

THE MESSENGER

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

25th November 2018

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What's the truth Jesus comes to bear witness to in this last Gospel of the Church's year?

It's the truth that in Jesus, God keeps the promise He made to David of an everlasting Kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, "the first born, highest of the Kings of the earth" (see 2 Samuel 7:12–16; Psalm 89:27–38).

Today's Second Reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, quotes these promises and celebrates Jesus as "the faithful witness." The reading hearkens back to Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah would "witness to the peoples" that God is renewing His "Everlasting Covenant" with David (see Isaiah 55:3–5).

But as Jesus tells Pilate, there's far more going on here than the restoration of a temporal monarchy. In the Revelation reading, Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and the Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He's applying to Himself a description that God uses to describe Himself in the Old Testament—the first and the last, the One who calls forth all generations (see Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12).

"He has made the world," today's Psalm cries, and His dominion is over all creation (see also John 1:3; Colossians 1:16–17). In the vision of Daniel we hear in today's First Reading, He comes on "the clouds of heaven"—another sign of His Divinity—to be given "glory and kingship" forever over all nations and peoples.

Christ is King and His Kingdom, while not of this world, exists in this world in the Church. We are a royal people. We know we have been loved by Him and freed by His blood and transformed into "a kingdom, priests for His God and Father" (see also Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9).

As a priestly people, we share in His sacrifice and in His witness to God's Everlasting Covenant. We belong to His truth and listen to His voice, waiting for Him to come again amid the clouds.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

25th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Kathleen, Patrick Bruen RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Joe Murphy RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Krzysztof Szczepanski RIP

Mon 26th	12 Noon	HG	Gerard Murray RIP
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Tues 27th	No Mass		
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Wed 28th	9.30 am	HG	Brian Cullen RIP
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Thurs 29th	9.30 am	SB	Jesse Grey RIP
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Fri 30th	9.30 am	HG	Antonina Bogacka RIP
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Adoration after 9.30 am Mass

Sat 1st Dec	9.30 am	SB	Dec Mbrs Goder & Sauleek Families
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Confessions after Mass till 10.45 am

2nd December

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C Psalter Week I

9.00 am	SB	Tito Gomes RIP
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11.00 am	SB	Giovanni Grasso RIP
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6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service here at St. Bede's Church on Friday 14th December at 7.30 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE (Monday)

6 pm Vigil Mass
9.30 pm Carols
10 pm Mass during the Night



CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday)

8 am Mass at Dawn (Quiet Mass)
10 am Mass during the Day
(Church will remain open until 4 pm)

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY (Wednesday)

10.30 am Mass for Altar Servers Intentions
All Masses at St. Bede's Church

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Advent Giving Tree will be up in the Cloister Area this weekend. This is an opportunity to give Christmas presents for the children in the care of Social Services. Take a label and return the presents wrapped and labelled to us by Sunday 9th December.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

We are running an Altar Server Training Course on 8th December running from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. This course is open to all Altar Servers however, we would like the following to definitely attend:

1. Altar Servers who are either hoping to receive their Wooden Cross or their Guild of St Stephen Medal at this year's St Stephen's Day Mass.
2. Altar Servers who would like to become an official MC and learn how to be a Thurifer.

Any Altar Server who has been approached by a senior server and asked to attend.

Therefore, if you are one of the above or just like to attend for a 'refresher' please collect a permission slip from the Sacristy/Office.

We also ask if any parents could please help out to let us know on your child's permission slip and/or contact Jan, the Parish's Designated Safeguarding Lead.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

'Lucky Me' Winner for November... Congratulations to Josie Rae who won £25.

A PRAYER

To those I may have Wronged
I ask Forgiveness
To those I may have Helped,
I wish I did More
To those I neglected to help,
I ask for Understanding.
To those who helped me,
I sincerely Thank You So Much



DIARY:

Sunday 25th Nov : Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:
6.30 Quiet
Refreshments after the 9 & 11 am
Masses today
Raffle tickets on sale today for CAFOD
Toddler group meet SB 1.30—3.15 pm
Tues 27th Choir practice SB 7.30 pm
Wed 28th Repository open 9.00—3.15 pm
Thurs 29th St. Bede's School Supplementary
Forms being signed by Fr. Chris in the
Cloister Area between
10.30—11.15 am
Church cleaning after 9.30 am Mass

REPOSITORY

There is a large selection of Christmas cards, cribs available in the Repository, well worth a visit. Repository open after all Masses on a Sunday, and on Thursday between 9 am—3 pm.

TODDLER GROUP

St. Bede's Toddler Group meet every Tuesday between 1.30—3.15 pm in the Church Hall. A nominal charge of £1..... per family weekly. This is a good way for Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Toddlers to meet up and chat.



FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Brian Clarke RIP on Wednesday 5th December in Holy Ghost Church at 12 noon.

Requiem for Mick Hogan RIP on Thursday 13th December in Holy Ghost Church at 12 noon. We remember their families and friends at this sad time.



CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY

Saturday 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a celebration is taking place at St. John's Cathedral beginning with Mass at 12.15 pm. A candlelight Procession and Recital of the Rosary, ending with Benediction.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to Asani Andrews, Zesiro Andrews, Antonio Olivia Fernandez, Melia Rose Neal and Cyril Szulc who will be Baptised next weekend.



COLLECTIONS

Collection last week Parish Collection £2,367.87p. Second collection this weekend for the Fathers and Brothers of Betharram, to support their work with the people of Assam, in the North East India, and the setting up and support of Mission Schools in these remote area.