

MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

Saturday 23rd November

17:00 Watton

**Vigil Mass,
CHRIST THE KING B SOLEMNITY**
Private Intention (AM & CHG)

Sunday 24th November

08:30 Our Lady of Pity

10:30 Our Lady of Pity

CHRIST THE KING B SOLEMNITY
Mr & Mrs Austin (MC)
People of the Parish

Monday 25th November

FERIA
CHURCH CLOSED, NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday 26th November

10:00 Our Lady of Pity

FERIA
Peter, Pauline, Alan & Felicity
Blackburn RIP (VP)

Wednesday 27th November

10:00 Our Lady of Pity

FERIA
Burleigh, Ivy, Sydney & Louisa White
RIP (LK)

**NO EXPOSITION & CONFESSIONS
DUE TO CATHEDRAL CHAPTER MEETING**

Thursday 28th November

19:00 Our Lady of Pity

FERIA
Baby Oscar, & Luke, Ashley & Stanley

Friday 29th November

09:30 Our Lady of Pity

FERIA
Joel Hunt & Dec'd Members of
Heywood Family RIP (LH)

Saturday 30th November

09:00 Our Lady of Pity

09:30-10:30 Our Lady of Pity

17:00 Watton

ST ANDREW Feast
Dec'd relatives of the Godfrey Family (P&RG)
EXPOSITION & CONFESSIONS

Vigil Mass
1st Sunday of Advent C



Our Lady of Pity, 31 Station Street, Swaffham, PE37 7HP
Watton Methodist Church, 57 High Street, Watton, IP25 6EJ

NEWSLETTER Please contact Glenda Boulter on 07833 576178 or
gboulter@btinternet.com by **Wednesday 6:00pm** for the coming week. *Thank you.*



Our Lady of Pity Swaffham & Watton Newsletter

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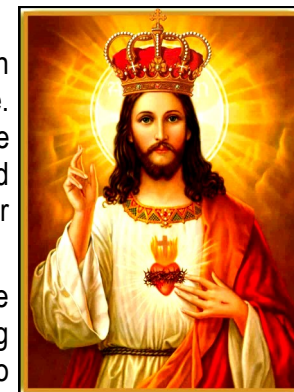
24TH NOVEMBER 2024 CHRIST THE KING B

JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, and in so doing proclaim ourselves to be His subjects, His people. And yet, this King is also our friend and our brother—the Son of God and the Son of Mary. Thus, our loyalty and devotion to Him are born of love and devotion, not of fear and trembling!

The readings of Mass at this time of the year, and into the season of Advent focus our attention on His second coming at the end of time to be our judge. But what in those who do not know Him may give rise to fear, should, in our hearts, give rise to joy and a sense of fulfilment. For we know the depths of His love. That love, fed by a reading of the Scriptures, an openness to the teaching of the Church, and nourished by the Sacraments, drives out fear so that when He comes we can run out with joy to meet Him.

The Church in this country dedicates this Feast as Youth Sunday, so reminding us that Christ's Kingship is not just of today, but of the tomorrow that is already being born in the heart of our communities. To fulfil our Mission as Church, we have to reach out with the joy of the Gospel to our children and young people, sharing with them our faith in Jesus of Nazareth and engaging them within the life and mission of the Church: to offer Him praise and to tell others of Him. To this end, I draw your attention to the annual Newsletter of the Diocesan Youth Service which is available as you leave Mass today. I also invite you to support the work of Diocesan Youth Service in the retiring collection as you leave.



With every blessing, Fr. Mark

PARISH CLERGY: Canon Mark Hackeson Parish Priest
Rev Roger Sparks Retired Deacon

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

FOR OUR SICK: Sue Moncaster, Sr Francis FDC, Stella Langford, Pat Marshall, Denette Taylor, Angela Whaddon, Ann & Eddie Hodnett, Sr Francis, Teresa Axham, Norah Reeve, Catherine Oliver, Helen Philips, Jack Izzo, Peggy Ellis, Christine Dryden, Sheila Morris, Eddie Doran, Lina Givoni, Bridie O'Sullivan, Veronica Parker, David Motton, Pauline Hewitt, Jacqueline Price, Terry McGinn, Sarah Boylan, Tress Guild, Katherine Adams, Peter Hannaway, Maureen Butler.

May the Lord bring them comfort and healing

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED For all those who have died recently and Roy Mollart, Alf Austin, Baby Pegg, Nuala Marshall, Edith Bolton, John Kubiak, Tony Welding Jr, Jack Keating, Patricia Reader, Joyce Campe, Martin Fox, Francis Hagan & Gordon Wright. ***whose anniversaries fall this week. May they rest in peace.***

23RD & 24TH NOVEMBER CHRIST THE KING B

WATTON
17:00 Mass Welcomer: Bill Gammell
Reader: Terri Charman

SWAFFHAM
8:30 Mass Welcomers Helen Hall & Bridget Dumbrell
Reader: Rosemary Godfrey

10:30 Mass Welcomers: Sue Rogers & Abe Abernathy
Reader: Sue Rogers
Coffee: Jacinta Macris & Cecilia Whitehead
Flowers: Bridget Dumbrell & Mary Bedingfeld
Church Cleaners: Sue Moncaster & Mariae Clark
Counters: Denise & Sean Pettit (Monday 25th November)

30TH NOVEMBER & 1ST DECEMBER 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT C

WATTON
17:00 Mass Welcomer: Bill Gammell
Reader: Rosemary Fisher

SWAFFHAM
8:30 Mass Welcomers Lynda Hopkins & Bridget Dumbrell
Reader: Catherine Riedlinger

10:30 Mass Welcomers: Sue Rogers & Abe Abernathy
Reader: Ian Boast
Coffee: Louise & Tony Gayton
Flowers: *No Flowers in Advent*
Church Cleaners: Sue Rogers & Bridget Dumbrell
Counters: Sandra Stone & Chris Smith (Monday 2nd December)

HOME HELPER REQUIRED

Retired parishioner (widower) requires (paid) home-helper with usual domestic home tasks. 3-4 hours per week, commencing January 2025.

Please phone Peter on 01760 723021

Thank you

SCHOOL VACANCIES IN OUR DIOCESE



- **CEO of St John the Baptist, Catholic Multi Academy Trust**
- Trust Clark St John the Baptist, Catholic Multi Academy Trust
- Headteacher at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Peterborough

Please see website for more details:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

Jane Delph, Secretary Diocesan Schools' Service



COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 12th December 10.30-12.30
Parish Rooms

Coffee/Tea £1, Homemade cake £1.50

There will also be a raffle. Donations of small raffle prizes will be most welcome. Please hand these to Ann Darkins or Fr Mark.

Thank you to those who organised and ran the November Coffee Morning which raised **£108** for our Solar Panel Batteries.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

From next Sunday, 1st December, there will be an opportunity to contribute towards the Christmas flowers and decoration of our Church.

ANTIQUE ALMS DISH DONATION

Thank you to the donors of an antique pewter alms dish recently noticed in our local Swaffham Antiques Shop on London Road. The dish is of particular interest to this parish as it features an image of Our Lady of Sorrows/Pity. It was thus probably made for a church or chapel that shares our own title. So it has *come home* and will form part of our parish patrimony in the future. When more information about its date and origin are obtained you will be informed and it will go on display.

CAMBODIA IMMERSION MEETING

Sunday 24th November
4:00pm

An important information and preparation meeting at the Presbytery for those travelling to Cambodia in January/February 2025.



COFFEE STOP AFTER 5PM MASS AT WATTON on 30th November

Coffee will be served after Mass in the vestry.



PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS - BRASS & SILVER CLEANING

Friday 6th December 2024 10.30am Parish Rooms

It's that time again - to polish the brass and silver in readiness for Christmas

If you were to do this on your own, it could seem onerous and not the best way to spend a morning! However, continuing what has now become a tradition (!) you are invited to join together in the Parish Rooms, where we promise you, lively conversation, seasonal music and refreshments. Just bring a supply of dusters or cloths.



MASS AT OXBURGH

Saturday 7th December at 12:00 noon.

Our monthly celebration of Mass at historic **Oxburgh Hall**.



COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

CAROLS AND CAKE AT THE CONVENT

Saturday 7th December between 12pm - 4pm

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham invites you to join them at their convent in Dereham on Saturday 7th December between 12pm - 4pm for carols, cakes and crafts! The suggested donation is £5.00 per adult and £2.00 per child which will include hot drinks, homemade Christmas bakes and Christmas crafts. We will be singing carols around our beautiful crib at 1pm and 3pm. Our address is **House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, NR20 4AZ**. Please note that, unfortunately, the house and grounds are not suitable for those with more serious mobility problems.

For more information or to RSVP email: office@walsinghamcommunity.org or call 01362 692574



EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER

16:00

CAMBODIA IMMERSION MEETING
at the Presbytery.

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

10:00

MASS FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

10:00

MASS but no Exposition or Confession to follow due to Chapter Meeting in Norwich.

11:30

PRAYER GROUP Parish Rooms

12noon

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER MASS & MEETING
at St. John's Cathedral, Norwich

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

19:30

FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH, SESSION 6
Parish Rooms

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

14:30

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP Parish Rooms

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

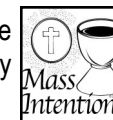
11:00

ADULT CONFIRMATION GROUP
at the Presbytery.

17:00

COFFEE STOP AFTER MASS AT WATTON
in the Vestry

If you would like Mass offered for your intentions, intentions of someone else, on a birthday or other celebration, or for someone who has died, simply place details in an envelope and give it to Fr. Mark.



THANK YOU for your generosity in the last week.

You gave **£306.64** in the collection from **Swaffham**, **£145.04** from **Watton**, and **£250.00** in standing orders. **Total: £700.00**



GOING INTO HOSPITAL? PLEASE inform the Chaplain:

QEH at King's Lynn - Fr Gordon Adam 07721 020334

Norfolk & Norwich - Fr Michael Smith 01603 624615

Swaffham Community Hospital, please inform Fr. Mark

THE WORD OF GOD JOHN 18:33-37

33 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. 34 Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' 35 Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' 36 Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 37 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it,' answered Jesus. Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.



Other readings: Daniel 7:13-14 Psalm 92 (93) Apocalypse 1:5-8

REFLECTIONS

The final Sunday in our liturgical year is the feast of Christ the King. The theme of the kingship of Christ should not be misunderstood. Jesus is not king in an earthly sense. The acclamations of the crowds on Palm Sunday and the enthusiastic endorsement of the disciples that Jesus is the Messiah might mislead us. Jesus is king, Jesus is Messiah, because he is the anointed one of God, who comes to do the will of God. For the evangelist John, Christ's kingship is revealed above all on the cross. In the dialogue with Pilate in the Fourth Gospel Jesus points Pilate in the right direction: his kingdom is not an earthly one. He came 'to bear witness to the truth'. Those who seek the truth are members of his kingdom, which our liturgy today describes in the Preface as 'a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace'. Pilate's dismissive answer to Jesus will be 'Truth, what is that?' Reading the gospels throughout the liturgical year we are presented with a choice, whether, like Pilate, to pursue earthly values or, alternatively, to pursue the truth. In each of the four gospels Jesus bears witness above all to the truth that God is a God of love to be loved without reserve. We see that above all in his triumph on the cross. Our second reading today from the Book of the Apocalypse speaks of Jesus as one 'who loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood'. His death brings us forgiveness and is our liberation. He is king because he leads us to the fulness of life and to the truth. He has made us 'a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father'. The vocation of each one of us is to lead others to the truth we have come to know through Jesus and to make of our lives a gift of service to our loving God.

In what sense is Jesus a king?

Do I realise that at Baptism I became a member of the kingly and priestly people of Christ?

Let us pray that we may always be faithful to the truth we have learnt from Christ.

We pray that, with our brothers and sisters who have gone before us in faith, we may come to share in God's kingdom of truth and love.

Reflections on the Sunday Gospels, written by Fr. Adrian Graffy



NEW LECTIONARY IMPORTANT NOTICE

A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024.

The Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition for the scripture readings and the Psalms and Canticles for the Responsorial Psalms. The Order of the Mass remains the same. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, using better and more up-to-date biblical scholarship and to use a text which is "more proclaimable", according to the CTS.

Consequently, the current Parish Mass Books and your own Missal will not contain the revised scripture readings.

As the cost of purchasing new Parish Mass Books is prohibitive, it is proposed that parishioners could buy their own missal. Bridget Dumbrell and John Marshall have carried out a great deal of research into the cost and **The Pilgrim Shop at Walsingham** is offering the best prices for multiple copies. *These are as follows:*

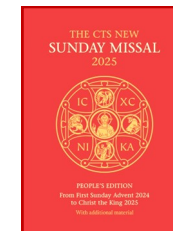
£13:25 each or the following discounts:

10 @ £12:75;

50 @ £12:49;

100 @ £11:99;

250 @ £10:99



There is a sheet in the Narthex to sign if you wish to buy a new Missal. Obviously, the more people to sign up, the cheaper the price.

Payment will have to be made to Fr Mark before the order is sent to The Pilgrim Shop.

It would be appreciated if this could be done as soon as possible, as you will then be up to date with the new scripture readings.

Thank you, Fr Mark