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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**21 NOVEMBER 2021:**  
**SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING**  
**(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 2)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Daniel 7: 13-14  
 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 92 (93): 1-2, 5  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 1: 5-8  
 Gospel: John 18: 33-37

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
<b>Sunday 21 November</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING</b> (p. 952 – Year B) <b>RETIRING COLLECTION: CATHOLIC EDUCATION</b>	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>
Monday 22 November	Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr	<b>NO LITURGIES</b>	-
Tuesday 23 November	Memorial of St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr Mass Intention: Richard Green, RIP (Anniversary Recently)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 24 November	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 25 November	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr Mass Intention: Thressiamma Thomas, RIP (Anniversary)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 26 November	Friday of Week 34 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Elizabeth Campbell, RIP (Anniversary)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Saturday 27 November	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
<b>Sunday 28 November</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> (p. 61 – Year C)	<b>Live-Streamed Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>

## Solemnity of Christ the Universal King: A Royal Truth

What's the truth Jesus comes to bear witness to in this last Gospel of the Church's year?

It's the truth that in Jesus God keeps the promise He made to David of an everlasting kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, "the first born, highest of the kings of the earth" (see 2 Samuel 7:12–16; Psalm 89:27–38).

Today's Second Reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, quotes these promises and celebrates Jesus as "the faithful witness." The reading hearkens back to Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah would "witness to the peoples" that God is renewing His "everlasting covenant" with David (see Isaiah 55:3–5).

But as Jesus tells Pilate, there's far more going on here than the restoration of a temporal monarchy. In the Revelation reading, Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and the Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He's applying to Himself a description that God uses to describe Himself in the Old Testament—the first and the last, the One who calls forth all generations (see Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12).

"He has made the world," today's Psalm cries, and His dominion is over all creation (see also John 1:3; Colossians 1:16–17). In the vision of Daniel we hear in today's First Reading, He comes on "the clouds of heaven"—another sign of His divinity—to be given "glory and kingship" forever over all nations and peoples.

Christ is King and His kingdom, while not of this world, exists in this world in the Church. We are a royal people. We know we have been loved by Him and freed by His blood and transformed into "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father" (see also Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9).

As a priestly people, we share in His sacrifice and in His witness to God's everlasting covenant. We belong to His truth and listen to His voice, waiting for Him to come again amid the clouds. (Scott Hahn)

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### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Solemnity of Christ the Universal King (p. 952)

p. 521: Introductory Rites  
p. 952: Readings & Proper Prayers  
p. 541: The Creed

p. 814: Preface: Christ, King of the Universe  
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II  
p. 631: Communion Rite

**Today's Retiring Collection: Catholic Education** – Catholic Education Week is celebrated each year between the Feast of St. Margaret on 16 November and the Solemnity of St Andrew on 30 November. Today's Retiring Collection is for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES).

**November – Month of the Holy Souls:** November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer, and hand these in to the Sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass.

**Christmas Flowers:** if you would like to assist us with purchasing flowers for our Christmas celebrations, please consider placing a contribution in an envelope, marked 'Christmas Flowers', and leaving it in the Sacristy. Thank you.

**ADVENT STUDY COURSE – 'THE CHRISTMAS STORY':** Fr. Domenico is planning a Scripture course on 'The Christmas Story', which will be streamed via Zoom, on **Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm** during December. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 1 December	Preparation
Wednesday 8 December	Annunciation(s)
Wednesday 15 December	Realisation
Wednesday 22 December	Adoration

If you are interested in this, please contact Fr. Domenico for the Zoom link.

**8 December: Day of Recollection at Stratherrick** (postcode IV2 6UL). The Day includes Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Angelus, Litany of the Mystic Rose. Lunch provided. Please arrive by no later than 10.30am; day concludes at 3.00pm. Donations will be most welcome. Please advise St. Mary's parish office if you would like to attend: (01463) 233519.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** Fr. Domenico is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at **any** mutually convenient time; simply get in touch with him. The Sacrament will be available in the Meeting Room; please come round to the back of the church, and enter by the patio door. In addition, he will be offering set times on the following days leading up to Christmas (again in the Meeting Room):

**Tuesday 14 December: 5.30pm-6.30pm**  
**Tuesday 21 December: 5.30pm-6.30pm**

**Thursday 16 December: 5.30pm-6.30pm**  
**Thursday 23 December: 5.30pm-6.30pm**

### Christmas Masses:

Vigil (24 December)	7.00pm: carols and readings	7.30pm: Holy Mass
Christmas Day	10.30am: Holy Mass	12.00 Noon: Holy Mass

**90 Club: Next Draw on 28 November!** – A few numbers are still available if you would like to join in; just ask Father Domenico. \*\* Please note that **2022 contributions will be collected in January** from all those with a number(s). Thank you for your support of this important Parish fundraiser. \*\*

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett

**Anniversaries:** Anastasia MacLeod, Wally Pocock, Thressiamma Thomas, Andrew MacDonald, Elizabeth Campbell