021**  
**SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING, YEAR B**



**Collect**

Almighty, ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

## **Gospel** (John 18: 33 – 37)

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

## **Reflection**

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' 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 Saviour of all.

<b>Celebration of Mass</b>			
Hand sanitisers will still be used and face coverings are strongly recommended			
Friday 19 November	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
Saturday 20 November	5.30pm	Mass	Nympsfield
Sunday 21 November	10.30am	Mass	Dursley
Wednesday 24 November	9.00am	Mass	Dursley
Thursday 25 November	10.00am	Mass	Nympsfield
Friday 26 November	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley

## First Communion

Application forms for First Communion in 2022 are now available for children in years 3 and 4. The closing date is 9 December, and classes are scheduled to start on 22 February

## Raffle in aid of *Stella Maris*

Thank you for your help so far. We would welcome further offers of prizes – by the end of November, please. Tickets can be bought by delivering a donation in an envelope to St Dominic's – you will not receive a paper ticket, but will be allocated a number for each £1 that you donate

## Choir

This Sunday we welcome the return of the choir. They will be singing the *Gloria* and a *Taizé* chant this week, and will then gradually sing more as we approach Christmas. Many thanks to all concerned

## Time to Start School?

If you have a child born between **1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018**, then **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 Gloucestershire County 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 of **15 January 2022**

## Stroud Foodbank

Stroud Foodbank are currently preparing food hampers for Christmas and are in need of the following items to make the season a little brighter for people in need. Christmas cakes and puddings, tinned ham, jars of pickles, nice toiletries, hot chocolate, boxes of savoury and sweet biscuits, boxes of chocolate. Donations can be made at Tesco Cam, Dursley Coop, Little Rascals and The Pulse

## Red Boxes

APF Red Boxes:- Please will all box holders return their boxes for emptying on or before Sunday 12 December. All monies need to be banked before Christmas to help the APF office finalise their yearly accounts before the end of the current year. If you are unable to return your box to Church or the Presbytery then please ring me on 01453 547834 or 07503 192758 to arrange for your box to be collected. Thank you. *Mary Cryan*

## **Inclusion for all**

LGBT+ Mass, Sunday 21 November, 3.00pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Bristol  
This is a monthly celebration for LGBT+ Catholics, families and friends. All are welcome

## **Prayer for the Synod**

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.  
All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
for ever and ever. Amen*

## **Bishop Declan: Reflections on COP26**

*The global climate emergency has a human face*

In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis is clear: we are not facing two separate crises, one environmental and one social, we are facing one complex crisis that is both environmental and social.

It is the world's poorest people who suffer most from the effects of climate change, despite being the ones who have done least to cause it. These communities must be at the forefront as we seek to tackle the ecological crisis

### **Our Parish**

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently

#### **Diocesan Prayer Link:**

Christ the King, Thornbury    Holy Cross, Wotton under Edge

#### **Churches Together Prayer Rota:**

St Mark, Dursley

#### **Parish Prayer Rota:**

Father Philip, Deacon Domenic and our altar servers