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24 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 Psalter Week 2		<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King</b> DAY OF PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE	
First Reading	Daniel 7:13-14 <i>His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	<b>The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.</b>		
Second Reading	Apocalypse 1:5-8 <i>Ruler of the kings of the earth... he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!</b>		
Gospel	John 18:33-37 <i>It is you who say that I am a king.</i>		
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November +	10.30am	Mass – (Oscar van Reyk RIP)	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November St Alnoth – Martyr St Catherine of Alexandria – Virgin & Martyr	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Sally & Charles Villurs Int.)	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (David Watson RIP)	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November Feria		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November Feria	11.00am	Requiem Mass – Sr Marie Hayes RIP	
Friday – 29 <sup>th</sup> November Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Nan Henry RIP)	
Saturday – 30 <sup>th</sup> November ST ANDREW, Apostle – Patron of Scotland	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Holy Souls)	
First Sunday of Advent			
Saturday – 30 <sup>th</sup> November +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Sunday – 1 <sup>st</sup> December +	10.30am	Mass – (Alexandra Roberts RIP)	

**Please Note: Fr Biju is available for Confessions during Adoration**

## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

- Offertory: £383.82
- Digital Collection Plate: £15.00
- Standing Orders of £487.00
- TOTAL: £885.82
- Bishops Maintenance Fund: £180.20

**THIS WEEKEND** - we have Bishop David's missionary appeal on behalf of The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) – we welcome Fr Patrick Adieuse-Poku to our parish.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** – From the 6.30pm Vigil Mass **next Saturday** our parish will start to use the readings from the **Revised Lectionary – Year C (The Year of Luke)**.

**Various Recycled Candles** (made from old Church candle stubs) are available in the Hall. All donations to be given to "Olney is Kind". With grateful thanks to Terry Askew

**Grandparents Association** – Next meeting: **Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup> 2pm - 3pm.**

**Parish Forum** – The next Parish Forum will be held in the **Parish Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November.** This is a wonderful opportunity for you to share your views and ideas for developing your Parish – everyone is welcome to attend. If there is something particular you wish to raise but are not able to attend in person then please speak to either Fr Biju or Deacon Peter before the meeting – you can of course send an email to Fr Biju – [frbiju.chittuparamban@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:frbiju.chittuparamban@northamptondiocese.org)



**CASPAR** – In line with the decision made by the Diocese, we are beginning to use CASPAR, a new parish database system designed to improve communication and streamline parish management. We kindly ask you all to register as a parishioner either via the web page: [www.caspar.church/me?ID=56071](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56071) or by scanning the QR code here (also available in the porch). You will need your own email address and will be prompted to create a password. The

sign-up process is simple, and we only collect your name and email address. Rest assured, all data is kept secure and is fully GDPR-compliant. You can delete your entry anytime you like. If you are not confident in using the internet or do not have an email address, please contact Denise who will help you to sign up. Thank you.



**Blessing of Graves** – during this month when we dedicate our prayers to the Holy Souls, Fr Biju is offering to bless the graves of your loved ones. If you would like the grave of a loved one blessed during this month of November then please speak directly to Fr Biju who will be happy to arrange this for you.



Our annual parish Christmas Concert will be held on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm** here in our church. An evening of carols, readings and prayer followed by seasonal refreshments in the parish hall. Everyone welcome! This year the proceeds from the concert will go to 'Olney is Kind.'



**CAFOD Christmas World Gifts** - Christmas is a time of giving and our parishioners have always shown great generosity in helping to support the less fortunate in this world. First weekend of Advent 30 November/ 1December your CAFOD Parish Group will have a second collection after our two Masses to enable us to buy a selection of Christmas World Gifts. By buying these gifts you will make a difference to families fleeing conflict, farmers struggling to grow crops while battling with climate change and helping children.

Brochures are available in the Church porch for those who would like further information. Thank you for your support - **Parish CAFOD Group**

**Love Christmas Campaign** - Caritas has launched the annual Love Christmas Campaign. **Anyone wishing to contribute gifts please leave at the back of the church by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.** Suggested Gifts - anything that you would give as a gift to a family member or friend will be suitable and will be distributed to someone appropriate within the Milton Keynes deanery. Please do not include non-gift items such as pasta, tinned food, toothpaste, hand sanitizer etc these will be gratefully accepted by your local foodbank. Suggested Gift Ideas: Chocolates, shortbread, luxury biscuits, selection boxes, games and toys, puzzles, dolls, craft sets, action toys, fidget toys, balls, playing cards, family games, activities, board games, winter clothing (scarves, gloves, socks, and blankets). Nail varnish, hand cream, toiletries, colouring books, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationary set, books, make-up, hair accessories, hairbrush, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationary set, toiletry gift packs, Play doh. Suggested Additional Gifts for babies and toddlers: Cuddly toy, bath toy, building blocks, animal figures, musical toys, socks, gloves, and blankets. Suggested Additional Gifts for Elderly People Individual Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, lap blanket, insulated mug, gloves, scarf. **Caritas Northampton do incredible work within our diocese & parishes and very much deserve our support** – further information: <https://northamptondiocese.org/caritas/>



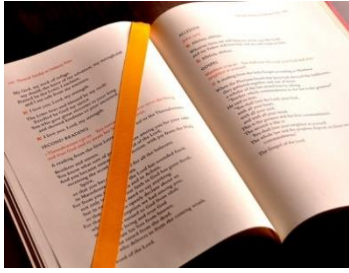
**News from the Parish Social Group** - This year we are inviting the children and younger members of the Parish to come and celebrate the light of Christ in a special candlelit Mass on **Saturday 7th December at 5pm.** Everyone is welcome to join us for this family friendly Mass especially if you have children or grandchildren. The church will be open from **4:15 pm** so come along early to make a Christingle to light during Mass. Hot chocolate and mulled wine will be served after Mass

**Tea / Coffee after Sunday Mass** - As Sunday 1st December is 'Dickens Day' in Olney our Advent coffee will take place on Sunday 8th December after the 10.30am Mass. The Social Committee will be serving tea and coffee and Christmas treats. Everyone is welcome to join us.



**Newsletter – Deadline** - Items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter should be submitted to Denise no later than **5.00pm on Wednesday afternoon.** Whilst we will do our best to include your item this cannot always be guaranteed.

## Scripture Reflections – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King



**From Fr. Biju's desk...** This Sunday, the last in Cycle B of the Church's Liturgical Year, the readings describe the enthronement of the victorious Christ as King in Heaven in all His glory. Instituting this Feast of Christ, the King in 1925, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "*Pax Christi in regno Christi*" (*the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ*). This means that we live in the peace of Christ when we surrender our lives to Him every day, accept Him as our God, Savior and King and allow Him to rule our lives.

### Why Christ is our King:

- 1. Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and, hence, wields supreme power over all things; "All things were created through Him."**
- 2. Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession.**
- 3. Christ is the Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy."**
- 4. God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.**

We need to accept and surrender our lives to Christ the King as our Lord, King, and Savior. Christ must be in full charge of our lives, and we must give Christ sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our hearts, and our will.

We need to be serving disciples of a serving King. Jesus declared, "... *whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many*" (Mt 20:27-28), and later showed us the spirit of service by washing of the feet of the apostles. We become Jesus' followers when we recognise Jesus' present in everyone, especially the poor, the sick, the outcast, and the marginalized in society and render humble and loving service to Jesus in each of them.

We need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love. Jesus, having come to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God's love and salvation and arrived at the end of his life, gave us a "*new commandment*" of love: "*Love one another as I have loved you.*"

Then he demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus loves each of us, unconditionally, sacrificially, and with *agape* love.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our Lady of Walsingham, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, St Joseph, St Lawrence, St Rita, pray for us.

*With our love and prayers, Fr Biju, and Deacon Peter*



Thought for the Month of Holy Souls: "We must say many prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, for one must be so pure to enter heaven"

**St John Mary Vianney**