



24 November 2024

Solemnity of Christ the King (Year B)

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servant. (Daniel 7:14)

Faith in Focus

Mad, bad or sad?

When people act in a manner that challenges us we normally react to them in one of three ways. We say that they are mad, that their claims or behaviour are ludicrous and not worth bothering about. So we can ignore them. Alternatively we say that they are bad, that they have some ulterior motive underpinning their actions. So we can ignore them. Or, in today's parlance, we say that they are sad, that they are some sort of nerd or anorak. So we can ignore them.

The Romans thought Jesus was mad. Pilate questioned him about claiming to be a king when he knew the Romans were in control. As a joke he had the sign nailed to Jesus's cross: 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews'.

The Jewish leaders thought he was bad. They had reports which accused him of heresy, he had seemed to make light of the Law and he claimed a union with God which was blasphemous.

Most other people would have found him sad. He was something of a preacher with a fixation on religion who had preached one synagogue too far and got his comeuppance by being executed as a political and religious nuisance.

Christians do not believe Jesus to be mad, bad or sad. We take his words as genuine when he told Pilate, 'Yes, I am a king.' So we can't ignore him.

Jesus is very clear that the kingdom over which he reigns as king is very different

from any earthly kingdom. Those who wish to become citizens by baptism have to follow a charter. This charter is about creating a world in which truth holds sway and people are encouraged to have the deepest respect for life. Its citizens are encouraged to grow close to God that they may experience his holiness and respond to his grace. In this kingdom, work for justice is tireless. For only with justice will there be genuine care and concern which shows itself in love and true peace.

As the Church's liturgical cycle closes another chapter today, we thank God for the glimpses of Christ's kingdom during this past year. We praise God for raising Jesus as king of all creation. And as we do so we're not mad. Nor are we bad. And we're certainly not sad. Just very glad.

Votive lamps

This week, at Holy Name, the votive lamps burning either side of the Blessed Sacrament are for **the intentions of John Walsh and Patrick Gibbons.**

This week, at Our Lady & St Philomena, the votive lamp burning before the relic of St Philomena is for **the intentions of the Garforth and King family.**

**Family of parishes:
Blessed Sacrament, Holy Name and
Our Lady & St Philomena**

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Parish office at Holy Name: Open Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 am
to 12.30 pm, and 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

Baptisms: By prior arrangement.

Confessions: Holy Name on Saturday from
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on
Wednesday from 6.30 pm or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Rosary: Before each weekday Mass.

Novena: After Wednesday evening Mass at
Our Lady & St Philomena.

Exposition: Holy Name, Thursday at 9.15 am

Visits to sick and housebound: Please
contact the parish office.

Hospital visits: If you wish to see a priest,
please let the hospital staff know.

Mass requests: Please complete the pre-
printed envelopes and place in the Mass
intention box. Please also specify the reason
for the intention, i.e. lately dead, anniversary
etc. For a particular day, please request early.
To enable more Mass intentions to be said in
the parish and not sent away, the Mass may
be shared unless you request otherwise.

Newsletter notices: Please e-mail to
holyname@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Open before and after Mass.



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Readings at Mass

Scan the QR code for the Mass readings.

1st reading: Daniel 7:13-14

2nd reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37



Psalm response

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £958.79

Baptism

Congratulations to:

David Chinua Jones-Chukwuemeka who
receives the sacrament of baptism at Our
Lady & St Philomena on Sunday 24
November.

Myles Vaughan-Preston, Sofia Rose
McCoy and Thomas Woolfrey-Hunter who
receive the sacrament of baptism at Holy
Name on Sunday 24 November.

Welcome

We welcome Mabel Doreen Nee, Eben
Eric Nee, Annie Dickson and Bobby
Dickson to Mass at Holy Name this
weekend as they will receive the sacrament
of baptism on Sunday 1 December.

Annual remembrance Mass

An annual remembrance Mass for those
who have died over the past year will be
celebrated on Tuesday 26 November at 6
pm at Holy Name.

The names of all those who have died
during the past year will be read out.

Please note, there is no morning Mass at
Holy Name on Tuesday 26 November.

Christmas Mass intentions

From Christmas Eve until the Epiphany
there will be no individual Mass intentions.
This is to allow everyone the opportunity to
have Mass intentions offered during the
Christmas period.

Envelopes for this purpose will be
available at the end of November.

The archdiocese has issued the following statement

‘On Monday, we became aware of an external safeguarding issue involving one of our volunteers and immediately removed them from all roles within the church. The matter is now with the police, and as such we are unable to comment further.’

Christmas Masses

The Christmas Masses in our parishes will be celebrated on:

Tuesday 24 December (Vigil Mass)

6.30 pm - Our Lady & St Philomena

8.00 pm - Holy Name

Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day)

10.00 am - Our Lady & St Philomena

11.00 am - Holy Name

Thursday 26 December (Boxing Day)

10.00 am - Holy Name

First Communion

For children in year 4 or above who want to make their First Communion next year, the first meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 November at 6 pm in the Russell Room at Our Lady & St Philomena.

The meeting is for children and parents, grandparents or carers. Registration details will be taken at the first meeting.

Children who attend Holy Name or Our Lady & St Philomena Catholic Primary Schools do not need to attend – preparation takes place in the school.

SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection next weekend to support the work of the SVP.

Could you be a Deacon?

The Archbishop is hosting a Diaconate information evening on Thursday 5 December at Bishop Eton in Liverpool. The evening begins at 7.30 pm, refreshments available from 7 pm.

For more information email Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk

Christmas hampers appeal

Any donations of luxury items for our Christmas hampers such as toiletries, chocolates, mince pies etc. will be greatly appreciated. Please bring to St Philomena's Church. *Thanks, Sr Kathleen*

Animate Youth

A retiring collection for Animate Youth (the youth service of the Archdiocese) will be taken this weekend. Gift aid envelopes are available in church.

Youth Sunday

To mark Youth Sunday, the archdiocese is hosting a time of prayer, reflection and celebration at Lowe House, North Rd, St Helens, WA10 2BE from 5 to 6 pm on Sunday 24 November. The service will end with a social event. All welcome.

My Day by Day

The Advent ‘My Day by Day’ booklets are available in church.

Numbers galore

Numbers are 3 and 19. Three winners.

LGBTQ+ Catholics

The next LGBTQ+ Catholics Mass is on Sunday 8 December at 2 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Swan Lane, Wigan, WN 2 4HD. Followed by a social event. All welcome.

Arranging a baptism

Due to the number of requests and whilst the parishes have two priests, baptism will be celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month at St Philomena at 11 am and at Holy Name at 12.15 pm.

Baptism preparation meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 11 am at Holy Name Church. **The next meeting is Saturday 7 December. There will be no meeting in January.**

Baptism application forms are available after Mass or from the parish office.

Further details are on the parish website.

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Solemnity of Christ the King			
Saturday 23rd	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Elizabeth Penney and Susan Miles, lately dead
Sunday 24th	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes Christine, thank you
	9.30 am	Fazakerley and Aintree hospital	Margaret Brabin, RIP
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Pious List
Monday 25th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Requiem Mass: Robert John Evans, RIP
Tuesday 26th	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Annual remembrance Mass
Wednesday 27th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Roderick Kirton, lately dead Cyriac A.L. death anniversary
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Confessions until 6.50 pm
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Marie Wright, birthday Tommy and Ann Kennedy, get well
Thursday 28th	9.15 am	Holy Name	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.00 am	Holy Name	Pious List
Friday 29th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Pious List
First Sunday of Advent			
Saturday 30th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Ann Doran, 8 th anniversary
Sunday 1st	9.30 am	St Philomena	Marie Wright, birthday Mary Sinnott, anniversary
	9.30 am	Fazakerley and Aintree hospital	Margaret Coulter, RIP
	11.00 am	Holy Name	David Rankin, RIP, birthday remembrance Ena and Elaine, ill health
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently Brian McDonald, Robert John Evans, Phillip Shaw May they rest in peace</p>			

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