

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (Christ the King C)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 2
ENTRANCE HYMN	18.00 857 09.00 857 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
FIRST READING	2 Samuel 5:1-3 'They anointed David king over Israel.'
PSALM RESPONSE	Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
SECOND READING	Colossians 1:12-20 'He has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.'
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!
GOSPEL READING	Luke 23:35-41 'Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 609 09.00 609 11.00 Musicians
SANCTUS	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
GREAT AMEN	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Spoken
OUR FATHER	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
AGNUS DEI	18.00 Said 09.00 Said 11.00 Musicians
COMMUNION ANTIPHON	The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.
THANKSGIVING	18.00 761 09.00 761 11.00 Musicians

RECESSION	18.00 787 09.00 787 11.00 Musicians
Next Week (1 Advent A)	
DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 1
FIRST READING	Isaiah 2:1-5 'The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God.'
PSALM RESPONSE	Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
SECOND READING	Romans 13:11-14a 'Salvation is nearer to us now.'
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 24:37-44 'Stay awake so that you may be ready.'
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MARRIAGE MATTERS

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis offers a profound insight into the joy of Christian marriage and reminds us of its place at the very heart of the Church's life. Christian marriage, he observes, 'is a sign of how much Christ loved his Church in the covenant sealed on the cross, yet it also makes that love present in the communion of the spouses. By becoming one flesh, they embody the espousal of our human nature by the Son of God.'

As we know, the Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another. It is for this reason that these scriptural reflections are offered. They should help enable married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed each Sunday of the Year and to experience the deep joy of God's love expressed in the great Sacrament of Marriage.

LET US RADIATE HIS
LIFE AND LOVE AND GOODNESS



'Today you will be with me in paradise' – Jesus' words as He hung on the cross; even in His agony, He still chose only to love. Through Him, we are given the strength to bear anything joyfully; with the saints we 'inherit the light'. Today, let us radiate His life, light and goodness, acknowledging Him as our Lord and King.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo 1 Sam. 9-10; Acts 8
Tu 1 Sam. 11-3; Ps. 38; Acts 9
We 1 Sam. 14; Ps. 124; Acts 10
Th 1 Sam. 15-6; 1 Chr. 1; Acts 11
Fr 1 Sam. 17; 1 Chr. 2; Acts 12

Financial News . . .

Weekend of 16/11/25

Plate £ 281:55
Standing Orders £ 755:00
Dona Terminals £ 125:00
1st Total £ 1,161:25
2nd £651:30
Retired Priests Fund

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 23/11/25

Cathedral Maintenance Fund

Gift Aid Members are able to make this collection tax efficient using our Parish Envelope or our Dona terminals.

Next Weekend 30/11/25

Parish Buildings Fund

Gift Aid Members are able to make this collection tax efficient using the Yellow Envelope or our Dona terminals.

Bite Size . . .

Why should man expect his prayer for mercy to be heard by what is above him when he shows no mercy to what is under him?

Sydney Smith

Sacred Heart
Parish Newsletter

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community
of Cobham, Oxshott,
& Stoke D'Abernnon



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Not who they expected



"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

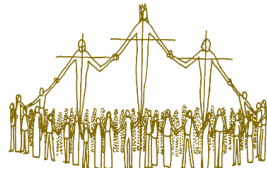
Sheepish Question:

What is my place in God's house?

On this feast day of Christ the King, the first reading tells us of King David's anointing as the king of Israel. He was the one who unified the twelve tribes of Israel and brought them together as a people for the first time. Ever since, he has been upheld as the preeminent king in Jewish history. Many of the misunderstandings about Jesus' identity stem from the fact that he did not fit the description of what the Jews were expecting in a king who was the "son of David." They expected a military warrior who would save them from the oppression of who ever the current ruling empire was. They thought he would usher in an everlasting reign of national peace. They certainly didn't expect a king like Jesus who sided with the poor and the outcast and had no patience for social climbing. They never expected a king who would resist all manner of violence, even to the point of accepting suffering on the cross rather than lashing out in retaliation. At the heart of the celebration of Christ

the King (which always falls on the last Sunday of the year before Advent begins) is an understanding of Jesus as a king who talked and acted very differently from the descendant of David whom the Jews expected. When Jesus walked the earth, Jews were looking forward to a king who would once again unify their country and liberate them from the world powers who historically oppressed them. In a world where "might makes right," it would be natural to presume that the coming Saviour would be a powerful political figure who would lead the Jews in throwing off Roman rule and reestablishing national independence. Such a king would naturally enjoy the prestige, wealth, and trappings of a worldly kingdom. No wonder so many Jews had trouble coming to terms with Jesus' behaviour or flatly denied that he was their expected saviour.

No wonder that Jewish rulers, Roman soldiers, and a condemned criminal mocked Jesus as "the King of the Jews" at his crucifixion. Jesus rejected any nationalism that included violence or oppression, and he preached love of enemies instead of the death of enemies. His refusal to play the part of a worldly king went so far that he refused to use his divine powers to save himself from horrific suffering.



Questions of the Week

- 1 Give examples of worldly rulers in history who used their power and authority appropriately and for the benefit of their people.
- 2 Share examples of rulers who "lorded it over others" and used their power to exploit and dominate people.

Before Mass - Talk to God During Mass - Listen to God After Mass - Talk to your friends

Parish Office

Normal Office Hours : Monday to Friday 09.30 - 12.30.

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Newsletter Editorial : Items for possible inclusion in the Parish Newsletter (if there is room) need to be received (in writing please) at the Parish Office by midday on Wednesday.

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General Parish Information

Parishioner Registration : Every household within the Parish is requested to complete a 'Parishioner Registration/Census' form so that our Parish records may be kept up to date. These forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and should be completed fully before being returned to the Parish Office.

Should you move address within the Parish at any time please complete a new form and write 'AMENDMENT' across the top of the form. Thank you.

Hospital : If you are going into hospital as a 'planned admission' you are strongly encouraged to make contact with Fr Daryl well beforehand so that, if appropriate, the Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated beforehand.

Infant Baptism : Infant Baptisms are intended for the children of practising parishioners only and are celebrated on five occasions during the year after parents and godparents have completed a course of preparation. There can be no celebration without this important course. The dates of the courses for the current year can be found in the application form available from the Parish Office. Baptisms do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

Sacramental Preparation : Notice of the availability of Application Forms for preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be made via the Parish Newsletter between the school Summer Half Term and 31st August each year. Possible candidates for Confirmation should respond to the announcements made via the Parish Newsletter at the beginning of the Autumn school term.

Parishioners are advised that it is very difficult to imagine that any family or individual who is not regularly practising the Faith as members of our community could possibly be ready to celebrate a Sacrament of the Church.

Marriage Preparation : Marriages are celebrated by appointment with the Parish Priest. It should be remembered that in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton twelve months minimum notice is required before a marriage may take place; this is a requirement of the Church for all marriages that involve a Roman Catholic (even if they are not taking place in the Catholic Church). It is also necessary that one of the parties must have a meaningful connection with the Parish. Marriages do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

Parish Car Park : All Parishioners attending Mass and using our Car Park need to make sure that they have fully completed our 'Parishioner Registration/Census Form' (available from the Parish Office) before using the Car Park; this ensures that your current vehicle registration is lodged in the system. Registering only needs to be done once (unless you change your car or if you use another car in the family that is not registered on the system).

Important : if you are not registered on the system and you use the car park you will receive a parking notice.

Registered Parishioners and pre-registered visitors are able to park whilst they attend our Masses/liturgies without fear of a charge notice.

(Car Park queries - parking@shpcobham.com)

NOTE : the Car Park does not use QR codes any found are **scams!**



Church Mouse (cub reporter). . .

The musings of one of God's smallest creatures on events in and around the Parish over the past seven days . . .

Lots of rushing around this week, as the roof works came to an end and various smaller electrical jobs began to be sorted out

On Monday the roof workers were completing the works with some painting of woodwork and fitting new guttering at lower levels where there was none before or where the wrong size had been fitted at some point in the past. All of the guttering is now 'deep flow' rather than having some shallow (which means that the water enters and flows straight out over the side and down the nearest wall!).

Following Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition on Tuesday, Fr D was off down to the diocesan offices in Crawley where a case has arrived in his 'in-tray' which is ready for him to begin the process of judgement on.

In the evening Fr D met with the parents of this year's First Reconciliation candidates for their last session before the great day on Saturday 29th November. The candidates will meet with Fr D on Saturday (along with their parents) for their last session as well.

After Morning Prayer and Mass on Wednesday, Fr D met with our electrician who had come to begin several minor works that Fr D had made a list of (light above main entrance to church; confessional speakers; lighting tubes in St Francis room and kitchen of Parish Centre; removal of old single pendant bulb and replacement with LED battens in the loft; additional sockets in the loft). At lunchtime Fr D was meeting with Fr Ruslan (Walton) for their monthly lunch.

In the evening Fr D had a meeting with representatives of the other parishes in the deanery to further the work on the bishop's 'Pastoral Plan' along with two of our parishioners. The preparations for a series of presentations in the New Year (Cobham's Wednesday 21st January 19.30) now seem to be ready and will be informed through an opportunity in every Parish during Advent to find out how **YOU** can be involved as the plan progresses.

Following Morning Prayer and Mass on Thursday Fr D was off to Notre Dame School to celebrate Mass for the school's major Feast Day (the Presentation of Our Lady in the Temple in Jerusalem).

Churchmouse

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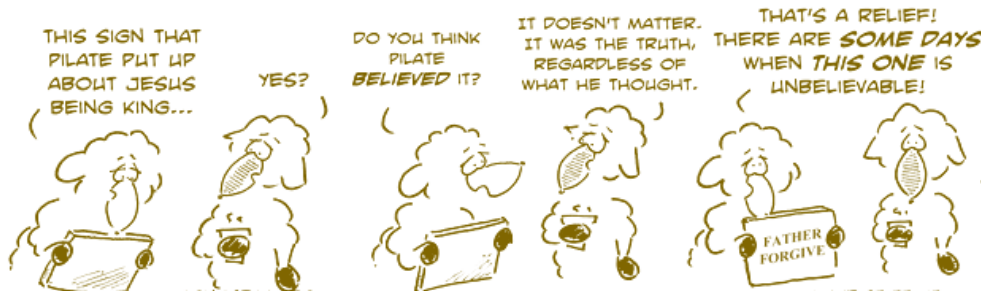
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THE HEAVENLY KING

Luke 23:35-43
³⁵The people stood there watching while the Jewish leaders jeered at him: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah whom God has chosen!"
³⁶The soldiers also mocked him: they came up to him and offered him cheap wine, ³⁷and said, "Save yourself if you are the king of the Jews!"
³⁸Above him were written these words: "This is the King of the Jews."
³⁹One of the criminals hanging there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"
⁴⁰The other one, however, rebuked him, saying, "Don't you fear God? You received the same sentence he did."
⁴¹Ours, however, is only right, because we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong."
⁴²And he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!"
⁴³Jesus said to him, "I promise you that today you will be in Paradise with me."
Other Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 122:1-5; Colossians 1:12-20

LECTIO:
We stand before the cross today. Jesus is dying in agony alongside two criminals. The leaders are jeering and mocking him for claiming to be the Messiah but not being able to even save himself! The Roman soldiers are also pouring scorn on this so-called 'King of the Jews'.
In marked contrast Luke provides us with a fascinating conversation between Jesus and one of the criminals. He is the only Gospel writer to record this life changing exchange.
One of the criminals joins the taunts ridiculing Jesus' Messianic claim. The other criminal rebukes him. He recognises two vital things. Firstly, something the Jewish leaders failed to see, that Jesus 'has done no wrong' (verse 41), he is innocent and doesn't deserve this punishment. Secondly, something the disciples were desperately hoping was true, that this wasn't the end, Jesus would be returning and when he did it would be as King (verse 42).
The God-fearing criminal accepted he deserved to be punished for his actions, expressed faith in Jesus and threw himself on God's mercy, knowing this was his only hope. Jesus responds as he always does to genuine faith and cries for mercy, with the gift of salvation.



- MEDITATIO:**
- Pause at the foot of the cross. Acknowledge your sinfulness. Rejoice that the grace of God is available to redeem sinners like us.
 - How did you recognise Jesus as your Saviour? Were you given a blinding moment of grace when you knew the truth like the criminal? Or has your understanding been a gradual process bringing you to faith over months or years?
 - Think ahead to when Jesus will return in power and glory as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Meditate on this glorious hope.

ORATIO:
Spend some time giving thanks because Jesus took the punishment for our sins on the cross. We too can receive forgiveness and inherit eternal life, and all by God's gracious gift; we can do nothing to deserve or earn it.

CONTEMPLATIO:
Consider your wonderful Saviour as revealed in Colossians 1:15-20. Read these verses several times and let them minister to your soul.

¹⁵Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God. He is the firstborn Son, superior to all created things. ¹⁶For through him God created everything in heaven and on earth, the seen and the unseen things, including spiritual powers, lords, rulers, and authorities. God created the whole universe through him and for him. ¹⁷Christ existed before all things, and in union with him all things have their proper place. ¹⁸He is the head of his body, the church; he is the source of the body's life. He is the firstborn Son, who was raised from death, in order that he alone might have the first place in all things. ¹⁹For it was by God's own decision that the Son has in himself the full nature of God. ²⁰Through the Son, then, God decided to bring the whole universe back to himself. God made peace through his Son's blood on the cross and so brought back to himself all things, both on earth and in heaven.'

Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	22 nd November		St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	
		17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	18.00 Yousif & Evelyn Farage †	N. Farage
Sun.	23 rd November		CHRIST THE KING, YEAR C	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	09.00 Holy Souls	Sr Patricia
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	11.00 For the Parishioners	
Mon.	24 th November		St Andrew Dung Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs	
			No Service Today	Mass 09.30 at Walton
Tue.	25 th November		Ferial Weekday	
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 116-493]
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed	09.30 Deceased members of the Shullani Family †	M.
		10.00 - 11.00	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer	
Wed.	26 th November		Ferial Weekday	
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 126-493]
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed	09.30 Deceased members of the Grady Family †	Sr Patricia
Thu.	27 th November		Ferial Weekday	
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 137-493]
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed	09.30 Special Intention	Slawek
Fri.	28 th November		Ferial Weekday (Day of Abstinence)	
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 148-493]
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed	09.30 Fidelma Allen	J. & E. Yates
Sat.	29 th November		Ferial Weekday	
		17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	18.00 Yousif & Evelyn Farage †	N. Farage
Sun.	30 th November		1ST SUNDAY ADVENT, YEAR A	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	09.00 For the Parishioners	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	11.00 Holy Souls	
		15.30	Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction	

'Mass Intentions' are published in the Parish Newsletter on the weekend before they are celebrated although sometimes a Requiem Mass will 'bump' an intention to a later date.

St Andrew Dung Lac & Companions

Andrew Dung-Lac, a convert ordained to the priesthood, was one of 117 martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. The Companion members of the group gave their lives for Christ between the 17th and 19th centuries, were beatified on four different occasions between 1900 and 1951, and were canonized during the papacy of St John Paul II.
Christianity came to Vietnam through Portuguese Jesuits, who opened their first mission in 1615. Originally ministering to Japanese Catholics driven from Japan.
Severe persecutions were

launched at least three times in the 19th century. During the six decades after 1820 100,000 to 300,000 Catholics were killed or subjected to great hardship. Foreign missionaries martyred in the first wave included priests of the Paris Mission Society, and Spanish Dominican priests and tertiaries.
In 1832, the Emperor banned all missionaries, trying to make the Vietnamese deny their faith. Much like the priest-holes in England during persecution, many hiding places were offered in homes of the faithful. Persecution broke out again in 1847, when the emperor

suspected foreign missionaries and the Vietnamese Christians of sympathising with a rebellion led by one of his sons.
The last of the martyrs were executed in 1862. That year a treaty with France guaranteed religious freedom to Catholics, but it did not stop all persecution.



