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SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR B

20th-21st November 2021

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.

Revelation 5.12

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless his people with peace..

Psalm 28.10-11

1st Reading: Daniel 7.13-14:

In his vision, Daniel sees the eternal sovereignty over all peoples which would be Christ's, the great king.

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

2nd Reading: Revelation 1.5

-8: Through his Resurrection, Christ is King of kings and has made us a line of kings to serve our God and Father. He is the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.

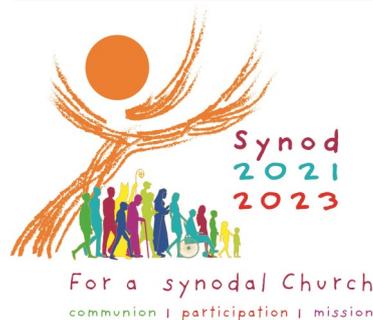
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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Gospel: John 18.33-37: In his encounter with Jesus,

Pilate fails utterly to understand his words. The Lord is a king, but not as the world understands. His kingship gives witness to the truth and all who are on the side of truth listen to his voice.



Our first meeting of the synodal process has now taken place. We looked at two themes and reflected on the questions which arose from them:

1. **Companions on the Way** In the Church and in society we are side by side on the same road. In our local Church, who are those who “walk together”? Who are those who seem further apart? How are we called to grow as companions? What groups or individuals are left on the margins?

2. **Listening** Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice. How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore? How are the laity listened to, especially women and young people? What facilitates or inhibits our listening? How well do we listen to those on the peripheries? How is the contribution of consecrated men and women integrated? What are some limitations in our ability to listen, especially to those who have different views than our own? What space is there for the voice of minorities, especially people who experience poverty, marginalization, or social exclusion?

Please reflect on these questions during this week and if you have any comments please send them to me at frmagill@rcdom.org.uk

HYMNS: Entrance 89 Offertory Music Communion 772 Exit 320

Pope Francis' prayer intention for November: **People Who Suffer from Depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

This month's Lucky Numbers Draw: 1st No 05 John Hackett £125; 2nd No 30 Marion O'Hara £75; 3rd No 60 Neil Macdonald £50. Please contact Eddie Kelly at treasurer@stathanasiuscarluke.org for your winnings

THE SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY. The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – have been traditional themes for Advent meditation. The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16.22). Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. The Third Sunday of Advent was observed in medieval times as a splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent (*Gaudete* or 'Rose Sunday'), and the last days of Advent were marked by the sequence of Great 'O' Antiphons, which continue to inspire modern Advent hymns and meditations.

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The Church is now fully open for visits. Access to the Church is through the glass doors which will be unlocked. The Sanctuary area will be alarmed so lighting of candles will not be possible..

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY: "You say I am a king." So Jesus admonishes Pilate, with this half-affirmation at best, because he knows what kind of king Pilate has in mind: the beastly kind, the prophet Daniel's tyrant of ten horns, who rules by the lie that *might makes right*. The kind of king whose reign begins and ends steeped in others' blood. As Jesus stands before Pilate, he stands ready to shed his *own* blood for a different kind of reign. He's not Pilate's kind of king at all. The church's choice of this gospel passage for the Solemnity of Christ the King invites us to solemn reflection. We would do well to heed Jesus's admonishment ourselves, for too many times in Christian history we've made Pilate's mistake. When Christians marched under the banners of the Crusades, they marched under a false flag; when the Inquisition bled its opponents with the blade, it sought truth with lies; and today, in this age of anxiety, do we not face the temptation to hitch ourselves to a leader, *any* leader, who has the seeming strength to save us? Or to any power, or any technology, or any means whatsoever, no matter the ultimate cost—so long as it seemingly helps us through the terrible *now*? *Matthew Gummess, OCarm*

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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This is Catholic Education Sunday when we reflect on the importance of our Catholic schools and express our gratitude to our teachers, staff, and pupils for the commitment they have to growing together in the faith. We welcome Mrs Brenda O'Hara our new Headteacher and some of the pupils from St Athanasius' PS who will make a short address at our Sunday Mass. Please take a copy of the letter from Bishop Gilbert. **THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEK AND NEXT FOR THE SCOTTISH CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE.**

There will be a Prize Bingo in the Hall on Sunday 5th December. Doors open 6pm; Eyes down 7pm. Your donation of prizes will be most appreciated.