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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
23RD-24TH NOVEMBER 2019**

*ENTRANCE  
ANTIPHON*

**How worthy is the lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and hon-our. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.**

*Apocalypse 5.12*

*COMMUNION  
ANTIPHON*

**The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

*Psalm 28.10-11*

**1st Reading: II Samuel 5.1-3:**

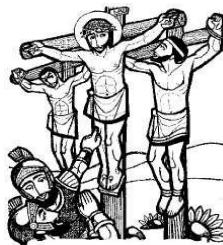
The tribes of Israel gather to proclaim David king, and to acknowledge him as the one appointed by God to be shepherd of the people and leader of Israel.

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

**2nd Reading: Colossians 1.12-20:** Christ is the first-born of all creation. Through him all things came to be and in him all things are held in unity. Every-thing is reconciled through him and for him; in him we have been taken out of the power of darkness and given a place in his kingdom. He is the head of the Church which is his body.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Luke 23.35-43:** As a record of the crime he committed in the eyes of the Romans, the inscription on the cross of Jesus read; "The king of the Jews." This blindness and injustice was compounded by the sarcastic jeering of the bystanders. At the end, it was only the criminal hanging beside him who recognised him for who he was—"Remember me when you come into your king-  
dom." The king-ship of Jesus can-not be understood in the terms of this world.



*The dedication of the new altar and refurbished church by Bishop Toal will take place during the vigil Mass of Saturday 30th November at 6pm. Everyone is invited to the Mass and to the Reception in the Hall afterwards.*

Please pray for the eternal rest of Theresa Casgranda whose Requiem Mass takes place on Wednesday 4th December with her body being received on Tuesday at 6pm. May the Lord comfort Jim and his family at this time of their loss.

My brother Henry died on Thursday night after a short illness. I thank God for all the beautiful graces and blessings so many of us received through him. His Requiem Mass takes place here on Monday 2nd December with his body being received on Sunday 1st December at 3pm. Thank you for your prayers and loving support at this time. Fr Magill

**CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME** to Rebecca Grace Brown and Emma May McMahan who are to be baptised this Sunday. May the Lord bless them and keep them, and fill them and their parents with his holy presence and love.



**HYMNS FOR MASS: Entrance 749; Offertory 836; Communion 644 & 253; Exit 320. The choir is asked to come together for a practice this Tuesday at 7pm. No practice this Sunday.**

*Pope Francis' Prayer intention for November: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East*—That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

*Taylor's Fashion Show takes place in the hall on 5th December at 7.30pm. Thanks to all who organised and supported our Christmas Fayre and raised a magnificent £1500.*

Christmas cards and gifts are now on sale in our shop. The parish Christmas card with the photo of the church is still available, price £1

*During November, Mass will be offered up each day for all whom you have asked to be remembered and for all former parishioners and priests*

*We recommence our four Growing in Faith Together sessions on Tuesday 3rd December, rather than this Tuesday, at 7pm. This year I would like to look at the Bible and its use at Mass. Everyone is welcome. I encourage especially our readers to come along.*

Catholic Education Sunday takes place this week. Mr McCague from St Aidan's will speak at the vigil Mass and Mr Farrell at the morning Mass. There will be a 2nd collection for the Catholic Education Service.

*Please take a copy of the letter from the bishops of Scotland offering some reflections on the forthcoming General Election.*

*The annual Carluke & District Praise the Lord Service will take place in St John's Church this Sunday 24th November at 7pm.*

*Motherwell Diocesan Choir will once again be here for a Christmas Carol Service on Sunday evening 22nd December.*

*Together in Christ: Baptised and Sent.* The 5th of the 6 reflections takes place this Wednesday in the Oratory at 7.30pm. Those who took part in the parish retreat are especially welcome.

Everyone who took part in our Together in Christ week during September is invited to come together again to reflect on our experience together. We meet for afternoon tea from 2-4pm on Sunday 8th December. I hope everyone will be able to be present.

A warm welcome to all of you who have come to Mass as a family on this Feast of Christ the King. We pray for all the families of our parish that they will grow together in the grace and love of God

**SUNDAY TAKEAWAY:** Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. 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. *Loyola Press*

Please pray for our sick and housebound.

Lord our God. For you have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick and housebound today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Theresa Casagrande, Henry Magill, James Ross, Joseph Hill, Margaret Hanley, Jim McAllister, Patricia McCarron & Thomas Rice



**HOLY MASS: Vigil of Sunday: Saturday, 6pm; Sunday: 11am.**

**Monday-Friday: 10am.**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30-5.55pm and on request.**

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