

WE know all our lives will come to an end. This sobering thought can help us to appreciate people we love, teach us to relish the passing hours, and make special days special indeed. We as Christians however have to do much more than this. We have to expect the whole world will come to an end. We must welcome it, as something very positive and promising. We believe Jesus will be there. We will do, if we make Jesus 'figure' to us; if we pray to Him, worship Him, come to Him at Mass, make Confession to Him, try to follow Him, as well as we can, in our daily lives. So we can expect Him to be there at the end, to show us His everlasting love. As we know Him, we know Love is what His life is all about.

We can understand perfectly what He says in today's Gospel. He will welcome and love all those who have loved. He will not be able to welcome or love those who haven't. He says it all now, so that we know it all now.

A delicious, strange joke is included. Everyone in the story is so surprised! Real love will never have been done just to impress Him, but done of itself.

The point made in this gospel is that wherever there was love, there He was. To me it also solves a great problem. Who is 'saved'? How can pagans, and all those in other religions be 'saved', if it is so important to believe in Jesus?

The answer is here. You are saved if you have loved. Of course once you hear about Jesus, and that it is His love that saves the world, then you must believe in Him. But Jesus' love and goodness are so great, that if you have joined in that, even without knowing Him, then you are with Him. Today we are learning to appreciate the good there is in many religions and are trying to work out how all this might be really gathered in a future Church. I dream of a Catholic Salvation Army. I haven't been brave enough to say this to Salvationist friends - yet.

fr Duncan OP

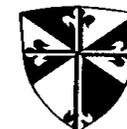
Christ the King

Year A (Weekdays II)

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The Newsletter of
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Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
7:30pm Vigil *	Fr Fabian	Terry McGowan, RIP	Fr Isidore *
8:00am	Fr Isidore	Andrade family (deceased)	Fr Euan
9:30am Family	Fr Fabian	Peter Leech, RIP	Fr Leon
11:00am Solemn	Fr Thomas	Ann Potterton (sick)	Fr Duncan
4:00pm Old rite	— —	(No Mass this week)	Fr Thomas
5:00pm Students	Fr Peter	(Mass for Students in the Lady Chapel)	Fr Peter
7:00pm	Fr Leon	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Thomas

Sunday Evening Services	22 November	Confessions	29 November
6:00 Rosary	Fr Fabian	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Leon
6:20 Sung Latin Compline	Fr Leon	4:00 - 5:00pm*	Fr Euan *
6:40 Benediction	Fr Thomas	7:00 - 7:20pm*	— —

* From next week the Vigil Mass will be at 6pm, and on Saturday afternoons Confessions will be from 5pm to 6pm only. Please pick up a copy of the yellow leaflet which gives all service times from 29 November.

Entrance Antiphon:	The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour: to him be glory and power for ever.
1 st Reading:	Ezekiel 34: 11-12. 15-17
Psalm Response:	The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. (Ps 23)
2 nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 15: 20-26. 28
Alleluia:	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! At 11:00 - His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.
Gospel:	Matthew 25: 31-46
Communion Antiphon:	At 11:00 - I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me. Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. <u>Otherwise</u> - The Lord will reign for ever and give his people the gift of peace.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections: Offertory Collection £1056.44; SVP £2.85; St. Martin's Missions £5.94; Holy Souls £13.31; Grenada £1.00. The retiring collection for the Diocesan Quota came to £259.56.

The Blackfriars Advent Market raised £1029.96, almost twice as much as last year (£530)! It was heartening to see so many parishioners volunteering to help, with donations, looking after stalls, cooking and serving food, and clearing up. There was a very jolly atmosphere, enlivened further by our very own Gospel Choir! A huge thank you to all those who kindly made this event possible and such a success!

A second collection will be made today to supplement the collection at the Advent Market.

The 200 club has always had a few spare places available. If you would like to help the parish fabric fund in this way, and risk winning prize money along the way, please give your name and phone number at the 200 Club desk. It would be marvellous to have a 300 Club!

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

The week ahead...		
Monday*:	SS Ignatius Delgado, friar, bishop, Vincent Liêm, friar, priest, Dominic Khâm, husband and father, lay Dominican, and Companions, martyrs of Vietnam	
Tuesday:	St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr, secondary patroness of the Order of Preachers - <i>optional</i>	
Wednesday*:	Feria	
Thursday:	Feria	
Friday*:	Feria	
Saturday:	Saturday Mass of Our Lady - <i>optional</i> Novena to Our Lady at 10:30am. Books for recording your petitions and thanksgiving are in the Lady chapel.	
	*WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. Fr Thomas will say Mass in the older form on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30am. All are welcome.	
	SUNDAY MASS IN LATIN. As well as the 11am Mass on the 2 nd and last Sundays of the month, there is Mass in the older rite each Sunday at 4pm, beginning next week. This is at the request of our bishop.	
Next Sunday - First Sunday of Advent. Readings:		
Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1. 3-8	1 Corinthians 1: 3-9	Mark 13: 33-37

Cafe Equitable discussion evening, 'What Progress on HIV & AIDS?', will be held on Tuesday 25 November, 7:15pm at Bishop Street Methodist Church. As World AIDS Day approaches again we ask what progress there has been in AIDS prevention and treatment. Please come to this discussion led by Celia Fisher of Leicestershire AIDS Support Services. There will also be a chance to find out about the Stop AIDS Campaign's work to bring about a 'patent pool' which will promote access to hitherto expensive AIDS medicines.

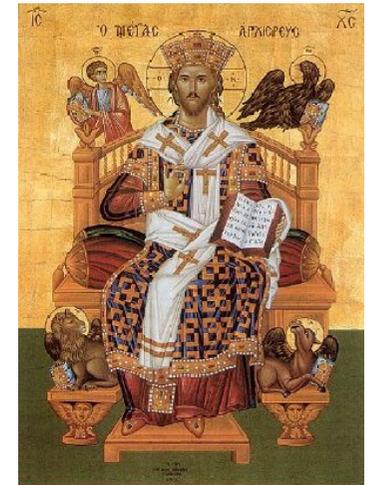
City of Sanctuary 'Seasonal Celebration' - this is planned for Monday 22 December, 12 noon till 6pm, at Trinity Life Church Hall (Tichborne St). It is an attempt to help asylum seekers and refugees and their children have a Happy Christmas; BUT there seems nothing but fun and games and no presentation of Christmas at all. Do you have any ideas about presentations of who Santa Claus is (Saint Nicolas) and why we give presents (the Magi)? If you can help, please contact Fr Duncan.

World AIDS Day (1 December). There is a photographic Exhibition in Leicester Cathedral daily until 29 November, and a service at the Cathedral on 29 November at 10am. More information on the noticeboard.

A service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held here on Wednesday 3 December at 7:30pm. Please come along and bring a friend or two with you. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

The Parish Christmas Party will be on Sunday December 7th at the Holy Cross Centre, a lunchtime 4-course meal and entertainment. Tickets are priced at £10 for adults, £5 for children and £7 at reduced rate for the unwaged. Family tickets are also available. Get your tickets after Mass from the 200 Club desk before they are sold out.

Leaflets are available listing the times of services in this church, effective from the start of Advent, the evening of Saturday 29 November.



Christus Rex

Music for Christmas 2008. Coro Nostro, the Chamber Choir which sang at the Requiem Mass on Remembrance Sunday, will have their next concert on Tuesday 9 December at 7.30pm at the Church of St John the Baptist, Clarendon Park Road. Tickets available from the Richard Attenborough Centre or the Tourist Information Bureau, Town Hall Square, and on the door (including mulled wine and mince pie).

Leicester Catholic Studies. The Autumn Talk will take place in Holy Cross Centre on Monday 1 December at 8pm when Fr Dominic O'Connor will speak on 'An Ongoing Journey'. All are welcome, and an interesting and stimulating evening is assured.

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 Services at Holy Cross during the week  
 (and please note there will be changes from next week) :  
**Mass: Monday to Saturday, at 10:00am (with sermon) & 12:40pm.**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 10:30am - 12:30pm**  
**with Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and Benediction at 12noon.**  
**Novena to Our Lady: Saturday at 10:30am.**  
 Mondays to Fridays in winter (except Bank Holidays) the church is open from 8am until 3:30pm.  
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