

who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

But the kind of Kingship that Jesus is talking about is very different to what we might regard as a brash regal figure with great powers ruling over a large territory. In fact, it is the complete opposite. Jesus's power of love can be seen in the way he forgives, shows mercy and is open to everyone.

Father Kieran O'Mahony makes a good point about today's Gospel: *"The feast we have today and the gospel give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for."*

Kingship is also mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels. In Luke 17:21 Jesus tells us that *"The kingdom of God is among you"*. This reminds us that Jesus continues to accompany us as a community of faith as they travel on our journey of life.

Many of you will know the Church of Christ the King not too far from here in Cabra which is dedicated to today's feast day. It was opened on 29th October 1933 by Archbishop Byrne costing the princely sum of £35,000. Outside the church, there is a striking statue of Christ the King which was sculpted in Trieste. It's a very grand statue which I am sure has made a strong impression on parishioners over the years.

As we come to the end of this Church year, we should allow ourselves some space for prayer and reflection. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. This a good opportunity for a bit of quiet time with a piece of scripture such as the Gospel from Sunday mass or a reading from a favourite spiritual writer. We might be able to attend daily mass in person or online as our circumstances permit. Or consider a donation to a charity such as the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. These simple suggestions may help us to celebrate Christmas in a more worthy manner as we honour Christ the King.

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Feast of Christ the King

21st November 2021

In all four Gospels Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King which was instituted in 1925 and is the last Sunday in our Liturgical Year.

Our Gospel tells us that Jesus was questioned about this claim to be a King in front of Pilate. Jesus says *"My kingdom is not of this world"* which brings the focus to heaven. Jesus's Kingship is one of service to others. We share in Christ's kingship by being of service to our brothers and sisters. The term "king", as we understand it today, is quite different to what it meant in the time of Jesus. We may think of a largely ceremonial figure who is Head of State but with very little real day to day political power.



However, in New Testament times, Kings were often absolute monarchs with complete control over their subjects and were often the rulers of large territories. People listening to this reading in the early church would have understood it in this light.

In all four Gospels Pilate asked Jesus, *"Are you the king of the Jews?"* Jesus is indeed a King in this story but, from a human point of view, is a very unusual King. He rules from the cross and his gifts to us are forgiveness, mercy and eternal life. The crown that Christ wears is a crown of thorns.

In our Gospel today, Jesus says: *"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*

Where does your donation go? First Collection, Christmas, Easter & Summer Dues – all go into the Common Fund at Archbishop’s House where they are redistributed to pay the salaries of all the priests working in the Diocese, to pay priests in non-income-earning appointments, priests on study leave, priests who are ill and our retired priests. Offerings for Funerals are divided between the priest, the parish and the diocese. Offerings for Baptism and Weddings are divided between the priest and the diocese. **Second collection – SHARE** – goes to a fund in Archbishop’s House to support diocesan services, pastoral projects and poorer parishes.

The Donate Button – on the Parish Website goes directly to Archbishop’s House.

The new Tap & Go donations – go directly to Archbishop’s House and are divided 60% to support priests and 40% to SHARE.

Weekly envelopes (Planned Giving), Standing Orders and Shrine Donations & the Parish Lotto funds remain here in the Parish and are our only source of income for Parish expenses and to cover heat and light, maintenance, staff salaries and on-going parish development projects. Donations and bequests given specifically for the support of the parish remain here in the parish.

If you wish to make a donation to the parish for any particular purpose, please put it into an envelope, indicating what it is for, and place the envelope in one of the safes at the Church doors.

We welcome in Baptism:



**Ailbhe Paula McGowan
Chloe Lorraine Tallon
Tom Andrew Raftery
Matthew Michael Dunne
Marija Grace Andelic**

May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.

November Mass of Remembrance

This year with the safety of all in mind the parish will celebrate two Remembrance Masses. The second of these Masses will take place on **Wednesday 24th Nov. at 7.00p.m.** in the Church of the Holy Child for all who died between May 2021 – Oct. 2021. This Mass available via webcam.



Please take a copy of the Newsletter home with you.

Please do not leave it on the seat or return it to the boxes at the doors.

Thank you.

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers – Des Collins, Patricia Lynch Elizabeth (Betty) Furlong Bernadette (Bernie) Davern Alice Rush Barbara Mullins
May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



Month of November

We remember our own loved ones and friends who have gone to their rest in the Lord and our own sadness this November. Tears speak out our grief, but they also witness to our love and we are glad to have loved so much that we can cry. May those we have loved rest in your embrace, O Lord



Please Support your Parish Lotto



The Parish Lotto will resume on Tuesday, 23rd November 2021

Draws will be held each Tuesday morning.

Lotto entry envelopes must be submitted by 9.45a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Results will be published in notices at Church entrances and in the Parish Newsletter.

1st Jackpot €15,000

2nd Jackpot €1,100

Envelopes available at the church doors and in the Parish Centre

W.A.R.A.

Next W.A.R.A. Coffee Morning Monday 22nd Nov. at 9.45a.m. in Parish Centre

Pilgrimage to Knock on Wednesday 8th December.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Coach from Church of Holy Child at 8.30a.m.

Return fare €25.

Contact Marie McAllister. 01 8425678

Anniversary Frame – If your loved one has an anniversary coming up please consider giving their name to the Sacristan. It will then be put in the Anniversary Frame, placed on the Altar and prayed for at all Sunday Masses. Small donation appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week
Church of the Holy Child

Sat 20th Nov 7.00p.m.	Raymond Maguire- Anniversary Sean Maher & Rose Keely – Anniversaries
Sun 21st Nov 10.30a.m.	Christine Rossiter, Margaret Ward, Thomas Doyle, William & Bridget Knowles & daughter Carol McMahon Anniversaries
12.30p.m	Anna Rocca, Helen Whelan, Jude Conlan – Anniversaries Mary & Michael Myler – Anniversaries
Mon 22nd Nov 9.15a.m.	Donal O Donoghue – Anniversary
Tues 23rd Nov 9.15a.m.	Anne Galvin – Anniversary
Wed 24th, 25th Nov	Available for Intention
Fri 26th Nov 9.15a.m.	James & Kathleen Phillips – Annivs.
Sat 27th Nov 7.00p.m.	Nancy Seery, Rose Duffy – Anniversaries
Sun 28th Nov 10.30a.m.	Christopher Browne 1st Anniv., Niall McCann Birthday Remembrance, Seamus & John Hyland Anniversaries. Mary McDermott -Anniversary
12.30p.m.	Paddy & Bernie Hammond – 1st Anniversary Catherine Hammond (Remembrance) Benny McDonald – Anniversary
	<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>
Sun. 21st Nov 10.00a.m.	Marie Flood (Anniversary)
Wed. 24th Nov 10.00a.m.	Robert McLoughlin – Anniversary
Sun. 28th Nov 10.00a.m.	Christy Smith – Month’s Mind