

# MASS PROPER SUNDAY 10.30AM

**Introit** *Dignus est* (Rev 5:12; 1:6; Ps 72:1)

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour: to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

(Ps) Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

GLORY. Worthy is...

**Collect**

**A**Lmighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: mercifully grant; that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

**First Reading** **2 Samuel 5:1-3**

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**Responsorial Psalm** **Psalms 121:1-5**

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**Second Reading** **Colossians 1:12-20**

Brothers and sisters:

We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**Gospel Acclamation** **Mk 11:10**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

**Gospel** **Luke 23:35-43**

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**Prayer over the Offerings**

**W**E offer unto thee, O Lord, this sacrifice of our reconciliation: humbly beseeching thee; that he whom we offer unto thee, may himself bestow on all the nations the gifts of unity and peace, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth, world without end.

**Preface** *Preface of Christ the King*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; who hast anointed thine Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ with the oil of gladness, to be a priest for ever and king of all: so that by offering himself upon the altar of the Cross, a pure and atoning victim, he might accomplish the mystery of man's redemption; and, subduing unto his rule the whole creation, might render unto thine eternal majesty a kingdom endless and universal: a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of grace and holiness; a kingdom of peace, of love, and of righteousness.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying: Holy, holy, holy &c.

**Communion** *Sedebit Dominus Rex* (Ps 29:9b,10b)

The Lord remaineth a King for ever:

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**Postcommunion**

**W**E beseech thee, O Lord: that we, who have received the Food of everlasting life, may so glory to fight under the banner of Christ our King; that we may be made worthy to reign with him for ever on his throne in heaven; where he liveth and reigneth, world without end.

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### SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The year of Saint Luke ends with a characteristic take on the feast of Christ the King: in Luke's gospel we are so familiar with seeing and hearing the voiceless, the rejected, those whom society puts in second place: how suitable, then, that on the feast of the King of all Creation we see him at his most vulnerable on the cross, with only an abrupt inscription to announce that he is the King. He is King because of the work he has done, which is described by Saint Paul in the Second Reading: 'all things [are] reconciled through him and for him when he made peace by his death on the cross.' Next week, when we re-enter Advent and a new Liturgical Year, we will be thinking of the King who will come again: though he will come as his disciples saw him go at the Ascension, the marks of the cross will still be visible for all time, to remind us of the one who came to reunite all Creation, especially frail human creatures.

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

**First reading** **2 Samuel 5:1-3**

This reading emphasizes David's final anointing as king over all Israel, marking the unity of the tribes after a period of division. It highlights how the elders recognized David's divine call, shared heritage ("we are your bone and flesh"), and proven leadership, leading to a covenantal agreement and mutual obligation. This event is seen as a foreshadowing of Christ, the true King, who is both the descendant of David and the one who died for his people.

**Second reading** **Colossians 1:12-20**

Christ is the true Image of God, the Firstborn of all creation, and the Head of the Church, who through His blood reconciles all things to God. It is a powerful assertion of the divinity of Jesus, the Alpha and Omega, who reconciles us to our Heavenly Father by his one, perfect offering of himself on the Altar of the Cross.

**Gospel** **Luke 23:35-43**

We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Saviour of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation. Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment.

**SUNDAY MASS**  
6.00pm (Saturday Vigil), 10.30am (Solemn), 5pm

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
12.45pm Tue-Fri

**HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION**  
*As advertised.*

**CONFESSIONS**  
Sat 5.15-5.45pm

*A very warm welcome to Mass today, especially if you are new or visiting. This sheet contains information about the week's Masses, along with this week's readings and hymns. You are warmly invited to stay for coffee, tea and wine, which is served after the 10.30am Solemn Mass in the Bishop Challoner Hall downstairs.*

# NEWS & EVENTS

## Christmas Masses:

**Christmas Eve (24th) at 6.30pm Solemn Vigil Mass of Christmas**

**Christmas Morning: 10.30pm Mass with Carols.**

## For your diary:

**Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026:** the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There will be a Solemn Evensong at 3.30pm. It is a great joy to welcome back the Rev. Dr Robin Hill, Minister of Gladsmuir Kirk, near Edinburgh. There will be an opportunity to meet downstairs in the Challoner Hall with ecumenical guests.

## And while we're on matters ecumenical:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026: the Ecumenical Marian Pilgrimage Trust's Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The accommodation will be at the Anglican Shrine, and the total cost will be £345, including a non refundable deposit of £60. There will be Mass at the Catholic National Shrine, daily Catholic Mass, as well as liturgies in the other traditions represented, including Anglicans and Orthodox. Further details on the leaflet at the back of Church.

## Pope Leo's intentions for the month of November:

### For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

## A reminder:

...that the Church of our Lady of the Assumption relies very heavily on the generosity of our members and visitors. Regular members are asked to consider setting up a regular monthly standing order, our details being as follows:

WRCDT Warwick Street Church; HSBC Uk account number: **11094904**; sort code: **40-05-20**

## Thank you!

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING</b>	10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Please pray for:</b></p> <p><b>THE SICK</b> Assumption Fernandez, Bernice Taylor, Flutura, Charlie O'Donnell, Kenny, Norma Skeggs, Paul</p> <p><b>FAITHFUL DEPARTED</b> <b>Doreen West</b></p>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Comps, Martyrs	No Mass		
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>feria</i>	12.45pm 6pm Rosary		
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>feria</i>	12.45pm 6.30pm Sung Mass (Latin)	Ashford (intention)	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>feria</i>	12.45pm		
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>feria</i>	12.45pm		
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Our Lady on Saturday <b>Advent One</b>	12noon 6pm (Sunday Vigil)	Joan Rodriguez (RIP)	

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## MASS PROPERS SATURDAY 6PM

### Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.

To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,  
grant, we pray,

that the whole creation, set free from slavery,  
may render your majesty service  
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### First Reading

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### Responsorial Psalm

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.**

I rejoiced when they said to me,  
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'

And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city  
bonded as one together.

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD.

As it is decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.  
There were set the thrones for judgement,  
the thrones of the house of David.

### Second Reading

Brothers and sisters:

We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### Rev 5: 12; 1: 6

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### Gospel Acclamation

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Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!  
Alleluia!

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### Prayer over the Offerings

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice  
by which the human race is reconciled to you,  
we humbly pray,  
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations  
the gifts of unity and peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### Prayer after Communion

Having received the food of immortality,  
we ask, O Lord,  
that, glorying in obedience  
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,  
we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Mk 11:10**

**Luke 23:35-43**

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**Ps 28: 10-11**

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