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20th November 2011, Christ the King (A) psalter week II

9.30 am Family Mass The People of the Parish
11.30am Sung Mass Dennis Boulton RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass The deceased members of the Mobley Family

No Rosary & Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament

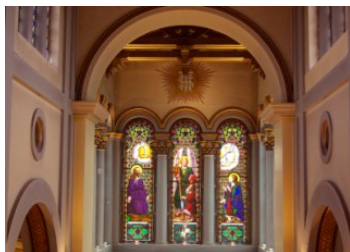
Monday 21 st November	Requiem Mass	Please note no 10.00am Mass today
11.00am	Mary Whelan RIP	
Tuesday 22 nd November	St. Cecilia	
10.00am	Ted Jackson RIP	
Wednesday 23 rd November	St. Clement	
10.00am	Jimmy Gaffney RIP	
Thursday 24 th November	St. Andrew Dung-Lac	
10.00am	Kevin Hall RIP	
Friday 25 th November	St. Catherine of Alexandria	
09.00am	Brian Crawley (A day of abstinence)	
Saturday 26 th November	Our Lady	
10.00am	Bartolome & Juana Capili	

27th November 2011, The First Sunday of Advent (B)

9.30 am Family Mass The People of the Parish
11.30am Sung Mass Rev Rudolph McElroy RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Anthony O'Neill

No Rosary & Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament

Thank you for Last Sunday's Collections:
£712.35 loose + £232.83 Gift Aid = £945.18
Plus £77.96. for the Stained Glass Windows
& £83.05 for the Stations of the Cross



Stained Glass
Restoration
Target £50,000
RAISED £42,869.57
NEED £ 7,130.43
Restored in memory of:
Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan
A much loved Parish Priest



**NEW STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**
TARGET £18,480.00
RAISED £8,865.03
NEED £9,614.97

PARISH DIARY
THIS WEEK

Mass Monday to Saturday
is celebrated in Alexander House

Monday
11.00am Requiem Mass
for Mary Whelan
2.30pm Parents &
Children Group
Alexander House

Tuesday
9.45am Rosary
10.00am Mass
7.00pm Yoga
Alexander House

Wednesday
9.45am Rosary
10.00am Mass
7.30pm Open Door Prayer Group
Alexander House

Thursday
9.45am Rosary
10.00am Mass
7.30pm RCIA
7.30pm Women's Group
Library

Friday
8.45am Rosary
9.00am Mass

Saturday
9.45am Rosary
10.00am Mass
10.30am - 11.00am
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, Confessions,
1st Holy Communion Classes

Sunday
9.00am - 9.20am Confessions
9.30am Mass
(Children's Liturgy during
9.30am Mass)
11.00am - 11.20am Confessions
11.30am Mass
12.30pm Baptisms
4.30pm - 4.50pm Confessions
5.00pm Mass

**2nd Collection today for our Stained Glass
Windows & Stations of the Cross**



St. Raphael's Carol Service

Sunday 18th December

at 6.30pm.

Followed by Mulled Wine

& Mince Pies.

HELP WITH THE MINCE PIES

After this year's Carol Service we thought it would be nice if we had freshly baked mince pies to serve alongside our mulled wine. And as we now have the wonderful kitchen facility in which to bake, all we need are lots of volunteers to bring along over the weekend of the event, trays of unbaked mince pies. If you feel that you can help with this please fill in the attached slip and hand it to Dymphna, Sheila, one of the sacristans, or Michael in the office. You will be contacted in due course to arrange a drop off time. Your support is vital to make this a success. Thank you.

WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group will meet this Thursday, the 24th November, at 7.30p.m. in Alexander House. Come along and learn a new skill and claim your free drink! Please bring some "nibbles" and join us for an evening to remember!!

RESTORATION UPDATE

Work began last week on replacing the floor. It was decided that as so many of the tiles were cracked, broken and loose, we would replace the entire floor. The new design will be made up of approximately 50,000 tiles! The work will be completed in approximately ten weeks.

MISSION TODAY CALENDAR'S

There are some free copies of the Mission Today 2012 Calendar available at the back of the Church, please help yourselves.

WOMEN'S STATION OF THE CROSS

Thank you to all the women of the parish who have donated so far for the 6th Station of the Cross 'For all the Women of this Parish, past present and future'. If you would like to contribute, please hand in your donation to either the Sacristy or Parish Office or place the special envelopes in the Sunday Collection.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS. A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Saturday 17th December we are looking for some volunteers to help clean the Church for Christmas. So if you can spare an hour or so at 12 noon, please come along.

Please note because the Church will be in use in the morning, we shall now be starting at 12 noon.



Whilst the building work is taking place in the Church, please take special care and ensure that Children are supervised at all times.

CHRIST THE KING

On the eve of the Holy Father's recent trip to Assisi, he offered the following reflection on 'Christ the King'

"The Cross is the new arch of peace, a sign and instrument of reconciliation, of forgiveness, of understanding, a sign that love is stronger than all violence and all oppression, is stronger than death: the evil is overcome with good and with love. This new reign of peace in which Christ is the king, is a kingdom that extends over the whole earth.

The incarnation of Jesus Christ as king of peace, was foreshadowed in the Old Testament. The prophet Zechariah tells 'Behold, your king comes to you. He is just and victorious.' But the announcement does not refer to a king with human powers and force of arms; this is a gentle king who reigns with humility and gentleness before God and man, a king quite different from the great sovereigns of the earth. The unfolding of Zechariah's prophecy first becomes apparent at the time of Christ's birth in Bethlehem, the angels proclaimed 'Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will.' Thus the birth of that baby, who is Jesus, brings a proclamation of peace throughout the world.

Similarly, the apostles would have recalled Zechariah's words after Christ's passion, death and resurrection, when with the eyes of faith, they reconsidered their Master's joyful entry into the Holy City. He did not enter Jerusalem accompanied by a mighty army of chariots and horsemen. He is a poor king, the king of the poor of God, he is a king who will make the chariots and steeds of battle disappear, who will break the weapons of war, a king who brought peace on the Cross, uniting heaven and earth and building a bridge between all mankind. Christians can help expand the bounds of this kingdom of peace not with the might of war or force of power, but with the giving of self, with love carried to its extreme consequences, even towards our enemies."

(The Pope then turned the pilgrims' attention to a physical reminder of that attitude, pointing to a statue of St. Paul with a sword in hand—the means by which he was executed in Rome—located on the front of St. Peter's Basilica.)

"St. Paul's strength lay in the fact that he did not seek a quiet life but rather in the fact that he was consumed by the Gospel and gave all of himself without reserve. This led to him becoming the great messenger of peace and reconciliation in Christ.

Similarly Catholics today must be willing to pay in person, even if that means suffering misunderstanding, rejection and persecution. It is not the sword of the conqueror that builds peace, but the sword of those who suffer and give up their own lives."

Pope Benedict XVI