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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Parish Mass Book Year C Vol 2, Page 167**

**REFLECTION ON THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING**

**Today we celebrate the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.** This solemnity is always held on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, one week before the beginning of Advent. It therefore brings to culmination the entire liturgical year, in a celebration of the King of Kings. In today's first reading, we hear from the Prophet Daniel who had a prophetic vision. In this vision, he saw the "Son of man," which is a Messianic title that Jesus would later take upon Himself. The Son of man received "dominion, glory, and kingship." This indicates that the Messiah (which literally means, "anointed one") would be a great king. Furthermore, he would be a king of "all peoples, nations, and languages." Thus, there would be a universal nature to the Son of man's kingdom. This indicates that the Messianic kingdom would go above and beyond the kingdom of Israel, which was a distinct nation with its own people, group and language. The new kingdom of the Son of man, although modeled after the Israelite kingdom of David, would supersede it.

The kingship of the "Son of man" is "an everlasting dominion." This promise fulfills the covenant God made with King David in which He promised him an everlasting kingdom. The fulfillment would ultimately come in Jesus, who is the descendant of David and the eternal King of the Universe.

**Jesus is King of the Universe because He is God.** Jesus has existed from all of eternity. He is the beginning and the end (expressed by "Alpha and Omega," which are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet). Jesus, as God, holds dominion over all of creation. He revealed this kingship when He took on humanity. Especially through His death and resurrection, Jesus established His kingdom and invites all of us to be a part of it. Jesus is more powerful than any earthly ruler because His kingdom is one of everlasting love. Jesus died so we could have forgiveness of our sins and be part of His kingdom. He rose to conquer sin and death, proving His kingship and showing us that He wants to bring us all to resurrection.

Jesus invites us all to be a part of His kingdom, which is the Church. In the Church, we find the forgiveness Jesus offers us and the new life that results. **Let us all, therefore, allow Jesus to rule our lives with His perfect love.**

**The church is open  
Tues-Fri**

08.45am-4.00pm

**Sat** 10.00am-6.30pm

**Sun** 7.45am-12noon

**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Sat Vigil 5:30pm**

Int: People of Parish

**Sunday 08.30am**

Int: Tony & Valerie  
Owen, 58th Wedding  
Anniversary

**Sunday 10.15am**

Int George & Josephine  
& George Jnr, Doherty  
Anne O'Neill. R.I.P.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Tues 22nd: 9.30am**

Int: R.I.P. Mark Preston  
Doris and Eric Ortman

**Wed 23rd : 9.30am**

Int: Janine Wilde, Mary  
& Frederick Searle R.I.P

**Thurs 24th: 9.30am**

Int: Hinde and Kelly  
deceased relatives

**Fri 25th: 9.30am**

Barbara, Cornelius and  
Catherine Moran R.I.P.

**CONFESSIONS**

**Tues-Fri** 8.40 -9.20am

**Sat** 4.30-5.20pm

or by appointment

**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: TUES, THURS, FRI 10.00am-2.00pm - Tel 01474705361**

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## PARISH NOTICES

### **YOUTH SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER**

On the last Sunday of Ordinary Time before Advent begins, the Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King. On a national level, we also celebrate Youth Sunday and **the Youth Group are inviting you to join them in Our Lady of Hartley school hall after 10.15am Mass next Sunday for a light brunch and a chance to meet them and each other.** We ask that children be accompanied by an adult, thank you.

### **MASS FOR ALL DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

**On Saturday 26th November at 12 noon,** Mass will be offered for all our deceased parishioners and relatives, and those named in our Remembrance Book. Please bring a photo of your loved ones to place before the altar. Please do stay after Mass for refreshments in the meeting room, all are welcome.

### **REQUEST FOR PARISH SAFEGUARDING VOLUNTEER**

If you could assist Judith Stephens in the area of Parish Safeguarding and would like to discuss the role, please speak with Fr Alphonsus for guidance.

### **CELEBRATING ADVENT**

All in the parish are invited to the meeting room from 8 pm to 9 pm on Friday 25th November, 2nd December, 9th December and 16th December. On each of the four Fridays we will consider the readings for the following Sundays in Advent. We will then reflect on what the texts meant to the early Christians, what they mean to us now, and what the Holy Spirit might be saying to us through them. Please try to come on at least one of the Fridays as part of the parish Advent preparation for Christmas.

### **PARISH CAROL SERVICE- DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Our lovely Parish Family Carol Service will be on Sunday 11th December at 3 o'clock. The service will consist of Readings, Carols, and a Nativity Scene. Both Senior and Junior Choirs will be leading the Congregational Carols as well as singing other well loved Carols. The service is in aid of the S.V.P. annual Christmas appeal to support our local families in need. Please come and join us.

### **SINGING AT MASS**

The liturgy assumes that the congregation will sing during Mass as part of their active participation. As in most other parishes, we would like to restore this

practice at weekend Masses now that the threat of Covid has significantly lessened.

We need volunteers to play musical instruments or lead singing, either in a group or alone! Please contact the parish office to find out more. Plenty of help, advice and demonstration is available.

### **PARISH 2022 WORLD CUP SWEEPSTAKE**

Parish Sweepstake tickets are on sale until 3pm on Sunday 20th November 2022. £1.00 per Ticket. For those of you who are unable to attend and would like to take part, please contact the Parish Office and Tickets will be arranged.

The Winners will be announced on 19th December

2022. Prizes will be £50.00 for the Winning Team, £20.00 for the Team who come in 2nd and £10.00 for the Team who come Third. Good luck to all.

### **ST FRANCIS DE SALES 200 CLUB**

**The November 200 club draw will take place at the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 27th November.**

To become a 200 Club member, the relevant Information, forms and details for payment are available in the church porch and on the website.

## CATACHETICAL PROGRAMMES

Parishioners are asked to first check the **SACRAMENTS** section on the parish website; it has general information on the programmes. Please speak with Fr Alphonsus for any further advice. Please note that Sacramental programmes for school-aged children are lead by the parish, and are not school programmes. **Families wishing to enrol for Sacramental programmes must be registered parishioners of St Francis de Sales.**

### **BAPTISM FOR BABIES AND INFANTS**

Parents of infants and those seeking Baptism, please attend a weekend Mass and speak with Fr. Alphonsus afterwards to register for the Baptism course. **If you have not yet registered your family on the parish database, you need to complete and submit a Parish Registration Form, available from the church or parish website, thank you.**

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY – FOR CHILDREN YR TO Y2**

Will take place this Sunday 20th November, at the 10.15am Mass. Please bring your child to the meeting room **before** the start of Mass. Thank you

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Children will attend Mass this weekend as part of their preparation. On Sunday 27th November, class will be at 9.30am in Our Lady of Hartley School.

## CONFIRMATION IN 2023

**The class scheduled for Tuesday 22nd November has been postponed.**

Any young person in school year 8 or above by would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023, Application Forms are available in the church porch or on the parish website. Parents should speak to Fr Alphonsus and return completed forms to the parish office.

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic? If you have never been baptized, if you were baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to become Catholic, or if you were baptized Catholic, but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, you are welcome to join the RCIA programme, the process by which adults become Catholic. Likewise, if you are Catholic and interested in learning more about the Faith, you are welcome to join. **Please speak to Fr Alphonsus if you are interested in joining the course this year. Lessons take place on Saturday mornings in the church meeting room.**

## RECEIVING COMMUNION

Any adult who does not receive Communion, please do come and speak with Fr Alphonsus for guidance.

## MARRIAGE PAPERWORK PROCESS

You are required to give 6 MONTHS NOTICE of MARRIAGE – whether it is taking place HERE or ABROAD. Couples or individuals should speak to a Priest VERY EARLY IN THE PROCESS – so that there is no last minute rush.

## REGULAR NOTICES

### PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all new parishioners to St Francis de Sales, Hartley. We want you to feel at home in the parish. **The first thing to do is to register yourself/ your family on the Parish registration Database.** Parish Registration Forms are available in the porch, or on the parish website to complete and return to the parish office.

## PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AIDED DONATIONS SUPPORTING THE RUNNING COSTS OF THE PARISH

Please choose one of the following options: (i) **Set up a Bank Standing Order** (ii) **Donate Online** (iii) **Use Weekly Envelopes** (iv) **Cash/Cheque payable to RCAS Hartley** (v) **One off Donation** (vi) **Contactless Giving.**

**Online donations to: Nat West Account RCAS Hartley: 34143580 sort code: 60-06-33**

*If you are a taxpayer, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme, 25p in every £1 can be claimed back by the parish.*

## OUR LADY OF HARTLEY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

For the latest news, please visit the school website at [www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk](http://www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk)

## VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you or someone in your family is housebound and would like a priest to visit, please do contact Father Alphonsus directly or call the parish office, thankyou

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We have a small, friendly group here at St. Francis de Sales whose members can visit to meet up and chat or maybe just to lend a listening ear. Please first contact Fr. Alphonsus and he will put you in touch with us.

## DONATION BOX FOR GRAVESEND FOODBANK

Non perishable items can be left in the Food Bank Box in the Meeting Room at Mass time or in the box in the porch. Thankyou so much for your support.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

‘We are a small group of people who offer confidential support through phone calls, house visits, accompanying people to local medical/dental appointments. We also offer confidential financial support to families. Contact via the parish office’.

## ‘SEEKING SANCTUARY’ DONATIONS NEEDED.

Toiletries, hats, gloves & warm clothing for young men, can be left in the blue box in the meeting room. Thankyou for your kindness to those in need.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**Catholic Spirituality Network Online Advent Day 2022 Seeking God’s Light in the darkness of our living. Saturday 3rd December 10.30 am – 3.30 pm** which will include reflection, sharing and prayer Visit [www.csnretreats.org.uk/csn-events.php](http://www.csnretreats.org.uk/csn-events.php)  
To book: [catholicspiritualitynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:catholicspiritualitynetwork@gmail.com)

## TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASSES

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C**

**2 Samuel 5:1-3** They anointed David king of Israel

**Psalm Response** *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

**Colossians 1: 12-20** He has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves.

**Luke 23: 35-43** Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

## TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

**First Sunday of Advent Year A**

**Isaiah 2: 1-5** The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom

**Psalm Response** *I rejoiced when I heard them say 'Let us go to God's house.'*

**Romans 13:11-14** Our salvation is near.

**Luke 23: 35-43** Stay awake so that you may be ready.

**FOR DAILY PRAYERS AND MASS READINGS ONLINE,**  
VISIT <https://www.universalis.com/>

## PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

### **ADULT CHOIR**

Every Thursday at 7:30pm in the church, unless stated otherwise in the newsletter. New members welcome.

Contact: Yvonne Hegarty at [yhegarty@talktalk.net](mailto:yhegarty@talktalk.net)

### **KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA**

Third Wednesday each month at 7:00pm in the church meeting room. New members welcome.

Contact: William Rons at [williamrons@hotmail.com](mailto:williamrons@hotmail.com)

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)**

Monthly. Contact confidentially through the parish office [Hartley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:Hartley@rcaos.org.uk)

### **CATHOLIC WELCOME CIRCLE (CWC)**

Second Wednesday each month in the church meeting room at 2:00pm unless stated other wise. Contact Margaret Walsh through the parish office.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Leaders' meetings will take place in the meeting room. Contact: Laura Bourne through the parish office.

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION 13th NOVEMBER 2022**

**Envelopes: £27.00 Loose Plate: £49.02**

**Contactless machine: £92.00**

**2nd Collection Archbishop's Appeal: £91.75**

**Thatch Fund: £57.90**

**2nd Collection this weekend 20th November:**

**Catholic Youth Services, Diocesan Collection.**

*Thankyou for your generosity and support,  
may God bless you all.*

**Our 2nd Collection on 27th November:**

**Catholic Children's Society**

### **THATCH FUND**

**Our funding stands at £35,342.16 of the £45,000.00 Target to reach in 2023. Thankyou for your £1 a Week donation.** You may deposit your £1 in one of the Thatch Fund Boxes at the back of the church OR set up a £4 monthly/ £52 annual standing order at: **Nat West RCAS Hartley Acc 34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33.** If you are a tax payer and use the parish Gift Aid scheme, please put your £1 in an envelope marked with your GA number so we can claim back 25p on each £1 you give, thankyou. You can also donate via our JustGiving page – go to [www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley](http://www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley)

### **PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

*Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son in the Eucharist. We now place before you all the sick and housebound of our parish.*

*As they share in this Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and, the joy, the peace and healing of your presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

*'We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.'*

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary: [hartley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hartley@rcaos.org.uk). **Newsletter items received after 11:00am Friday may not be included that week.**

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