



Parish of Blessed Hugh Faringdon & Buckland
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING – 21ST NOVEMBER 2021

Focusing the Gospel
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Key words and phrases:

My kingdom does not belong to this world, who belongs to the truth.

To the point:

Pilate's question, "I am not a Jew, am I?" only reveals a tension between earthly kingdoms: Rome vs. Israel. Jesus' response, however, unearths a broader tension: this world vs. Jesus' kingdom. The broader tension embroils all peoples in the challenge to accept Jesus' kingship not as power over but as power to. Consequently, the truth of Jesus' kingdom does not lie in anything of this world but in hearts turned to God, ears attuned to Jesus' voice, and actions bespeaking faithful following of Jesus. We navigate the tension between the way of the world and the way of Jesus' kingdom by putting flesh on the truth: laying down one's life for others

Connecting to the Gospel

To the First Reading:

Christ's presence and kingship are not found in the "clouds" (see First and Second readings) but in his suffering and death (see second reading and Gospel) for our sakes and in the tension within our own lives as we struggle to align ourselves with the truth of the kingdom of Christ our King.

To experience:

Normally kingship is associated with power, prestige, and wealth. Surprisingly, the Gospel presents Christ the King on trial and about to suffer and die.

Bible Study

We have a Bible Study, reflecting on the coming Sunday Mass Readings, with Fr. Claro on Zoom on Mondays from 8 – 9 pm. For the Bible Study visit the website and click the link on the homepage.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy resumed from Sunday 12th September. All children from the age of 5 and above are welcome. To allow the children's liturgy to proceed each Sunday there needs to a minimum of 3 children attending.
 If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email or at Mass on Sundays.

THE GOSPEL

John 18:33b-37

For this was I born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.

Oh Jesus,
 before you came
 we only guessed at the truth.
 Could we have known that God loved the poor,
 that God healed the brokenhearted,
 the sick and the distressed?
 Nor
 that God
 would offer his
 very Son
 for our
 sake?
 Yours is the
 kingdom of love.
 Help us know,
 belong and testify
 with you to this
 loving
 truth.

THE FIRST READING

Daniel 7:13-14

All peoples, nations, and languages serve him.

Christ,
 perfect ruler,
 source of perfect peace and justice:
 reign now and forever
 over all creation,
 all peoples, all
 languages,
 nations;
 over
 our
 hearts.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Sacrament of the Eucharist June 2022

Attention to Parents who would like their son or daughter to receive the Sacraments in June 2022; exact date to be confirmed.

Your daughter or son must have reached the age of 8 years before she/he receives the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Preparation will commence in January 2022. Please can you email me to let me know if you would like your son or daughter to embark on preparation for First Communion. Please email me your child's name and date of birth as well your name, home address and email address.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

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Liturgies at the Cathedral

Bishop Philip will celebrate the following liturgies. They will be live streamed on the Cathedral website: www.portsmouth-catholiccathedral.org.uk
 Saturday 09:00 Holy Mass
 Sunday 12:00 Holy Mass (Cathedral)
 Monday - Friday
 07:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 08:10 Morning Prayer & Benediction
 08:30 Holy Mass (Latin on Wednesday)



Ministries

Music Director: Sjoerd Vogt
 Organist: Karen Vogt
 SafeGuarding Officer: Mary Hughes
 Children's Liturgy: Clare Cottingham
 Parish Hall: Sue Cole (01367 241446)
 Pastoral Assistant: Tony Fecher
 Altar Servers: Denise Cocquerel
 Gift Aid: Jack Thornton
 Webmaster: Neill Taylor

Praying the Readings at Home

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14
Psalm: 92 (93):1-2,5
2nd Reading Revelation 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33-37

*"You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth."
 (Gospel)*



Dirck van Baburen
 Crowning with Thorns
 Detail, c 1622

Masses at Blessed Hugh

Sunday Mass is at 10am. We will continue to stream Sunday 10 am on Zoom and Facebook for the benefit of those who are unable to come to the church. See here for details: <https://blessedhugh.org.uk/events-and-services/>

You can follow Fr. Claro's daily Masses from his home on Facebook Live here:

<https://facebook.com/claro.conde>

His current schedule is:

7.00 am Regular Daily Masses Monday to Sunday. 6pm Wednesday and Sunday.
 1st Wednesday of the month, mass in the church at 6pm. (Our lady of perpetual help.)

Lift to Church

Peter Cole is willing to give a lift to anyone who needs it to come to the church for Mass.
Please contact him on 01367 241446 or email scole1951@aol.com.



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Message from Fr. Claro SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING 21ST NOVEMBER 2021

How do we make sense of royal imagery in Scripture?

This feast is a reminder of God's glory and God's relationship with all of creation, but we should recognize that certain images have the ability to be misused and might not be the best representation of God. They reflect the imagination of ancient communities, and we inherit them today. Nonetheless, we can still use them with caution while recognizing their potential pitfalls, engaging with them as part of the richness of the variety of overlapping images for God in Scripture.

Again, we listen and see the video of Franciscan Friar Greg Friedman OFM

<https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/video/2021-11-21-reflection-161>

PARISH REORGANISATION WITH NEW PARISHIONERS

As we are reorganising our parish ministries, we also need to have an on-going training/formation of different ministries. The Diocese offers training and workshops not only for pastoral workers but also those in the Finance/Maintenance/Health and Safety/Safeguarding/Data Protection etc. We will wait for the new Diocesan Website which would be helpful for the training. The SOP of Standard Operating Procedures of the Diocese are also spelt out here. We need to protect ourselves and our parish and our community as we learn more good practice of running our institution.

Workshops for Parish Readers

I invite those who would like to continue as Readers and the new volunteer Readers to do the Diocesan Certificate of Church Readers. Sr Hyacinthe OP, Leader of our Formation for Mission Team shares news of two workshops to equip parish readers which will be offered on Saturdays of the 4th and 11th December, from 10am to 1pm

The first workshop covers an introduction to the Liturgy of the Church, with a specific focus on the Liturgy of the Word, as well as the Reading Skills necessary for parish readers.

The second workshop offers a general introduction to the Bible as well as a set of keys to understand any biblical texts. Both workshops are led by a diocesan team: Deacon Martin McElroy from Winchester, Claire Tickell from Southampton and Sr Hyacinthe from the Lymington Dominican Sisters.

Both workshops involve small group discussions. To complete the training, awarded with a diocesan Recognitio, a reading practice with a diocesan listener is required. The details for arranging for the 1:1 15 minutes practice are given during the workshops. Please advertise the workshops in your parish, for new and seasoned readers, especially now as we're getting back to church. Find out more and register here for the workshops.

<https://www.nffm.org.uk/readers>

We will commission and recommission the Readers in January 2022.

We will meet those involved in the LITURGY for ADVENT and CHRISTMAS asap. Hopefully there will be no more lockdown this Christmas. On Sunday 28 of November, kindly come to present your ideas, and to listen to Revd Steve Bellamy on the Christian celebration of ADVENT. Hopefully, the Choir, Readers et. al. have already organised their music and readings. With the Liturgical technology, I may be able to use Videos to add more our knowledge and celebration of the Liturgies. I thank Neill Taylor for his technical support.

NEW PARISHIONERS

More families and individuals are happy to join our Masses and are now enrolling to become Parishioners. They feel our welcome. They say our Liturgies are not boring. Our church is also family and children friendly. A few would like to become Catholics. Clare Cottingham has been very helpful to them and to the children

Bereavement Support Workshop in PANDEMIC TIMES

I am happy that the initial session of this workshop went well. Again I invite to join our group.

AUTUMN of Our Life

The sessions would include prayers, meditation on the Bible or poetry Reading
Capacitar Exercise

Stages of Grief: DENIAL, ANGER, BARGAINING, DEPRESSION AND ACCEPTANCE (Elisabeth Kubler – Ross on Death and Dying)

Christian Art and Bereaving

I propose to have this session every Wednesday at 10am at the Parish Hall

Invite others to come and join us. We have a line-up of great speakers on this topic.

Don't Miss this opportunity.

Email me cconde@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or message me

Fr. Claro Conde, facilitator

EVENTS

NOVEMBER is the Month for the Dead and Bereaved.

- **PARISH SHARED LUNCH Sunday 21st November on the Feast of Christ the King.**
- **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MEETING 10am 24 November**
- **28 November 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

MANY THANKS FOR WISHING ME WELL and PRAYING FOR ME on my BIRTHDAY last Monday. I am giving the gifts you gave me to my charities in the Philippines, Burma and China.

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday December 18th

Blessed Hugh Hall – 2.30 – 4.30 pm

Children and their parents are welcome.

Please sign up on the form in the Parish Hall or telephone or text Emily Norton 07393190769

CAFOD fundraising during Advent

As part of your preparation for Christmas, during the season of Advent, please take part in the parish's fundraising efforts on behalf of CAFOD.

Cake sale

On **Saturday 4th December**, we will be holding a cake sale in the **church hall**, between **10.00 and 12.00**.

Please get your aprons on, and contribute the fruits of your kitchens: **"on your marks, get set, bake!"** If you don't know your glaze from your ganache, we also need volunteers to assist during the sale. Please let us know if you can help on the day, or will be donating cake by putting your name and contact details on the form at the back of the church.

Christmas Quiz

On **Friday 17th December**, we will be holding a **"pub quiz"** style Christmas quiz in the church hall. **Doors open at 19.30, and the quiz will begin at 20.00. Tickets will be £3 on the door, or £2.50 if you register in advance.** There will be mulled wine and mince pies.

We will need volunteers to help set up the hall, to serve the refreshments, and to tidy up afterwards (none of which will preclude taking part in the quiz!). To volunteer to help, or to register for advance tickets, please put your name and contact details down on the form at the back of the church.

Put your best foot forward for CAFOD

Throughout Advent, there is also the opportunity to take part in the parish's sponsored run/walk for CAFOD.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/blessedhughfaringdon> Please share the Just Giving page to your friends, family and colleagues, and let us know your weekly totals. Let us see how far we can get as a parish! (Just for comparison it is 2817 miles from Blessed Hugh to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem on foot and boat, 1141 miles to Rome, and a distinctly more manageable 413 miles to the Shrine of the Three Kings in Cologne).