

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

Solemnity of Christ the King

22nd November 2020



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Christmas 2020: In the event that the Church will open for Christmas, Mass times will be as follows: Christmas Eve: **6.00pm** (Family Mass) **9.00pm** (Vigil); Christmas Day **8.00am, 10.00am and 12.00**. Each Mass will be ticketed and limited to **60** people. There are 10 places still available for the 6.00pm Mass. Please email or send a request to the parish office with the names of those attending Mass.

Christmas Greeting Cards are available. Boxes of cards (16 per box) are £3.80p each or two boxes for £7.50p.

Christmas wishes from overseas cards: 0.80p each.

Advent Calendars are £1 each.

2021 Calendars £1.50

Christmas Mass Bouquets: Individual Mass will be offered for each Bouquet requested. The offering for the Mass is £5.50 (including the price of the card).

My Day by Day 2021 diaries: The diary has daily reflections for the year and may make an ideal Christmas gift. Cost is £5.00.

Reflections and Homilies for the liturgical years published by Fr. Colmcille. Cost is £2.50 for each liturgical year or £6.00 when purchasing the complete set. In bookstores, these books would retail at £6.95 each.

Some of the above items are shown on the last page of the newsletter. You can place an order at the friary and these will be prepared for collection. Delivery can also be arranged if you are isolating or housebound.

All items can be obtained from the parish office

Pastoral Associate Update: As we approach the end of the liturgical year it has been a time of disquieting news reports, uncertainty, but also some tangible hope, as the vaccines seem to be imminent. I have finally caved into pressure from my sons and will be acquiring a cat – so changes for us (and Klaus the cat) entering into a different home future too! The Pastoral Area Advent Service has involved many schools, a few pets and parish communities with parishioners of all ages participating. It will be on the St Wilfrid's, Garston YouTube channel on Sun 20 Dec at 4pm: do contact me an email if you can help – readers and announcers needed! h.jones@rcaol.org.uk or 07449 633977.

Our Synod proposals are online with a form facility to capture your proposal choices. The results are anonymised (email is required only in order to send you a copy of your choices) and will be sent to your Parish Synod Member. Links to the proposals are also there: please do connect to help your synod members discern. Two zoom meetings next week hosted by St Wilfrid's, Garston are open to any who wish to participate in discussing proposals for Themes 1 & 2 on Wednesday 25 Nov at 7:40pm and Themes 3& 4 on Thursday 26 Nov at 7:30pm finishing by 9pm. Links online at www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk/synod-proposals-2020. Cardinal Michael will be sharing Advent Reflections in the Light of Fratelli Tutti on Mondays at 7pm beginning on 30 Nov: Info on the J&P website. *"We cannot always build a future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for the future."* Franklin D Roosevelt. Happy Feast of Christ the King especially for our wonderful young people who keep inspiring us, and keep us smiling! God Bless, Helen

Mass of the Resurrection for +Janet Clarke will take place on Monday.

Solemnity of Christ the King marks the last week of this Liturgical year. Next Sunday, Advent will begin. It will be an opportunity to fast and reflect on events of the past year and pray that the new Liturgical year will be a time of renewal.

Meetings with the friars will be by appointment only. All visitors to the parish office are requested to use the entrance door by the back garden.

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Primary School Admissions to Reception in September 2021. If you or anyone you know has a child who is ready to start school in Reception next September [2021], please look at the school website <https://www.stanthonyofpadua.co.uk/> in the section **Key Information Admissions to Reception**. Here you will find the supplementary faith form and a Video / Virtual tour of our school. There will be a zoom meeting shortly for parents and they can register their interest in this by contacting the school office on 0151.724-3233.

Mass times: November 2020 (To be said in the friary during lockdown).

21. Vigil	6.00 pm.	Donor's Intention (Get Well)
22. Sunday	8.00 am.	November Dead List
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	-
23. Monday	12.00 noon	Christopher Crookall rip
24. Tuesday	12.00 noon	John Mulhern (end of life)
25. Wednesday	12.00 noon	John Hagan rip (LD)
26. Thursday	12.00 noon	Seamus McManus & Family rip
27. Friday	12.00 noon	Successful Cancer Treatment
28. Vigil	6.00 pm.	Bridgette Atherton rip (BR)
29. Sunday	8.00 am.	November Dead List
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	-

Masses Received. SAP, Special Intention, John Joseph Leonard rip (A), Successful Cancer Treatment, Fr Patrick Kelly rip, Janet Clarke (LD)

Saint of the week - Monday 23rd November 2020.

Saint Columbanus, Abbot (540? - 615)

He was born in Ireland before the middle of the sixth century. He was a monk from his youth and was learned in both sacred and secular literature. At the age of 45 he left Ireland and went to Europe, where he founded three monasteries in what is now France. His monastic rule was strict, based on Irish practice.

King Thierry II of Burgundy had a veneration for Columbanus and often visited him. Columbanus's criticisms of Thierry's debauched living and practice of concubinage enraged the king's grandmother Brunhild, and eventually Columbanus and all other Irish-born monks were ordered to be deported to Ireland. They eluded their captors, and after an unsuccessful attempt to evangelize the pagan tribes near modern-day Zürich they reached Italy, where Columbanus founded the monastery at Bobbio. He died there in 615.

The Rule of St Columbanus was eventually superseded by the milder Rule of St Benedict. Columbanus's writings are among the earliest evidence of Irish knowledge of Latin. Some of what he wrote related to ecclesiastical controversies of the time and is no longer read, but several extracts from his "Instructions" are still part of the Office of Readings. His style combines an underlying passion with a strong and rhythmic rhetorical structure.

Sunday Readings for the Solemnity of Christ the King.

First reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord will judge between sheep and sheep

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path,
he is true to his name.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil,
my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading.**1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28*****Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father; so that God may be all in all****A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation**Mk11:10**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel.**Matthew 25:31- 46*****I was naked and you clothed me; sick, and you visited me****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thought for Today. "The last of the enemies to be destroyed is death."

John Thaw died on Thursday afternoon, 21st February 2002. He died peacefully, surrounded by his family. He was sixty years old. For the past thirty years he had been one of the most popular faces on British television, first as a detective in "The Sweeney", and more recently and most famously for his portrayal of "Inspector Morse". In this series, Thaw played the part of a flawed but highly-respected police officer, a dysfunctional and opera-loving detective, known for his fondness for real-ale and his problematic relationships with women. The British public loved him, and they loved him because of the sheer humanity of the man which shone through the character that he played.

On the day following John Thaw's death, a repeat showing of an "Inspector Morse" episode was due to be screened on British television. It was entitled "The Last Enemy". This title is a quotation from Saint Paul's words, read to us today – "and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death." For the character of Morse, the mystery of death was a great unknown. He did not bother with religion as such, but he loved music, even religious music, and Faure's "Requiem" was a particular favourite.

When quizzed by his partner, Sergeant Lewis, about religion – "You've never believed in all that stuff" – Morse replies, "It's important if it's true, though, isn't it? Let's just say it's a bit of an insurance policy." In this exchange Morse, himself, is quoting a certain A.W. Kinglake, who wanted to see all churches carry the inscription – "Important, if true."

When Saint Paul wrote to the people of Corinth he was addressing precisely this issue, of the truth of the resurrection and the next life. When some people were saying that there was no resurrection, no after-life, Paul responds directly. What is the point of believing in Jesus? Where is the sense in following a crucified man, if our hopes are centred on this world only? If there is no resurrection, then following Christ becomes a foolish thing to do. Paul responds. Christ has been raised. Death is destroyed, and everything will be submitted to God.

To convince the Corinthians of this, Paul tells them how Jesus appeared to the apostles after his resurrection, and to about five hundred people at the same time, most of whom were still alive. Finally, Paul gives his own personal assurance about the truth of Jesus, the living Lord. "He appeared to me." From now on it will be witnesses that carry the message of Jesus and of his living power to save us. Witnesses who will speak about the Lord, and pass on his teaching, but who, most of all, will testify by the example of their lives. The example that they will give will be the example of loving-kindness, of mercy. This is the essence of God, his loving-kindness, and to practise that in this world is to preach the point and purpose of life.

Ezekiel, in his description of God, describes a shepherd who cares for every one of his flock, especially for those who get lost in the mist and darkness. Jesus, in his parable of the Judgement, shows us how kindness and self-sacrifice will be the measuring rule of all life.

When we stand before the loving God, it will not be an examination about religious observance. Nor will we be tested about the level of our correct behaviour. No. The test will be about our relationships to others, how we treated one another; in particular, about how kind and merciful we were.

The test is a simple one, very uncomplicated: did we share our food and drink, give welcome and shelter to those who are in the cold, care for the sick and the oppressed? As Scripture says elsewhere, "Do not turn away from your own kin." For a follower of Jesus that means, "Do not turn away from any human being."

For all our flaws and dysfunctional ways, whether we love beer or ballet, both or neither, what will matter is if our sheer humanity shines out through the mists and mess of life in this world. If it does, then we shall most certainly be welcomed into the next world, and we will feel at home there.

As Inspector Morse once sang to Sergeant Lewis, relishing one of his favourite hymns:

I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not in vain
That Morn shall tearless be.

Bidding Prayers

Christ the King

22nd November 2020

Heavenly Father, today we mark the Feast of Christ the King and we ask you to become the Lord of our lives and transform the very pattern of how we live. Hear our prayers.

We pray for Pope Francis as he tells us there is no better way to pray than to place oneself in an attitude of openness. Let us remember to find a humble love offered in each situation and to become instruments of God's grace.

We pray for the scientists that have worked tirelessly to formulate Coronavirus vaccines. We give thanks for their knowledge and expertise and for all the people that have put themselves forward for trials to ensure our ongoing safety.

We pray for ministers that are working hard to develop an outline of what set of restrictions the UK may face in December after lockdown. Let us remain hopeful that decisions made will be for the good of all people.

We pray for those that are lonely. Let us show love and compassion to people in our community that are isolated and suffering with agonising loneliness. As Christians, let us remember we are called by Jesus to care for one another.

We pray for those living in poverty. Let us share what we can, be that food, clothes or our time, with the people that need it most this winter.

We pray for our young people. During these difficult days let us remember to always encourage, support and inspire the younger generation especially those that are currently struggling to find employment, battling mental health issues and worried about their future.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, Janet Clarke and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Fr Godfrey Wolf, George Joseph, Jane Auguste, Clare Gorman, Dieter Muller, Seamus McManus. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Loving Lord, as we keep you close in our hearts, guide us through these difficult days. Be beside us in all we do as we place all our trust, hope and love in you. Amen.

Please pray for the sick.

Margaret Barrow, Joanne & Julian Bone, Michael Brooks, Christopher Browne, Carol Bennett, Seamus Carten, Timothy Clarkson, Derek Checkland, Tom Culley, Conor Daly, Alice Feeney, Grace Fernando, Patricia Fitzgerald, Gail Flaherty, Gerry Foley, Marian Gallagher, Joan Ganner, Eunice Garforth, Clare Giblin, James Grant, John Green, Irene Gregory, Juliette Hannon, Lilian Hill, Fr Gerald Hicks, Adrian Hill, Lilian Hill, David Jeffrey, Mark Kelly, Joan Kemp, Denise Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Maureen Kerruish, David Lee, Jennie & Leighton, Maria & Clare Leonard, Sue Lethbridge, Helen Linford, Eva Littler, Freddie Keegan, Elma Kirwan, Patricia McAuley, Winnie McFadden, Joseph McKenna, Simon McLeod, Danny McSweeney, Kevin McSweeney, Stephan Malick, Angela Millan, John Monaghan, Rihanna Mughan, Marisa & Gianpietro Pacati, Cheryl Power, Terence Randles, Paul Rattigan, Hugh Reily, Tess Rice, Kenny Roberts, Therese de Rouffignac, Jacob Scott, Cecelia Shaw, David Smallwood, Jenny Spann, Patricia Steele, Eileen Stokes, Joseph Stokes, Mary Summerfield, Theo (teenager), Lisa Thomas, Maureen Thomas, Tony and Marie, Pat Unwin, Ewan James Vicars, Peggy Westhead, James Whelan, Sophie Williams, Michelle Worthington, John Young and Annie Ward

A Saint in the making

Friar Placido Cortese OFM Conv.

1907 – 1944



Nicolò Cortese (7 March 1907 – c. 3 November 1944) - in religious life Placido - was an Italian Catholic priest and friar with the Order of Friars Minor Conventual. He served as both a parish priest and as the director for the “The Messenger of St. Anthony” magazine in Padua before and during World War II. This month marks the 76th anniversary of his death and will be marked this weekend.

At 6pm on Sunday, November 22nd 2020, a commemorative Mass for Friar Placido will be streamed live on the Internet from the Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua, Italy. Prior to the Mass, at 4:50 p.m., a documentary will be streamed entitled “Padre Placido Cortese – *Il Coraggio del Silenzio*” [Fr. Placido Cortese – The Courage of Silence].

The Mass will be presided over by the Most Rev. Gianfranco A. Gardin, OFM Conv., Bishop Emeritus of Treviso, Italy. The installation of a “Stolperstein” dedicated to the Servant of God will also be officially announced. A Stolperstein (literally a “stumbling block”) is a concrete, cobblestone-sized cube capped with an engraved brass plate. Stolpersteine have been set into the pavement of streets in major European cities as commemorative markers for persons who were deported to Nazi extermination camps and others who helped persecuted Jews. The installation of the Stolperstein for Friar Placido is scheduled for January 27th 2021. It will be placed next to the churchyard of the Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua, near a plaque commemorating St. Maximilian M. Kolbe.

On receiving news that a Stolperstein dedicated to Fr. Placido, Fr. Giorgio Laggioni, Vice-postulator for Friar Placido’s cause for canonization, said: “It is another important element that recognises the value and historical significance of the work that Fr. Placido did in defending the oppressed and persecuted, and the sacrifice he made by remaining silent in order to defend those who collaborated with him and those he had saved”.

The webpage dedicated to Fr. Placido, is www.padreplacidocortese.org/cortese/
You can also read about him in English on a Wikipedia page.



Sunday 22 November 2020
Matthew 25:31-46
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

Jesus says that whenever we are kind to another person we are being kind to him.

LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER

Spot the **five** differences between these sheep.



Sheep or goat?

Here are some clues which describe sheep and goats. Can you tell which is which?

My coat is woolly, my tail hangs down, my young are called lambs, and a shepherd looks after me.
I am a _____



My coat is hairy, my tail sticks up, my young are called kids, and a goatherd looks after me.
I am a _____

Try to draw each one on the back of the sheet!

Being kind

Jesus says how we can to be kind to others.

Draw lines between the **action** and the **people who need our help**.

Give water to...

Welcome...

Visit...

Give food to...

people who are thirsty



people who are sick



anyone who is hungry

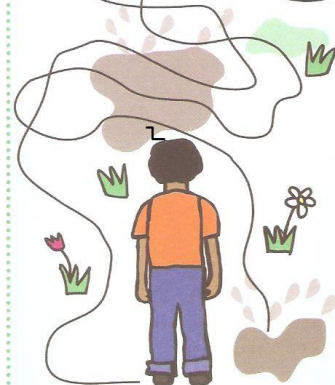


strangers



Kind or not?

Jesus said that people are like sheep and goats; some are kind and some are not.



Follow the hoof prints to see if this child is a sheep or a goat.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Father God, you are so good to us. Help us to be as kind as we can be to all the people we meet every day. Amen.

Answer: Being kind: food = hungry, water = thirsty, welcome strangers, visit = sick. Spot the difference: ears, eyes, nose, colour, grass. Kind or not: sheep

The Selection of boxed Christmas Cards is the same as in previous years.

Christmas Cards

Box of 16

£3.80 per box

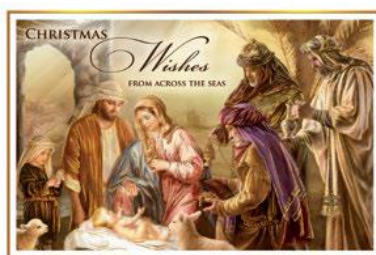
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Advent Calendar for children

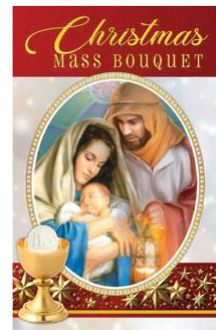
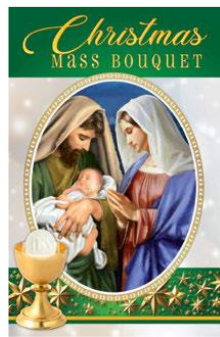
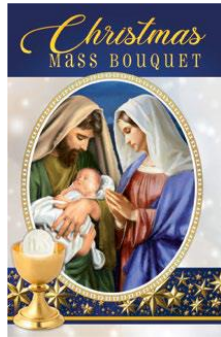
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*Christmas Wishes
From Across the Seas*

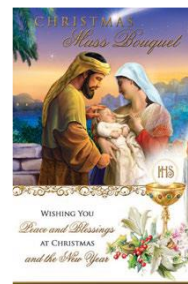
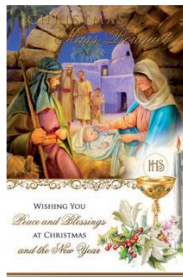
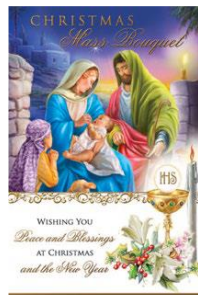
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Christmas Mass Bouquets

Cards 0.50p
Mass Offering - £5.00
(£5.50)



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Christmas Mass Bouquets

Cards 0.50p
Mass Offering £5.00
(£5.50)

When ordering any of the above items please quote the reference number, quantity of items and include your name, address and telephone number.

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