### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 21st November 2021

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.



#### **GREETING**

In the name of the Father ...... Amen. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And with your spirit.

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God have mercy on us....

#### THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest. and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world.

have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

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.....

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Daniel 7: 13 - 14 A reading from the prophet Daniel.

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of

heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 92:1-2.5

#### R.The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

- 1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. [R]
- 2. The world you made firm, not to be moved:

your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. [R]

3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

### SECOND READING Apocalypse 1:5-8

#### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL **John 18:33-37**

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

'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. 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

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### NICENE CREED

maker of heaven and earth. of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father: through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,

All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.



#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters, ..... May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to vou, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.



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#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

#### **SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, .....

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord,

that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,

we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

#### CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you in his kindness and pour out saving wisdom upon you.

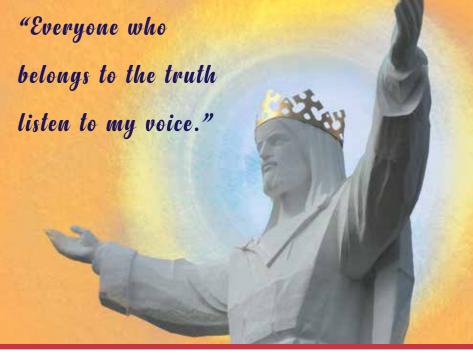
May he nourish you always with the teachings of the faith and make you persevere in holy deeds.

May he turn your steps towards himself and show you the path of charity and peace.

And may the blessing of almighty God. the Father, and the Son, ₱ and the Holy Spirit,come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

Jesus' kingship is the kingship of one who is dedicated to his Father. He lives and dies for the truth. In his death and resurrection he is enthroned in the glory of his Father. This is the kingship we celebrate: one who has passed through the worst of human life to a life and joy that is eternal.



A big thing in life is where you are from. We say 'your accent betrays you'. Sometimes we judge totally on where people are from. Pilate was the same with Jesus. With all he knew of him and heard, the miracles and the speeches – where are you from? Are you a king really? What sort is your kingdom?

Pilate was intrigued always with Jesus and so are we.

Our Christian life is getting to know Jesus more, and taking part in his mission. The type of person he was. That he came from God and from humanity. He speaks of the best of God and the best of us, the best of heaven and the best of earth. He is worth our following.

Our role - vocation/called to be like him. Our mission is a calling to live like him in love and service.

`FROM ABOVE'

There is the 'from above' in Jesus and much of John's gospel stresses the divinity of Christ. He doesn't look very divine but he does look very human. In the human is the divine. So we could be like him. We become like him by reading about his life and living like he did.

King is a strange feast....he never wanted it. But he accepted what that happened to him. He took it on out of love. What sort of king do we meet?

One of truth, justice, compassion and love. The defender of the poor. The King who

A good ending of one church year to begin another. King and servant. We'll see more of what it's all like in the weeks of December. Meantime we want to live in this reign of God and pray and live - your kingdom come.

Donal Neary SJ. (editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

# Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

It was a sports day at school. During a big race one boy slipped and fell. His pal stopped to help him. Neither of them won a medal, but they won a better prize. Jesus tells us that God Our Father is like the boy who stopped to help. God's power is in the gold of love and kindness, and that is God's Kingdom.

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#### RADIO MASS 104.7FM MASS & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH WEBSITE.

MOUNT CARMEL MONASTERY CHAPEL REMAINS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

8.00AM MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN PRIVATE.

THESE INTENTIONS WILL ALSO BE REMEMBERED AT THE 10.00AM MASS IN THE PARISH CHURCH ON THE SAME DAY.

Date	Time		
Sat 20th Nov	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	Maureen Jefford, Town Wall	1st Anniversary
Sun 21st Nov	8.00am	William & Mary Donovan, Mary Street	Anniversaries
	9.00am	Rita & Kevin Harris. Irishtown & Dublin	Anniversaries
	10.00am	Anne Somers, Maudlins	2nd Anniversary
	12.00 Noon	Fergus Foley, Bellview	1st Anniversary
Mon 22nd Nov	8.00am	Pious 9	
	10.00am	Michael Dempsey, Priory Street	Anniversary
Tues 23rd Nov	8.00am	Benefactors & Friends of Mount Carmel	
	10.00am	Jimmy Somers, Charleton Hill	Anniversary
Wed 24th Nov	8.00am	Intentions of the People	
	10.00am	Patrick O'Brien, Lower William Street	Anniversary
Thurs 25th Nov	8.00am	Maurice Kehoe, Ryleen	Anniversary
	10.00am	Pious 10	
Fri 26th Nov	8.00am	Robert Power, Church Lane	Anniversary
	10.00am	Colin Bradley, Knockavilla & The Whelan Family, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries
Sat 27th Nov	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of Noel Galavan, formerly North Street & UK, Sr. Mary Brigid O'Connell, Mount Carmel Convent, New Ross & Collooney, Sligo, Sally O'Doherty, Dublin, Michael Hamilton, Ballyverogue & Maureen Fleming (née Hayden), Rock View, Chambersland who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

<u>ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS</u>: We pray for the souls of Seamus Mc Namee, Charleton Hill, Ellen Hanlon (Babs), Southknock, Matt & Anna Fennell, Ard na Greine & Sigita Zakarauskiene who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to book your child's baptism. Copy of Birth Certificates are required for the candidate. Photo ID also required for the person making /requesting the booking.

Should you wish to have a loved one included in this section, please contact the Parish Office with the details by the previous Wednesday before 2.00pm.



Write a Name . Light a Candle. Say a Prayer

Thank you to the Bethany Bereavement Group for the November Shrine
& Deceased Parishioners Mass Preparation.

#### **Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:**

Available @ €10.00 per week. Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.

#### Our Lady's (Left):

laureen Jefford RIP

#### Altar (Centre):

Colin Bradley RIP

#### St. Joseph's (Right)

Willie Reeves & his parents Molly & Jim RIP

#### Medjugorje Pilgrimage

June 15th to 22nd 2022 flying Cork to
Dubrovnik (morning flight) with Aer Lingus
staying in Hotel Leone.
Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan.
Cost pps €699.00 half board if booked and
paid in full by December 10th), €749.00
thereafter. Deposit of €250.00 secures
place. COVID insurance cover included in
cost. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy
0862959380

#### St Peter's College Past Pupils AGM:

The AGM of St Peter's College PPU will take place at St Peter's College Secondary school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.

Mass will be celebrated in College Chapel at 7.30 pm followed by AGM in school at 8pm.

Those wishing to attend please email your name to ppu@stpeterscollege.ie

#### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

The annual 'Week of Witness' is an Initiative of 'Aid to the Church in Need' that highlights the real life experience of thousands of Christians who suffer persecution for their faith. It takes place this year from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November and we mark the occasion with resources and articles. We have a homily for the Feast of Christ the King where Pilate raises the ever-relevant question for our time 'Truth, what is that?' We have the usual newsletter insert and an article that looks back on 'Science Week' that took place from 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of this month. We have a video on the theology of the saints and an article on St Columbanus, one of the greatest Irish missionaries abroad whose feast day falls on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Check out these and other resources available at:

www.thehookoffaith.com

#### DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY & PARISH INFORMATION.....

Saturday 4th December: Parish Ministries Mass @ 6.00pm.

Wednesday 8th December: Holy Day Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Parish Office Closed) Masses Tue 2nd December @ 6.00pm Vigil and Wed 8th December @ 10.00am & 1.05pm.

Christmas Holidays: Parish Office will be closing Thursday 23rd December 2021 @ 2.00pm and will re open, Tuesday 4th January 2022 @ 10.30am

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—NEW ROSS: 085 8313073

Radio & Live Stream Mass: 104.7FM & New Ross Parish Website Live Stream, Saturday Vigil @ 6.00pm & 10.00am Daily including Funeral Masses.

**Mass Bookings:** We are currently taking mass bookings up to and including April 2022.

Next Weeks Readings: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Jer 33: 14-16. Ps 24:4-5, 8-9. 10. 14 R/v 1. 1 Thess 3:12-42. Lk 21:25-28. 34-36.

<u>Confessions</u>: Saturdays after 10.00am Holy Mass & before 6.00pm Holy Mass. Mon — Fri on request after 10.00am Holy Mass. Please notify the priest before Mass in the Sacristy

Meals on Wheels: Avail of our high quality meals available 5 days a week. To order just call 051-445711, St. Aidan Centre, Cross St.

<u>Safeguarding Representative:</u> Mairin Jackson - Contact No: (051) 421348 - Any queries in relation to working with children or adolescence within our parish please contact the above.

<u>Bethany Bereavement Support:</u> Bereavement Support available by telephone Please ring 087 3846577 if you need support.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 14th Nov 2021 @

€ 1,280.30 (169 No. Envelopes). Alternatively you can donate via. The Ferns

Diocesan Website (www.ferns.ie) by clicking the big pink button. Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.

Thank you for the support.

St. Michael's Pastoral Centre: Available for Parish based activities, please contact the Parish office.

<u>Intentions for the living</u>: Intentions for the living will be announced as "Special Intentions" unless the person who the intention is <u>for</u> signs the GDPR Regulation Slip. Please advise at time of booking.

<u>Certificate Requests:</u> Certificate fees at €5 each. Photographic ID is required for the candidate including Photographic ID for the person who has been authorised by you to collect it. Request forms are available in the Parish Office. Collection on Fridays only.

## CHRISTMAS STOCK NOW AVAILABLE IN NEW ROSS PARISH OFFICE





Christmas Parish Mass Association, New Ross Parish Novena, New Ross Parish Christmas Cards & many other gifts





New Ross Musical Society are currently finalising plans for their 2022 production. 2021 was the first time in the society's 53 year history that they were unable to stage a show. But plans are well advanced to bring back a show to St. Michaels Theatre in 2022! In order to help fund this production, the society has launched its annual 50/50 raffle. Tickets are €30 which includes a monthly entry in the draw for 6 months, limited to 200 tickets, with each monthly winner receiving €500!! The first draw takes place on Friday 26th November.

We wish to thank those who have been so generous purchasing a ticket to date. We still have a small number of tickets available, so if you would like to purchase one, please contact us via our Facebook page or by calling 085-7848635. Your support is very much appreciated. And we look forward to seeing you all in St. Michaels Theatre in March 2022.

### Reflection for weekend of the 20th & 21st November 2021

The Pope wanted to make a very clear statement about kingship

Pope Pius XI created this feast in 1925. The Blackshirts under Mussolini were already in power in Italy. A comical-looking rabble-rouser called Adolf Hitler had just become leader of the Nazi party in Germany. The world lay in the Great Depression and atheism was on the increase. What Pius XI was doing in creating this feast was to say to the world that despite dictatorships and economic collapse and false values, Jesus Christ was still King of the Universe.

In 1969 Pope Paul VI gave the feast its current date on the last Sunday in the liturgical year. This is a tremendous feast with which to end the liturgical year because it turns upside down all the pre-conceived ideas we have about hierarchy, kingship and what it means to be in authority.

Their idea of kingship is of an all-powerful ruler, controller and dictator. Jesus' actions have made it clear that he is not that kind of king. He has not come to 'lord' it over people. He is not interested in an earthly type of kingdom. His kingdom is very different. His words and deeds presented a different way of living, one that is not about control or power but love and service. Jesus' power comes from God and it is a power that builds people up rather than diminishes them. The only thing that matters to him is the truth and that truth is God.

We are left with the question; who or what do we belong to?

#### **HOPE-FILLED FUTURE**

We humans are complex creatures. In our weakness, we can be possessed by evil. In our fragility, we can be closed down by pain. Yet in our endurance, we can be stretched by love.

The message of this feast is that we have a hope-filled future and that things will get better if we can only open ourselves to the teaching, life and rule of our Universal King, Jesus the Christ, God's Suffering Servant.

(Dublin Diocese Education Secretariat)

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