



Our Lord Jesus Christ, The King of the
Universe - Year C

22nd - 23rd November 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
Sat 22 9.30am 6pm	Harry Haldane Caroline Leiju (Birthday)	RIP (A) T’GIVING
Sun 23 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Mary Stokes For those in our Book of Remem. D’csd members/family 11am choir Snoviya Rato (Birthday)	RIP (A) RIP RIP T’GIVING
Mon 24 9.30am	Ida Fernandes	T’GIVING
Tue 25 9.30am 7pm	K.T. Alexander For those in our Book of Remem.	RIP (A) RIP
Wed 26 9.30am	Samuel Pereira (Birthday)	T’GIVING
Thur 27 9.30am	Eric & Cina Fernandes (Wed. A)	T’GIVING
Fri 28 9.30am 7pm	D’csd members Mhondoro Family Velit D’Costa (Birthday)	RIP T’GIVING
Sat 29 9.30am 6pm	William & Vera Chappells For those in our Book of Remem.	RIP (A) RIP
Sun 30 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Ildinha & Bernardo Pereira Capistrano J & Dephina J Dias Angela Fernandes/Genie Delrio People of the Parish	RIP RIP RIP INT
Sanctuary Lamp is lit the intentions of the Macken Family		
OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY		
Confessions and Adoration: Saturdays 10.15am-11.15am		
Confessions: Saturday 4pm-5pm		
Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday 9.10am		
Rosary: Monday & Friday 10am		
St Anthony Devotion: Tuesday 10am		
Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesday 10am		
Sacred Heart Devotion & Adoration: First Friday (10am-3pm)		
Prayer & Intercessory Group: 3rd & 4th Saturday 7pm		
Polish Mass: Every Sunday 1.00pm		
Malayalam Mass: 3rd Sunday 2.30pm		
Filipino Mass: 4th Saturday 2.30pm		
Nigerian Mass: 4th Sunday 2.30pm		

Dear Friends,

I guess it is fair to say that as we approach both the end of the actual year and the liturgical year, now would be a good time to reflect on our thoughts, words and deeds (or even our lack thereof) over the previous twelve months or so.

Today is of course the solemnity of Christ The King, a relatively new feast that was introduced by Pope Pius XI in 1925. This was a decade of great division. In Russia the Church was already being persecuted by the atheistic totalitarianism that is communism and in central Europe the rise of fascism was growing. In giving us this feast Pope Pius reminded us that in the end there is only one king and that king is God.

I often considered that “King” is in many ways the most inappropriate title that could have been given to Christ. Surely a king should have a palace, an army and political power over his subjects. Jesus had none of these, he spent his entire ministry walking around Palestine with his disciples preaching and healing the impoverished, the sick and the needy.

Despite what I just said, the title “King” is also appropriate as it defines His divinity. It is because He spent his entire ministry walking around Palestine looking after anyone who needed Him that we see something that is true, i.e. That God Is The King Of The Universe, and as such we all owe allegiance to Him.

Have a blessed week,
Deacon Colin

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES
Mon, Wed: 10.00am–12noon & Fri: 12.30-2.30pm
Tues, Sat & Sun: Office Closed

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Today: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe, p.167
Next week: First Sunday of Advent (Year A) p. 82

REST IN PEACE
We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they rest in peace.

SAINT OF THE WEEK
St Catherine of Alexandria (287-305) , Virgin & Martyr
Feast Day: November 25th, Memorial
“Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.”

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CATECHESIS CORNER

In this month of November, giving focus on our deceased brothers and sisters, today we consider what the Church teaches about the sacraments of Confirmation when faced with 'danger of death'. Danger of death can be understood as an occasion when one's life is at risk, and this is unusually understood as serious illness, injury, or when someone might have to undergo emergency surgery. Remember the starting point: 'Every baptised person not yet confirmed can and should receive the sacrament of Confirmation...at an appropriate time' (CCC 1306). The ordinary minister of Confirmation is the Bishop, but in danger of death any priest can Confirm, with the Catechism stating that 'the Church desires that none of her children, even the youngest, should depart this world without having been perfected by the Holy Spirit with the gift of Christ's fullness' (CCC 1314). This, then, is also applied to a child, even if they have not yet reached the age of reason (which is usually understood as seven years old, although a later age seems to be favoured by Bishops' Conferences), when there is danger of death. If a person is unbaptised and they request the sacraments in danger of death, or as an infant a parent requests it, that person would be baptised and then confirmed immediately. Here we can see the relationship with how Confirmation is perfecting Baptismal grace (CCC 1316), and a person is 'enriched with the gift of the Holy Spirit' (Can.879, Code of Canon Law).

COMMUNION ROUTES Following a period of observation and feedback, new routes for us to receive Holy Communion will soon be implemented. This is to help mitigate against any collision with another communicant, whilst offering and receiving the Blessed Sacrament in a more reverent way. **From the beginning of Advent**, Holy Communion will be distributed to the congregation sitting at the front of church, working backwards, and we encourage all those sick members of the parish who cannot process to receive Holy Communion to sit at the front of the church, so that they can receive more easily. Also, the congregation seated in the pews on the right-hand side of the church, as you face the Sanctuary, will come to receive Holy Communion from a minister who is positioned at that side, again, from the front to the back of the church. The congregation in the two main blocks of pews will continue to come down the middle aisle to receive Holy Communion, returning via the side aisles. I hear this was once a familiar practice in the parish and we hope the fruits of this 'renewed' system will be positive.

BELLS AT MASS – DID YOU KNOW? The main reason for bells to be rung at Mass is to draw ones attention that something sacred is happening. The first bell tells us that the sacredness of Mass has begun, we all stand. The second set of bells is at the point called the Epiclesis, when the priest calls down the power of the Holy Spirit, beginning the sacred period of consecration; here we are kneeling in reverence to this Holy and miraculous moment. The third and fourth set of bells are rung at the moment of transubstantiation, when the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus, the real presence of Jesus amongst us; we remain kneeling. The fifth bell is when the priest consumes the precious Body and Blood of Jesus. Many people think this bell is an indication that they should sit in their seat. Rather, given that this is a continuity of this sacred moment in the Mass, we would remain kneeling, with the bell alerting us to the fact that soon each of us will come forward to receive the Body of Christ.

3rd DECEMBER MASS There will be a Mass celebrated here in Konkani at 4pm as we honour the Memoria of St Francis Xavier.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

First Holy Communion 2026 (for children) The next class will be on **Saturday 29th November** at 9.30am.

The Walk with Jesus (for children in non Catholic Schools) the next session is **Sunday 23rd November** after the 9.30am Mass.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND COLLECTION Thank you to all who have donated to this annual collection. Your generosity will help our sick and retired priests to receive the care and support they need. To date we have collected £1,319.34 for this appeal, which is wonderful. Once again, Thank you!

SENIOR CITIZENS 'GOLDEN YEARS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

This will take place on Sunday 14th December, 1-4pm, in the Parish Centre. It is intended for St Lawrence parishioners who are 65 years and over. To book your ticket, please email **Kieran Baker** on felthamppc@rcdow.org.uk. Please note you will need to organise your own transportation to and from the church and, again, please there will be no parking in the church parking bays that afternoon, to assist with our Health and Safety measures. If you would like to volunteer to help on the day, please also email **Kieran** on the email above.

CHRISTMAS MARKET All stalls for this exciting event have now been booked. Please put the date in your diary and come along to enjoy this festive Christmas Market, where you may complete much of your Christmas shopping. For Health & Safety reasons, there will be no parking in the church bays this day.

9th DECEMBER 7PM MASS Due to a deanery commitment, the 7pm Mass on this day ONLY will be moved to the earlier time of 4.30pm. the Mass intention will also move to this new time. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November Lists are available at the back of Church. Please complete them and post them through the presbytery letterbox, with any offering you wish to make.

Annual Bereavement Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday 25th November at the 7pm** as we pray for the peaceful repose of parishioners who have died over the past year, and for the comforting of their families. Please come along to offer the support of your prayers to those who are grieving.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

1-2 November: Total Loose & Envelopes £2,126.50
8-9 November: Total Loose & Envelopes £1,710.69
15-16 November: Total Loose & Envelopes £1,702.44

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