

ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY & ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPFIELD

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021
CHRIST THE KING



Before you begin find the reading for this Sunday (in the Newsletter)

Liturgy

Prayer:

God of all, you sent your Son to show us how to live. Help us to listen to the truth and to follow Jesus' example in our lives. Amen

Reading:

John 18:33 - 37

Questions:

1. Who is Pilate? Why is he asking Jesus questions?
2. What does Pilate ask Jesus?
3. What sort of a king does Jesus say he is?
4. What do you think he means by this?

Reflection:

Jesus' kingdom isn't on earth. We can't see it. Jesus doesn't wear a crown or have lots of riches. He doesn't live in a palace with lots of servants. Jesus was born in a stable and mostly lived a normal life in a carpenter's family

We cannot see his kingdom and he doesn't behave like a normal king. And yet, Jesus is a very special king, because he is the Son of God

Jesus shows us that you do not have to be rich or powerful to be important. He shows us that what is more important is how you treat others

He shows us how to welcome strangers and to be kind to people that others don't like. He shows us how to stand up for what is right and to love one another

Pilate is confused. So he asks Jesus again if he is a king. Jesus replies that he was born to come into the world and share the truth with all people

Jesus is the Son of God. He came to share the truth of God's love for all people with us. He came to show us how to live, to teach us to help others, to love our neighbours and to share with them

Jesus says that all those who are on the side of truth will listen to him. Can you think of all the different people you listen to in a week? And what else do you listen to? (*music, sound of birds, traffic etc*)

But how do we listen to Jesus and what he wants to tell us about?

We can listen to Jesus by hearing the Gospel and thinking about what Jesus is showing us in these stories. Also we can listen to Jesus when we take time to sit still and quiet and when we pray

Sometimes it is easy to listen. Sometimes it is hard. We might not want to hear what the person is saying to us and so we do not listen properly

This week, let's try really hard to listen carefully to everyone. And most importantly, let's try really hard to listen to Jesus, a very different kind of king, and to the truth that God loves us all

Activity:

Sit quietly for a few minutes. Listen carefully. Then list all the sounds that you heard during this time

Prayer:

Christ our King, help us to be like you, to listen to your truth and to see that all people are important, no matter who they are or where they come from. Amen

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