

TIMES OF SERVICES

EUCCHARIST : Sunday : Vigil Mass : 6.00 pm Saturday
9.30 am and 11.30 am

Weekdays : 10.00 am

PENANCE : Saturday morning after 10.00 am Mass.
Saturday evening after the Vigil Mass.
On Request

BAPTISM : Normally after 11.30 Mass on Sundays, by prior arrangement.

MATRIMONY : By appointment, with at least 6 months' prior notice to allow for administration and any necessary preparatory instruction.

First Reading: II Samuel 5:1-3

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

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel: Luke 22:35-43

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR :

SICK : Yvonne Leonard, John Byrne, Louise Chalmers.

RECENTLY DECEASED : Archbishop Mario Conti, Stella Kennedy,
Gerry McManus, Dugald Campbell,
Charles Gallagher, John McPartlin.

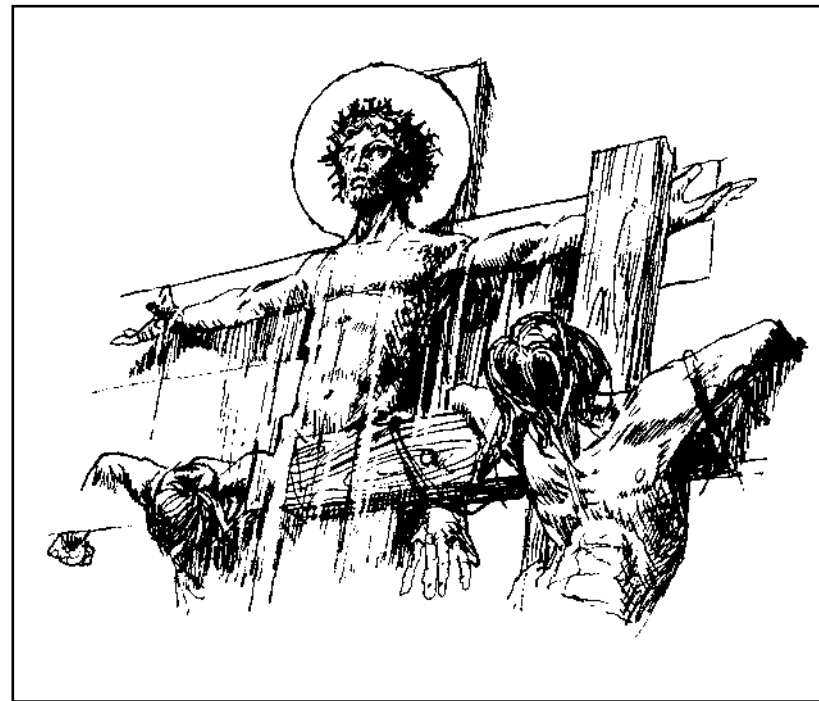
MONTH'S MIND : Francis Cairns.

ANNIVERSARIES :

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Christ the King (C)



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FAITH IN FOCUS: STRANGE KINGDOM

The scene on Calvary seems at first an odd gospel to fit the feast of Christ the King. Christ is on the cross with two criminals, one on each side. What has this to do with his kingship? Surely it's more a scene of defeat and humiliation?

Yet if we look more closely at what's going on we begin to get an idea of the type of king Jesus is. The unrepentant criminal mocks Jesus and calls upon him to perform an escape act for all three of them. The repentant one simply accepts Jesus and asks, even in the midst of all his troubles, for a place in the kingdom.



St Luke emphasises Christ's kingdom by drawing attention to his mercy. For it is by mercy that Jesus exercises his power. He preached that his kingdom was not of this world. But it is established in this world and its values are at odds with all the secular empires and kingdoms that we live with today.

Jesus is king because he is capable of breaking the power of evil, of snapping the grip of sin and death, and of restoring us to a former glory that God intended for us. As a result the "constitution" of this kingdom differs vastly from those of the world.

Only a person who really loves can show mercy. And the mercy of Jesus's kingdom is seen in the type of society that he urges us to build: an eternal kingdom that aims to embrace and redeem the whole human race, and in which there are no strangers. Calling Christ our king means collaborating in building up this kingdom.

If today we are crowning Christ as king of our lives then we must do it by creating a society that respects truth and fosters life in all its forms. God's unusual kingdom is one that tries to live by imitating his holiness and living by his grace. It is the community of those who have a thirst for justice rather than a hunger for profit, who extend the hand of love and care rather than the boot of competitiveness, and who seek not to cause conflict and division but always to promote peace.

And how do we enter this strange kingdom? Like the repentant criminal on the cross, by acknowledging our need for God's mercy.

This Week's Feasts



Monday 21st November
Presentation of Our Lady



Tuesday 22nd November
St Cecilia



Thursday 24th November
St Andrew Dung-Lac

Catholic Education Week - is celebrated in Scotland each year between the Feast of St Margaret and the Solemnity of St Andrew. A collection will be taken up today to promote the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service.

Blessing of the Crib - takes place in George Square at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 30th November. Music from 6.15pm with Alba Brass and Miltonbank Primary School Choir.

Newman Association - *A Long and Twisty Road : The Social and Economic Emancipation of Irish Catholics in Scotland, 1920-2020*. A talk by Professor Sir Tom Devine in the Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius' Church, Rose Street, Glasgow G3 6RE at 7.30pm on Thursday 1st December 2022. All welcome. Non-members : admission £3 - includes refreshments. Since significant circulation of COVID continues, be aware that a maximum of 70 seats will be available.

Youth Safeguarding Forum - the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency is developing a forum for young Catholic adults. This forum will in the first instance look at the current safeguarding training and resources for people in youth ministries, discuss ideas which have been proposed for development and ultimately create a comprehensive package of training and resources for ministries involving young people. If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 and would be interested in joining this forum, or would like to know more, please contact Helena Rameckers by email at training@scssa.org.uk or by phoning 07394 862 279 by Friday, 9th December.

FORTY HOURS ADORATION



This Week : Christ the King, King's Park

Next Week : St Andrew's Cathedral

