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Parish Newsletter

Weekend 21st and 22nd November 2020

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 22nd November 2020				
			Canon	Fr. Dwayne
Sunday 22 nd November The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	Charlotte and Thomas O'Driscoll – Anniversary (TO'D)	Private Intention (R)
Monday 23 rd November St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr	Online	10.00am	Terry O'Connell – RIP	Private Intention (R)
Tuesday 24 th November St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest and his Companions, Martyrs	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	Private Intention (R)
Wednesday 25 th Nov. St. Catherine of Alexandria	Online	10.00am	Private Intention (R)	In Honour and Thanksgiving for the Grievous Suffering of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (P&CS)
Thursday 26 th Nov.	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	Private Intention (R)	Fr. Ambrose Walsh – Recently Deceased (RD)
Friday 27 th November	Online	10.00am	Private Intention (R)	For all on the Dead List
Saturday 28 th November	Online	10.00am	Private Intention (R)	For all on the Dead List
	Online	11.00am	Whitchurch, Rhiwbina and Birchgrove Churches Together – Ecumenical Service at St. Teilo's	
Sunday 29 th November First Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	Janet and David Quinn – Anniversary (CR)

Occasions when the Church is open for Mass

St. Teilo's will be open for Mass today at 10.00am. If you have not booked in advance and have not had verbal confirmation from Carole Burns – PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.

St. Teilo's will also be open for Mass this week on Tuesday and Thursday at 10.00am and next Sunday at 10.00am. The booking arrangements are outlined below.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has confirmed that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. So please do not feel under any pressure to attend the Church when online or phone Masses are valid alternatives.

If you wish to attend Mass

- Booking will be by telephone on a 'first come, first served' basis. Carole Burns is the contact and can be telephoned on 07747 562847 **between 11am and 1pm on Monday, November 23rd** for Mass on Tuesday, November 24th, Thursday, November 26th or Sunday, November 29th. PLEASE DO NOT RING OUTSIDE THESE HOURS.
- You **must** book if you wish to attend Mass. We do not want to turn people away at the door, so if you have not booked in advance – PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.
- By registering to attend Mass, you confirm the following conditions are met:
 - You currently show no symptoms for Coronavirus.
 - Should you develop symptoms prior to the service, you will NOT attend.
 - You agree to use hand-sanitiser as a condition of entry.
- Please note that **Face Coverings must be worn in Church**.
- It should be noted that there will be **no toilet facilities available**.
- You should arrive between 20 and 5 minutes before the start time of Mass.
- Please allow a Steward to show you to your seat.
- Please wait to be invited up to Holy Communion.
- Please refrain from talking to your friends who are not part of your household.
- No congregational singing is allowed at Mass and any responses should be made in a low tone, as singing and loud voices have been shown to spread the virus further.
- There will be no collection at Mass. You are encouraged to make your donation to the Church via standing order or online. If you wish to donate cash, please do so in the basket at the back of the Church, in one of the wall boxes around the Church or in the votive candles box.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience or distress these regulations may cause. They are a requirement to enable public worship to take place.

Mass Times

Mass will continue to be broadcast live on the Parish Website from St. Teilo's at 10am each day. You are encouraged, not only to listen and watch the Mass but to take part by making the responses in your own home.

At Communion time each day, we will be led in praying St. Alphonse Liguori's Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
AMEN.

Polish Masses

Fr. Michał Oszczudłowski will continue to say Mass at St. Teilo's and broadcast it online. Times of Polish Masses and other updates will appear on the Polish Community website in Polish at <http://polskaparafiaincardiff.org/>.

Dial for Mass

We continue to operate the 'Dial for Mass' scheme for those who do not have access to the Internet. Ring to access our 'Dial for Mass' service. Mass will be available each Sunday from about 2.00pm and you can hear the previous Sunday's Mass by ringing the service at any time of day or night during the week.

The number is a local number from Cardiff based landlines – 22 670 999. If you are dialling from outside Cardiff or from a mobile phone, you will need to dial 029 2267 0999.

Live Streaming

The webcam in St. Teilo's will be left on at all times, so please take the opportunity to 'look in' on the Church for prayer at any time.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King)

Today we celebrate the great solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI on December 11th in 1925 by the encyclical letter Quas Primas. The Holy Father was responding to the fact that the world was becoming increasingly nationalistic and secular. Governments were claiming more and more allegiance from their citizens and attempting to replace God. "While nations insult the beloved name of our Redeemer by suppressing all mention of it in their conferences and parliaments, we must all the more loudly proclaim His kingly dignity and power, all the more universally affirm His rights." Quas Primas, 25

Pope Pius XI, therefore, created this feast to help the faithful to remember that allegiance to Christ is above any allegiance to government of a nation. "The faithful, moreover, by meditating upon these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal. If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth, if all men, purchased by His Precious Blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion, if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from His empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the law and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things and cleave to Him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments of justice unto God." Quas Primas, 33

"When we pay honour to the princely dignity of Christ, men will doubtless be reminded that the Church, founded by Christ as a perfect society, has a natural and inalienable right to perfect freedom and immunity from the power of the state and that, in fulfilling the task committed to her by God, of teaching, ruling and guiding to eternal bliss, those who belong to the kingdom of Christ, she cannot be subject to any external power." Quas Primas, 31

Let us pray to Jesus the King of all nations. He is Christ the King!

A Prayer to Christ the King

O Jesus Christ, we acknowledge You as Universal King.

All that has been made has been created for You.

We renew our Baptismal Vows. We renounce Satan,

his pomp and his works; we promise to live as good Christians.

and, in particular we do pledge ourselves to labour, to the best of our ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do we offer our services. We labour so that all hearts may acknowledge

Your sacred kingship and that thus, the reign of Your peace may be established throughout the whole universe.

Amen

Prayers for our Nation

Loving God,
at this time of crisis
when so many are suffering,
we pray for our nation and our world.
Give our leaders wisdom,
our Health Service strength,
our people hope.
Lead us through these parched
and difficult days
to the fresh springs of joy and
comfort that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Loving Father God
Be with us in our distress:
with our families, friends and neighbours,
our country and our world.
Give health to the sick,
hope to the fearful,
and comfort to the mourners.
Give wisdom to our frontline
and key workers,
insight to our government
and patience to us all;
Overcome disease with the
power of Your new life,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Whitchurch, Rhiwbina and Birchgrove Prayer Group – Ecumenical Service on Saturday

On Saturday, St. Teilo's hosts the Ecumenical Prayer Group that gathers online monthly from the Churches in our area of North Cardiff. The Service begins at 11.00am. Please feel welcome to join in a brief time of worship and prayer with our Christian friends from the other churches in the area via the webcam broadcast on the Parish Website – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/>

November – The Month of the Holy Souls

During this month of November, we will pray for the Faithful Departed at Mass every day. We will remember especially those included on the November List of the Dead. In this time of restricted Masses, we have set up a 'virtual' November List of the Dead to remember those of our departed friends and loved ones who are on their last great journey towards the eternal light of God. It can be viewed on the Parish Website - <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/ndl/>

Plenary Indulgence for the Faithful Departed – throughout November

The traditional plenary indulgence, associated with All Souls Day, has been amended this year to take account of the Pandemic. The decree from the Apostolic Penitentiary explains that the Plenary Indulgence attached to All Souls' Day this year, can be obtained not only on the actual day but on any other day of the month chosen by each member of the faithful. In this case, the indulgence is obtained by "devoutly visiting a church or an oratory", along with the recitation of the Our Father and the Creed and the other requirements associated with a Plenary Indulgence - to have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; have sacramentally confessed one's sins, (one confession will cover a number of indulgences), receive the Holy Eucharist and pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. For anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, including anti-Covid restrictions, the Plenary Indulgence can be obtained by uniting oneself spiritually to other members of the faithful.

The Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those, who visit a cemetery, has also been extended beyond the normal dates of November 1st to 8th. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November and devoutly prays for the faithful departed.

Quote of the Week



"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God remains forever."

Isaiah 40:8



Rest in Peace



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of Sr. Mary James, Fr. Michael Ronan and Fr. Ambrose Walsh. Sr. Mary James, a sister, and former provincial of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy was buried last Wednesday at Llantarnam Abbey. She was in religious profession for 67 years. Fr. Mike's funeral Mass will take place in his home parish of Our Lady and St. Patrick, Maesteg, on Wednesday, November 25th at 11.30am. Due to COVID restrictions, attendance is restricted to invitees only. Fr. Ambrose's funeral Mass will take place at St. Mary of the Angels, Canton at 12.30pm on Friday, November 27th. While attendance is also restricted at the funeral Mass, it will be streamed online on the [St. Mary of the Angels website](#).

Please pray also for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Father J.H. Volan Evans, Henry Withers, Maurice Fitzgerald, John Crosse, Agnes Atkins, Richard Gardner, Mary Donovan, Catherine Sexton, Vincent Guidi, David Hinkin, Wilfred Robinson, David Stamp, Ivor King, Catherine Coates, Nellie O'Keefe, Guiseppe Bacigalupo, Mary Pugsley, Leonard Fox, Catherine Ryan, Gladys Norton, Bernard Coles, Andrew Coxshott, Helen Wright, Elizabeth Gaffney, George Sweetnam, Margaret O'Keefe, Barbara Toner, Eileen Powell, Christine Wiggin, Elizabeth Fleming, Albert Pattenden, Timothy Sullivan and Alan Cawley,

Memorial Candle

The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for the repose of the soul of Fr. Ambrose Walsh. May he, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Volunteer Stewards

We are still very short of volunteers and as we prepare for Advent and Christmas, we need to know who will be available to help us during these holy seasons. So please consider volunteering if you are eligible, so that we can open the Church to the congregation more often after the local lockdown.

If you wish to volunteer and are aged 18 to 59 inclusive without any COVID-19 co-morbidities, then please email Mel Hopkins – melfyn.hopkins@sky.com and let him know:

- Your name
- Contact details – phone and email
- Age range (18-30, 30-40, 40-50, 50-59)
- Confirmation that you do not have a raised risk of Covid-19 infection
- Whether you want to Steward or Clean or both
- Which hours and days, of those above, you are able to volunteer
- Whether you will be available: weekly; fortnightly; monthly

Update on Canon Isaac

I mentioned a few weeks ago that I am a very private person and therefore do not want to give regular updates on my state of health in the newsletter. As so many people have been in touch with the Parish asking about my health, I feel I need to confirm that I am still receiving treatment and that the NHS is looking after me very well indeed. I am beginning to think that I must have some precious jewels, or something, in my blood stream, as they seem to want to take copious amounts of blood from me to test!

I am so, so grateful for all the prayers and best wishes I am receiving by email, letter and phone. I am having all the help and care that is possible and I will begin treatment very soon. I am very blessed to have Fr. Dwayne here with me as he is taking on more and more of my responsibilities as time goes on.

Canon Isaac

Update on Fr. Dwayne and the Presbytery at Our Lady of Lourdes

Due to the side effects of my ill-health, I have not been able to invite Fr. Dwayne to live in the presbytery at St. Teilo's. Until recently he has been resident at the presbytery at Our Lady of Lourdes, Gabalfa. However, the presbytery there is not in a good condition and due to excess rubbish in an unused building nearby, rats are now present on the site including in the presbytery. Following a discussion with the Archbishop it has been decided that for the present Fr. Dwayne will be resident in St. Mary of the Angels Priory in Talbot St, Canton. I am very grateful to Canon Peter Collins for making the accommodation available. Fr. Michał has also moved out of the presbytery in Gabalfa.

Care is being taken to address the situation in the presbytery, Rentokil has been called in to eliminate the nest of rats but this will take some time before they are dealt with. The general state of the presbytery is not good, with windows that do not close properly. One of the rats was seen entering the building through a crack between the window and wall! The whole of the building is in a poor state of repair, and it is clear that only minor repairs have taken place in the building over the years since Our Lady of Lourdes was merged with St. Teilo's. You will know from your own homes that if you do not do regular repairs, then a building will degrade and this has happened in this case.

Fr. Dwayne will continue in his role in our Parish and will say Mass daily at St. Teilo's and be available for any pastoral requests to care for parishioners with any spiritual needs.

Fr. Dwayne's temporary address is: St. Mary of the Angels Priory, 67 Talbot St, Canton, Cardiff CF11 9BX. Phone: (029) 2023 0492. emails to whitchurch@rcadc.org will still get to him.

Canon Isaac

Saint of the Month – St. Cecilia – Feast day November 22nd



St Cecilia, Guido Reni, Date: 1606, Source: WikiArt



The Year of the God Who Speaks team has provided a reflection on St. Cecilia, their saint of the month.



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Although very little evidence exists surrounding the life of Cecilia, she was an incredibly popular and famous Saint Roman Martyr of the early church. Her feast has been celebrated since at least 545 AD.

Legend records that she was a young Christian of high rank who, although forced into marriage, maintained her virginity and converted her husband to Christianity. Her husband and his brother were later martyred for refusing to sacrifice to the Roman gods. Cecilia also met the same fate not long after. However, legend surrounding her death states that she continued to live for three days after being struck three times on the neck with a sword. During that time, she gave all she had to the poor, preached the Gospel for the conversion of many and asked the pope to convert her home into a church.

Since the Renaissance, St. Cecilia has usually been portrayed with a viola or small organ and has become the Patron Saint of musicians. She has come to symbolise the integral role of music in the liturgy and the importance of singing praises to God, both in our hearts and sometimes with our voices. Just as King David said in the Psalms: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music. (Psalm 101:1).

Saints of the Week

Monday, 23rd November - St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr

Pope St. Clement was the fourth Pope, with only St. Peter, St. Linus and St. Cletus before him. St. Clement, in his role as Bishop of Rome, wrote many letters to the other Church communities and they turned to him, as the successor of Peter, when they had disputes to be resolved. While most of St. Clement's letters were lost, his letter to the Corinthians was so popular for its pastoral guidance that when the scriptures were being agreed into one set of texts, it was argued that it might be added to the apostolic letters. Though it was not, the great theologian St. Irenaeus called it the most powerful Christian message outside the Scriptures. St. Clement, with his predecessors, is remembered in the list of saints in the Roman Canon, the First Eucharistic Prayer.

Tuesday, 24th November - St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and his Companions, Martyrs

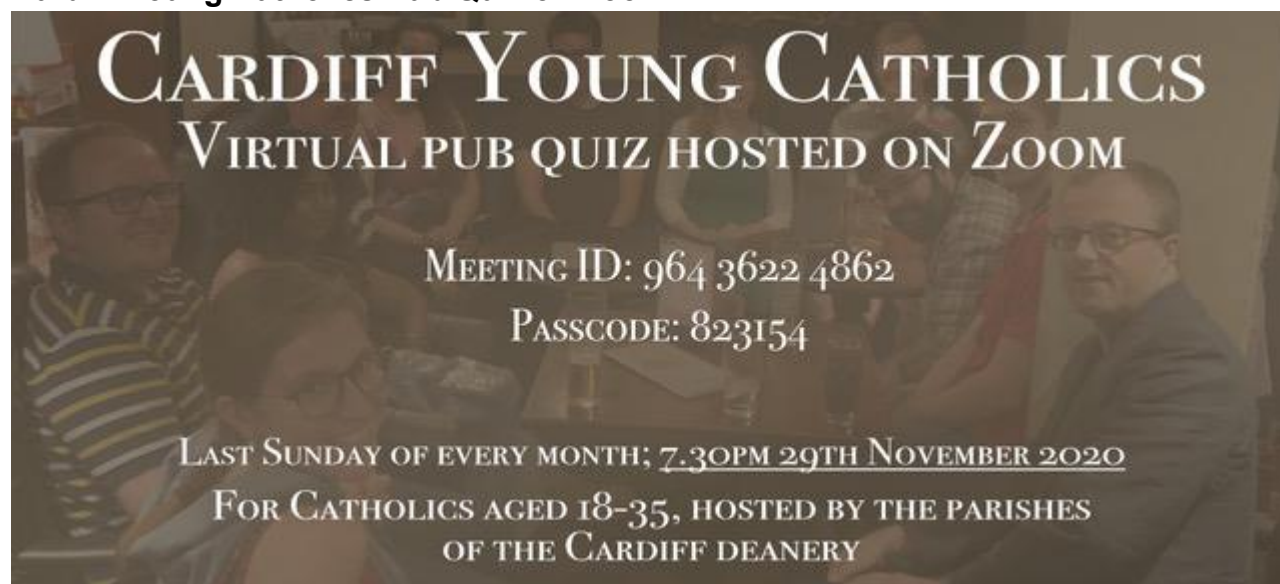
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and the other 116 people canonised martyrs of Vietnam, who died between 1820 and 1862, are all commemorated together. Catholicism came to Vietnam through the Portuguese. Jesuits opened the first permanent mission at Da Nang in 1615. They ministered to Japanese Catholics who had been driven from Japan along with converts from the indigenous Vietnamese community. Severe persecutions were launched at least three times in the 19th century. During the six decades after 1820, between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics were killed or subjected to great hardship. This memorial commemorates the faith of them all and is a reminder of the persecuted church in our own time, for which we are invited to pray daily.

Wednesday, 25th November - St. Catherine of Alexandria

According to the 'Legend of St. Catherine', this young woman converted to Christianity after receiving a vision and became an active member of the Church at Alexandria, Egypt, during the time of the Roman Empire. At the age of 18, she is reported to have debated 50 pagan philosophers. Amazed at her wisdom and debating skills, they became Christians, as did about 200 soldiers and members of the emperor's family. All of them were martyred.

For most people, St. Catherine of Alexandria is known for giving her name to a firework. Sentenced to be executed on a spiked wheel, Catherine touched the wheel and it shattered. She was beheaded but the wheel came to bear her name. Devotion to her spread as a result of the Crusades. She is invoked as the patroness of students, teachers, librarians and lawyers for whom we pray today.

Cardiff Young Catholics Pub Quiz on Zoom



Compass in Advent

This Advent, the Catholic Vocation Projects (a group of religious sisters, brothers, priests in the UK), are running an online programme called Compass in Advent for young adults between the age of 18 and 35.

We recognise that all of our lives are being turned upside down at the moment due to Covid-19. We invite people between the age of 18 and 35 to join us, to reflect on some of the characters in the Christmas story whose lives were also radically changed. We will ask how God is speaking to us through these stories today?

Each Friday we will focus on one set of characters. The meeting will also include a sharing of a contemporary story of vocation/call. There will be time for sharing, questions and discussion. The events will take place online on the Fridays, November 27th and December 4th, 11th and 18th at 7pm for one hour. For a Zoom link email on CompassInAdvent@gmail.com. The event will also be on Facebook: <https://bit.ly/CompassInAdvent>

CELEBRATE Together Evenings

In place of the Annual Conference, the CELEBRATE team is launching a going Back to Basics selection of evenings to explore the five values which encapsulate the CELEBRATE vision: Baptism in the Holy Spirit; Family; Unity; Formation; Mission

The next evening is on Monday, November 30th and is on the theme of Mission. You can join the Regional Team via Zoom to pray, worship and be inspired by a short presentation from a keynote speaker by registering at [this link](#).

Advent Booklet – Walk with Me

Following consultation between the Archbishop and the Bishop of Wrexham, it has been decided not to purchase and distribute the ‘Walk with Me’ booklet this Advent due to the reduced congregations allowed in church and the prohibition on leaving leaflets, booklets and newspapers in our buildings.

Walk with Me is available to [order online](#) but will cost £3.50 to include delivery charges.

Christ the King Catholic Primary School – Reception Class Applications

The application system for admission to Christ the King Catholic Primary School will be open from Monday, November 16th. The application deadline is Monday, January 11th, 2021.

Application forms will be available on the school website

<https://www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk/> or by email christthekingprm@cardiff.gov.uk or can be sent by post. Please contact the school admin team Tel: 029 2075 4787.

Midday Supervisors – Christ the King Catholic Primary School

Please contact Mrs. Miles or Mrs. Hine at Christ the King Catholic Primary School for further information if you are interested in becoming a midday supervisor at the School:

christthekingprm@cardiff.gov.uk or Tel: 029 2075 4787.

Donations to the Parish – Standing Orders

The Standing Orders for the month of October amounted to £2,399.50. Many thanks to those parishioners who donate in this way and provide a stable income for the parish.

Donations to the Parish – Virgin Money Giving

Donations to the parish made online should be completed at the following web address:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Stteiloswitholol>

We raised £200 via the site last week. Please continue to donate via Virgin Money Giving for those one-off donations or consider a Standing Order for regular monthly donations to the life of the parish. If you would like to set up a standing order, please e-mail whitchurch@rcadc.org for more information.

For Sale – To Benefit Church Funds

A brand new folding eLife Power Assisted Folding Touring Bike including charger and added extras, helmet, hi viz, lock.

Tried once.

Cost £750, sell £500 or nearest offer.

Proceeds to the Church. For more information or to view, please telephone John on 029 2061 9410.

Mass Intentions

Many thanks to those parishioners who submitted Mass Intentions during the week. With the arrival of Fr. Dwayne, we benefit from having both of the priests celebrating Masses for the intentions of those who choose to request them. You will note both sets of intentions in the list above.

Please continue to show your usual generosity in requesting Masses. If you do wish to request a Mass, please do so by email to whitchurch@rcadc.org The donations can be made via the [Donation link](#) on the Parish Website or you can write the intention on an envelope with the donation inside and drop it into the Presbytery letterbox. The guidance is that the minimum donation for a Mass intention should be £10 but your donation amount is at your discretion.

Praying for the Sick and the Dead

We have a long-standing tradition of praying for the sick and the recently deceased by name during our Masses on weekdays. During the pandemic, we are remembering our sick and dead at each Mass. Please do let me know if you would like me to add someone to the sick list or the list of the recently deceased. To do so, please email me on whitchurch@rcadc.org ensuring that you include the person's name and whether (s)he should be added to the sick list or the list of those who have died.

Canon Isaac

Online Newsletter

If you have any items you would like us to include in the newsletter, please email: whitchurch@rcadc.org.

Staying in touch with the Parish

If there are any updates on the situation or items of parish news, these will be updated first on the parish Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stteilos.olol/>) or the parish twitter account (https://twitter.com/stteilos_olol) followed by the parish website (<https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/>) Updates are often made on these sites before they can appear in the following week's newsletter.

Children's Liturgy

Nick Davies continues to provide a copy of the sheet that would have been used for Children's Liturgy this weekend; many thanks to Nick for doing this. You might want to print it out and use it with your child.

Name.....

Matthew 25.31-46

Jesus tells a story about a shepherd sorting out sheep and goats to show how God separates the kind from the unkind.



Family time

Talk How does God want us to treat people?

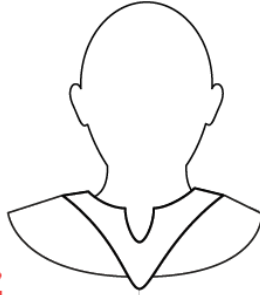
Do Practise being kind by writing a list of 10 kind things that you as a family can do this week to help each other and others.

Pray We pray for everyone who is hungry, thirsty, cold, sick or alone. Help us not to just think about ourselves but to see how we can help those around us. Amen.

Activity time



Draw the face of someone who was invited into the kingdom in the story. How would they have felt?



Puzzle

Find the 10 words below in the word search.

g	g	p	m	d	g	x	y	r	s
k	n	r	r	o	o	t	e	e	h
c	h	i	a	i	s	o	f	g	e
i	z	t	h	r	s	p	f	n	e
s	s	z	i	t	k	o	r	a	p
z	m	h	a	v	o	s	n	r	d
y	t	u	h	p	g	l	v	t	f
h	u	n	g	r	y	q	c	s	v
k	z	g	r	k	n	i	r	d	d
c	b	x	o	s	a	v	r	f	g

sheep
goats
hungry
food
thirsty
drink
clothing
sick
prison
stranger.

ROOTS Children's Sheet

22-28 November 2020



Imagine you are one of the people who did kind things. What might you be thinking when you discover you have been serving Jesus? What sort of things did you do? Did you realise when you did them that you were doing what Jesus would want? Write your thoughts in the bubble.

