

Mallow and Mourneabbey Parish Newsletter

Sunday 22nd November 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Christ the Universal King

'So you are a king, then?,' said Pilate.

This feast has its origin in 1920 when the Pope at the time faced with much social chaos in Europe – at the overthrow and assassinations of kings and emperors in Portugal, Spain, Austria-Hungary and Russia – in the previous decade. This past decade marked the centenary of much disorder and war in Europe. Hence the decade witnessed the overthrow and destruction of the royal houses of Europe – or if they continued to exist - were all reduced at best to being symbolic figureheads. This massive upheaval in a short space of time changed the face of Europe and ushered in a 'brave new world'. People's potential blind loyalty to the newly founded States, however, be they republics or parliamentary democracies (and Communist as well as fascist dictatorships) was in real danger of eclipsing their prior loyalty to God's will and kingdom. Indeed the Church was suffering already and would continue to suffer anti-clericalism and persecution in the backlash against the unfortunate prevailing or perceived clericalism.

The response was to establish the Feast of Christ the King, as a reminder to all Christians of Christ's ultimate Lordship over all people and history, and His universal and everlasting reign - to remind us of our ultimate calling and destiny if we choose to accept it.

The Kingship of Christ does not have any physical or geographical boundary. But He is the universal King and, as the hymn has it, He is 'king of all hearts'. This may perhaps seem as romantic, symbolic or a remote and abstract concept to us, yet the prayer of all Christians is the Our Father, where we always say **Thy Kingdom Come**, and then we say **thy will be done**. They are actually one and the same request or petition. God's kingdom can be seen and is manifested where His will is seen to be done in individuals, families, communities and in institutions and societies at large. We are promoting God's kingdom by following His commandments and obeying the just laws of the State.

The kingdom of God is within – it is our choice to want to do His will above ours, or at least to conform

what we want as we consider if it is what God would truly want for us. The kingdom of God, in the words of the Preface for the Feast tells us that it is meant to be

***'...an eternal and universal kingdom,
A kingdom of truth and life
A kingdom of holiness and grace,
A kingdom of justice, love and peace.'***

Prayers for those in our Cemeteries in November

Prayers will be offered **this Sunday** at 2pm for the faithful departed **online** for the deceased in the cemeteries in Mallow and Mourneabbey Parishes. Tune in on our parish website. As next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent there will be no 2 pm prayers next Sunday.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

We wish to draw your attention to the facility available online to donate to the parish. Simply click on the DONATE button on the parish website.

The website address is <https://mallowparish.ie/>

We thank all of you for your continued support of the parish and the clergy at this time – including donations submitted online in recent months.

Changing Funeral Practices.

Many of you will have noticed the long held customs concerning wakes and funerals have changed dramatically almost overnight. Gone are the long lines of people outside a funeral home waiting to offer their condolences to the bereaved. Most people now offer their condolences online.

Eulogies are to be removed from the Funeral Mass.

A eulogy could also be placed on line, e.g. Facebook, where it could be seen by many people in their own time.

This is more appropriate and it would also remove any stress from the person who feels obliged to talk at the end of a funeral Mass. Speeches at weddings are not given during the Mass but afterwards at a reception.

Where requested, a "Thank you" list could be read by the celebrant.

Important Notice

**PLEASE NOTE:
LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS REMAIN
IN PLACE**

PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR UPDATES
CHURCHES REMAIN OPEN FOR
PRIVATE PRAYER

MASSES ON-LINE AT ST MARY'S

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS:

FRIDAYS 5.00 - 6.00PM AT CHURCH
OF THE RESURRECTION

SATURDAYS 10.30 –11.30
AT ST MARY'S

SUNDAY NIGHT **HOLY HOUR** ONLINE AT
7.30 PM AT ST MARY'S

**Sunday Feast of Christ the
King
ADORATION
2.30—6.00.**



FOR ALL OTHER QUERIES PLEASE
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Irish Saints feastdays this week

Monday, November 23rd : St Columbanus born around 543. He became a monk of Bangor and went on pilgrimage for Christ' setting out with 12 companions and came to Burgundy. He established monasteries in Austria and Italy where he died in 615.

Tuesday, November 24th , Feast of St Colman of Cloyne: The patron saint of our Diocese, St Colman, was born around 530 AD, probably in West Cork. A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by St Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to East Cork and his main foundation was at Cloyne.

Saturday, November 28th: St Fergal

Priests of our Parish:

Msgr. Anthony O'Brien, P.P., V.G. 087 6834193.

Fr. James Greene, C.C. 085 8471249.

Fr. Andrew Carvill, C.C. 022 51606.

Fr. John McCarthy, C.C. 086 8212101.

Sick Calls:- Please call 022 21251

PARISH WEBSITE www.mallowparish.ie

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by logging on to churchservices.tv/mallow**

**Can I continue to pray and gain indulgences
for the Faithful Departed?**

While Level 5 restrictions do make an allowance for a visit to a grave during this time, the Church - and the parish clergy - are keenly aware of difficulties people face in observing the customs associated with this time of year especially Masses for the Holy Souls and offering public prayers in cemeteries. This year there will be no official public prayers in the cemeteries themselves but prayer will be offered online at 2 pm this Sunday from St Mary's for the Faithful Departed of Mallow and Mourneabbey parishes. You may wish to visit the graves of loved ones in our own time on these Sundays.



The Vatican has recently published new guidelines that take into account the difficulties people are encountering in customarily visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead to gain the Indulgence from November 1st-8th. You may now offer your prayers **on any day of November** to gain the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the souls of the dead. If you are prevented from visiting a grave you can offer mental prayer and set prayers such as the Rosary or Divine Mercy chaplet of Morning or Evening Prayer of the Church from the Office of the Dead.

Confessions are available at the usual times in St Mary's on Saturdays and Church of the Resurrection on Fridays