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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

20 NOVEMBER 2022:
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 2)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3
Resp. Psalm: Ps 121 (122): 1-5
2nd Reading: Col 1: 12-20
Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 20 November	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING (p. 1095)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 22 November	St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr	NO MASS TODAY	---
Thursday 24 November	Sts. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions, Martyrs Mass Intention: Effie Kennedy, RIP (Anniversary on 17 November)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.15 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday 26 November	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Richard Green, RIP (Anniversary on 21 November)	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.15 am 8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 27 November	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A (p. 61) Second Collection: Aid to the Church in Need	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am

Christ the Universal King: Kingdom of the Son

Week by week, the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year. Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of the Jews. Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him — Israel's rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him.

They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures (see Psalm 22:7-9; 69:21-22; Wisdom 2:18-20). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them—and us.

The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins and acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And he calls on the name of Jesus, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

By his faith he is saved. Jesus "remembers" him—as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see Psalm 106:4-5).

By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship—not in saving His own life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to "the kingdom of His beloved Son," as today's Epistle tells us.

His kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today's Psalm.

By their covenant with David in today's First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one "bone and flesh" with their king. By the New Covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His kingdom—the head of His body, the Church (see Ephesians 5:23-32).

We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

We would do well, each one of us, on this day, to think about our own personal history, to look at Jesus and to keep telling him, sincerely and quietly: "Remember me, Lord, now that you are in your kingdom! Jesus, remember me, because I want to be good, but I just don't have the strength: I am a sinner, I am a sinner. But remember me, Jesus!" (Homily, 24/11/2013)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Christ the Universal King (p. 1095)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 1095: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 549: Preface I of Advent
p. 611: Eucharistic Prayer III
p. 631: Communion Rite

First Holy Communion, June 2023: Children of P3 age or above are invited to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Weekly classes will begin in January at St Columba's. Please email the parish to request an application form or speak to Fr Domenico. Forms to be returned by 31 December.

Wednesday 23 November: 'Red Wednesday' is the day when we pray for all of our Christian sisters and brothers who are being persecuted around the world for their faith in Jesus Christ. Here is a fact for you: more Christians were martyred in the 20th century, than in all the previous 19 centuries put together. Why not show your solidarity by wearing something red? Next Sunday we will have a collection for the work of Aid to the Church in Need.

Thursday 24 November: Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Emeritus Mario Conti, in Aberdeen Cathedral at 12 noon, celebrated by Bishop Hugh Gilbert OSB. All welcome.

Advent Resources: 'Walk with me' booklets, with reflections for every day of Advent, are available in the entrance foyer. There are also booklets for children, together with Advent calendars. Only £1 each.

Advent Reflections: each Wednesday evening during Advent, the Priests of the Highland Deanery have arranged reflections in different parishes. Here are the dates, locations, and speakers:

Wednesday 30 November (St. Andrew) – St. Lawrence, Dingwall – Fr. Andrew Niski / St. Andrew Community

Wednesday 07 December (St. Ambrose/Eve of the Immaculate Conception) – St. Mary's Beaulieu – Fr. Laurence Gambella

Wednesday 14 December (St. John of the Cross) – St. Mary's Inverness – Fr. Domenico Zanrè

Wednesday 21 December (St. Peter Canisius) – St. Columba's Culloden – Fr. James Bell

Each evening will consist of the following programme:

6.15pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, & opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession

7.00pm Reflection, followed by Night Prayer, Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 10 December: Children's Christmas Party, 2.00pm– 4.00pm. Santa has been notified, and has promised us that he will come to visit St. Columba's! Please note, Mums: Selection Boxes wrapped up! There will be music, games, surprises, and much more! All children very welcome!

Monday 19 December: St. Columba's Christmas Carol Concert, 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Back by popular demand – a date for your diaries! After a three-year hiatus, we will be hosting a service of your favourite Christmas carols, with community singing, together with seasonal Scripture readings, with festive food and drink provided (including non-alcoholic mulled wine, *panettone*, and mince pies). We will have the children of St. Joseph's RC School joining us, together with special guest appearances! Donations at the door– suggested offerings are: £5 for adults; kids go free! Why not invite some friends and come along?!! Spread a little festive cheer!

Looking Ahead.. Christmas Mass Times at St. Columba's:

Christmas Vigil (Sat 24 Dec):

Christmas Day (Sunday 25 Dec):

Carol Service: 9.00 pm; Vigil Mass: 9.30 pm

Mass of Christmas Day: 9.30 am

Prize Bingo: our next evening is Friday 2 December – eyes down at 7pm; come early to be sure of a seat! Items that can be given as prizes are always needed; thank you for your continued support. After the holiday period, we will play our games on the last Friday of each month, beginning on Friday 27 January 2023.

90 Club: Next Draw Sunday, 27 November! – Good luck to all with a number. Only one more draw this year; we recommence in 2023. Envelopes for dues will be placed on the table in the entrance foyer in due course.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Eileen Anne Millar, Tony Lightfoot

RIP: Archbishop Emeritus Mario Conti, Marilyn Barker, Isobel Macdonald

Anniversaries: Jack Johnstone, Pat Grout, Annie Jasinski, Christina Johnstone, Patrick McGlade, Richard Green, Effie Kennedy