

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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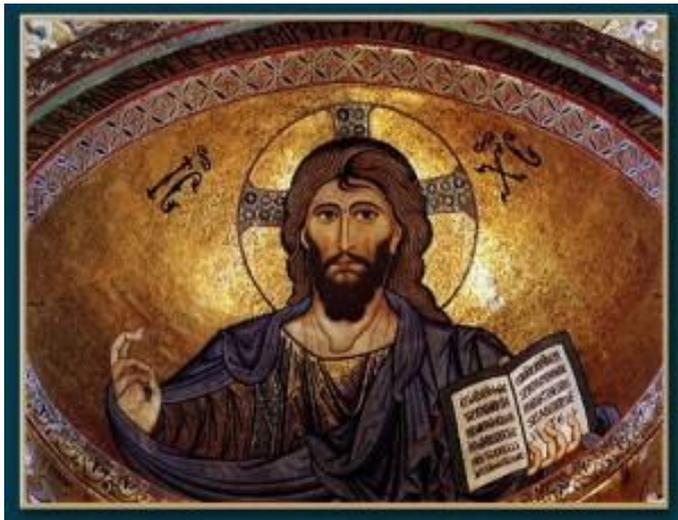
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Registered as a Charity. No 234216.

Feast of Christ the King Yr B



25th November 2018

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Readings:

Daniel 7:13-14
Psalm 92:1-2 *resp v1*
Apocalypse 1:5-8
John 18: 33-37

Mass Times

Saturday	24 th Nov	6:00 pm	Mass	Pamela Williams
Sunday	25 th Nov	8:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	

Monday 26th Nov NO MASS

Weekday Masses in the Crypt Chapel – as indicated.

Tuesday	27 th Nov	9:15 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	Crypt Chapel
		9:30 am	Mass	
Wednesday	28 th Nov	9:00am	Mass at Sacred Heart School	
Thursday	29 th Nov		NO MASS	
Friday	30 th Nov	9:15 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	Crypt Chapel
		9:30 am	Mass	

PARISH HALL

Saturday	1 st Dec	6:00 pm	Mass	Berigno & Rosalina Lacey
Sunday	2 nd Dec	8:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	

Offertory Collection: *Thank you for your generous support.*

Envelopes	(Gift Aid)	£ 27.00		(NGA)	£ 10.00
Loose		£ 261.87			
R&R Appeal	(GA)	£ 84.50	(NGA)	£ 10.00	Loose £ 81.55

Contactless Giving: *You will be able to use your credit and debit cards – Next Week!*
 We now have our contactless terminals and will shortly be introducing our contactless giving. This is a trial, which will then be extended to every parish in the Archdiocese. As it is a trial, it might take a week or two to settle down, but do give it a go!

There is a second Collection today for the Catholic Youth Service

Please pray for: *The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:*

Barbara Brogan, Melene Clifford, Rosemary Daniel, Jean Marie D’Souza, Gill Harrison, Gill Lane, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Caroline Mieczkowska, Diana Newbury, Halina Seligman, Jackie Tidbury, Carl Veys, and Carol Willis.

If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.

Those who have died:

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

John Murray, Primrose Gordon, Colin Burgess *May they rest in peace*

Church Lighting scheme:

Tomorrow, Monday, 26th November, we begin an upgrade of the church lighting. This will require the church being closed for approximately 10 days (including next weekend 1st & 2nd December), when Mass will be in the Parish Hall. Weekday Masses will be in the Crypt chapel. I thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

Today is Christ the King – National Youth Sunday

I am sure you have noticed the growing band of younger people who are reading and serving at Mass. We welcome a diversity of ages for every job in the parish. If you would like to volunteer and join us, you are most welcome.

Hence our Second Collection for The Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT) which was established by the Archdiocese of Birmingham to equip, resource, support and offer training for the wide variety of youth work that is undertaken across the Archdiocese.

No Room at the Inn - but is there space in your home for ONE Night?

Our Parish Crib during Advent: We have 10 nights to fill on a first come basis. If you would like to take the crib for a night during Advent please call Morag Stewart on 0778 715 3048, or 0118 940 3168.

Eucharistic Ministers - Recollection and Training Day – Saturday 8 December

On Saturday 8 December from 11am – 3.00pm there is a day for all our current and new Eucharistic Ministers, led by Deacon Mike. We begin at 11.00am

Mass of Enrolment for First Holy Communion is on Sunday 9 December.

At the 10.30am Mass we enrol those children of the Parish who will be making their journey closer to Jesus, by making their First Holy Communion.

Housekeeping Vacancy – Cleaning, Ironing, Cooking occasionally.

Working in the Presbytery, three days a week, 10am – 2pm.

Please see me for more details.

All our Altar wine is sourced from the Holy Land. This is because last year you supported my Advent appeal to support the Christian families of the Holy Land whose income comes from the winery and the religious orders who run the estates. This year, I would like to make the same appeal once more. Details of the wine are on a certification from the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem – which is on the notice board. I would like to invite you to make a donation of £10 to pay for a bottle of Altar wine.

Altar Wine from the Holy Land

Fr Paul – I would like to donate £10 to buy a bottle of Altar Wine and support the Christians of the Holy Land as part of my preparation for Christmas.

Your Name

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Contactless Giving.

How does it work?

We are one of five Churches in the Archdiocese of Birmingham who will trial contactless giving. In fact, we are the first Catholic Church in this country to do this. Having learned the lessons of the trial, it is expected that this will be introduced into every Church in the Archdiocese, next year, and then nationwide.

You may wonder why we are introducing contactless giving? The use of cash is declining rapidly. Between 2015 and 2016 cash payments declined by 11%, which meant that for the first-time cash payments represented less than half of all payments, (44% in 2016) and the figure continues to fall. By June 2017, contactless payments had risen by 130% on the previous year, amounting to £4.3 million. It is also true, if hard to believe, that many do not bring cash to Church. Therefore, contactless giving seeks to offer another opportunity to support the mission of the parish.

Banks are taking less cash. Mine only allows 5 bags of coins, which came as a shock to me when I wanted to bank my Easter Collection. We are charged for handling cash, it takes longer to count, is kept on the premises and has to be taken to the bank. Contactless giving avoids all of these problems.

So how does it work? How we administer it is up to each parish. I would like to try a number of options, particularly to understand what does and more importantly, what doesn't work = that is the point of a trial. Beginning next week, you will have the opportunity to use your contactless credit/debit card at Mass. The card reader will be available in the entrance, which you can use. Just select one of three pre-set donation amounts (£5, £10, £20) by pressing a button, and then present or tap your card on the terminal and it will ping. All done! It accepts Visa Credit/Debit, Mastercard Credit/Debit, Apple Pay, Samsung and Android Pay.

At some point, I might use it at the offertory collection, but I would like to hear your feedback. I think we will probably settle for the beginning and end of Mass. This is designed to offer greater options for those who give using cash. For those who already donate using a Standing Order, the main time you might use this is at the end of Mass, to support the Second Collection.

Is it possible to Gift Aid your contactless payment? Yes. You can ensure that all contactless payments given at Church will be Gift Aided. You would need to register the last four digits of your card, but this only needs to be done once, and its very straightforward. Gift Aid enables us to claim the tax on the donation you make to the Church, because we are a registered as a charity. This makes a significant increase to our revenue, and we encourage each of you to support us in this way. If you like to know more, simply ask and I will be happy to show you how it works.

Fr Paul