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**Newsletter for the week commencing 23rd/24th November 2019**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)**

**First Reading: The second book of Samuel 5: 1-3** Therepresentatives of all the tribes request David to be their king. David heeds to their request and makes a covenant with them.

**Psalm 121 Response:**  6pm & 8.30am: I rejoiced when I heard them say "Let us go to God's house"

10.30amI rejoiced when I heard them say "Let us go to the house of the Lord"

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**Second Reading: The letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:1 2-20** This hymn praises Christ as the first-born of all creation and through whom God has created all things. The invisible nature and character of God has been revealed in Christ.

**Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43** Simple people watch from afar the scene of the crucifixion while the rulers and the soldiers mock him. The criminals also have opposite reactions, one rails at him while the other prays to be saved by him.

**Father John writes:**

Recently Pape Francis quoted the ‘**Beatitudes of the Politician’** –relevant for our times!

“Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense of deep understanding of their role.

Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility.

Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest.

Blessed be the politician who remains consistent

Blessed be the politician who works for unity

Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change

Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening

Blessed be the politician who is without fear”

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne and Sr Anne Hine.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Frank Whelan, Patricia Rickwood, Marguerite May, Jo Pendered, Irene Balkham, Jimmy Hodson, Christopher Crofton, Catherine Broughton, Theresa Maloney, John Leonard and David Daniels.

**This week’s events**

There is a **second collection** this weekend in aid of Catholic Youth Work.

**Repository Christmas Sale.**

We are holding our Christmas sale **in the hall after all the Masses on Sat 23rd and Sun 24th November**.  Our card sale this year will be in support of The Church in Need Charity which supports Christians in various war-torn countries and The Catholic Children’s Society.  We also have Advent calendars and sets of candles for Advent Wreaths, cribs and books for children, together with our usual selection of greeting cards and Missals.

After our initial sale, any remaining cards and other items will still be available in the Church porch where the Repository Is located.

There is a meeting of the **Parish Outreach Group** this Monday **25th November at** 2pm in the Parish Room.

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** Richard Rohr, an American Franciscan, is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher bearing witness to the universal awakening within Christian mysticism. He teaches that religious conversion involves radical transformation – an experiential knowing of God; that our real selves are who we are in God and who God is in us. Over the course of his Daily Meditations, Richard Rohr mines the depths of his Christian tradition through his Franciscan and contemplative lens. You can sign up to receive his short reflections by email – either daily, or at the end of each week. Access this, and other rich online spiritual resources at: [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie).

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 23rd November | St Clement | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *People of the parish* |
| Sunday | 24th November | **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C**) | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass *Gordon Reynolds RIP 2nd Anniversary* |
| Monday | 25th November | St Catherine of Alexandria | 10:00am Mass |
| Tuesday | 26th November | Feria | 10:00am Mass |
| Wednesday | 27th November | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration *Private Intention* |
| Thursday | 28th November | Feria | 9:00am Mass |
| Friday | 29th November | **Feria** | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration *Allen Davies RIP* |
| Saturday | 30th November | St Andrew, Apostle | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 1st December | **First Sunday of Advent (A)** | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (30th Nov/1st Dec)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Pat S | Nick C | Alvin T |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Louise Carter  Michael Payne | Frances Lawrence  Collette Iglinski |
| **Flowers** | Susan W | **Cleaners** | - |

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Tuesdays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | Wednesdays at 7.00pm |

**Forthcoming events**

**ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP!** Next weekend Lorraine is running this popular festive workshop to help us prepare for Christmas. The workshop will be held on Saturday 30th November from 4pm until and after the 6pm Mass and on Sunday 1st December after the 10.30 Mass. Everyone is welcome. For more details ring Lorraine on 01580 762764.

**The Big Christmas Wrap and Foodbank Appeal!** (See the poster in the porch for details.) We will collate all gifts and Food Bank donations (and welcome any further donations on the day) to be brought to Highbury Hall from 11am on Saturday 7th December. The Highbury Hall Café will be open if you wish to stop for refreshments

We thank you in advance for your help and support in making this Christmas a happy one for all!

Gaudete! A Christmas Celebration - a **musical evening o**n **Saturday 7th December from 7.30pm** provided by the **Tenterden Singers**, along with mince pies and mulled wine! It is in aid of a **fund-raising campaign run by St Mildred’s Church**, at St Mildred’s Church, for counselling young people with mental health issues, which affects so many. Leaflets with more details about this worthwhile charity are available at the back of the church. **Please support them.**

**Christmas Eve Mass:** As last year, the **Mass on Christmas Eve will be at 10.00pm** rather than midnight.