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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe			
Sunday 21st	9.00am 10.15-10.35am 11.00am	Sunday Mass Confessions Sunday Mass	Patricia Hill RIP Ray Wright RIP
Monday 22nd St Cecilia		No Mass	
Tuesday 23rd Feria		No Mass	
Wednesday 24th St Andrew Dung Lac & co	9.00am	Holy Mass	Bernard Jean RIP
Thursday 25th Feria	9.00am	Holy Mass	Luce Haffner RIP
Friday 26th Feria	9.00am 6.00pm	School Mass Requiem Mass	Reg Wells RIP Mass for the deceased of the parish
First Sunday of Advent			
Saturday 27th	4.30 – 4.45pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Deceased members of the Browne family
Sunday 28th	9.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass (in Penkridge) Sunday Mass	Garry Canning Anniversary RIP James Joseph Sheahan RIP

Please pray for the sick of the parish & their carers: Chris Rauchmann, Philip & Christine Elson, Bill Baker, Bernard Boyes & Gerald Kierans.

Our collection for last weekend was **£186.52** made up of **£70.00** Gift Aid envelopes & **£116.52** loose. Thank you.

The second collection taken for the Marist Fathers raised £385.53. Thank you. There will be a second collection today for the Catholic Youth Service.

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, who saw that, despite the devastation of WWI, the world was becoming increasingly more fragmented. The Pope wanted to respond to the growing power of nationalism, communism and other secular ideologies by reminding the world that Christ is the only source of lasting peace and it is only through embracing our faith in Him that we can help to establish the Kingdom of God in this world.

Mass Changes – Please note that from next weekend, that is the first Sunday of Advent, the 9am Mass will be celebrated in Penkridge and there will be a 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass here at St Mary's. More details about this are available from the back of the church. Please spread the word!

Thank you very much to those who came to Fr Paul's Mass of Thanksgiving last Thursday and who have helped with the various preparations in the church and in the hall. It was great to come together as a parish community, we wish Fr Paul very best in his new parish of St Josephs' in Carterton.

Advent - Next week we will enter the season of Advent. Advent is of course not only a time of preparation for Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Rather, in the first weeks of the season, the liturgy helps us to prepare for the second coming of Christ at the end of our lives and at the end of time. As part of our Advent preparations, why not make the extra effort to come to at least one weekday Mass a week, perhaps our Tuesday early morning Rorate Masses?

Rorate Masses - It is an ancient Advent tradition in the Church to celebrate votive Masses of Our Lady at dawn by candlelight. We will celebrate these at St Mary's every Tuesday Morning at 7am with light breakfast being served afterwards in the parish hall. The Mass will be celebrated at the Lady Altar and is full of beautiful symbolism. As the sun rises in the east, we are reminded that Advent is a season of preparation for the coming of Christ, the light of the world. Why not come to one of these, perhaps on your way from/to work?

New website - I'm sure you have noticed our newsletter has had a little facelift a couple of weeks ago. Our website has now also been redesigned so go and check it out - same address, new look.

Parish Christmas Raffle - We will be holding a Raffle on Sunday 19th December. Your generosity in offering prizes will be appreciated. We would be very grateful for bottles of wine and spirits to make up hamper prizes, the offer of a luxury Christmas cake and luxury Christmas pudding and also any little Christmas hampers with Christmas gifts. Please start dropping them off in the church. Raffle tickets will be available from next weekend from the Piety Stall. The main prize will be a luxury hamper and all the proceeds will go to the church.

Christmas Cards - These will be available in the Piety Stall from next weekend. There will also be some Christmas Mass cards.

Tea & Coffee on Sunday – We would like to bring back the tradition of refreshments after the 11am Mass on Sunday. If there are people willing to take on organising this on regular basis please speak to Fr Tomas.

The Sacrament of Confession – From the 1st Sunday of Advent confessions will be heard on regular basis on Saturday from 4.30 – 4.45pm, just before the Vigil Mass. Fr Tomas will also be available on request after the weekday Masses or by appointment.

Confirmations - Please pray for the Children of our Primary school who will be confirmed on the 24th November at 7pm by Bishop Stephen Wright.

Mass for the Bereaved - Our November Mass for the bereaved will be held on Friday 26th November at 6pm and will be offered for those in our November Remembrance Book and also for those whose funerals have been celebrated in our church in the last two years. Please invite to anyone who may find comfort and strength in this Mass.

Visiting the Housebound - If you have been visiting the sick before the pandemic and are happy to start going again, please speak to Fr Tomas.

Going into hospital? - If you are going into hospital, please contact Fr Tomas in order to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go in. When you are admitted to hospital, you will have to ask explicitly for the Catholic chaplain to be informed that you are there.

Facebook – Please like our Facebook page. I'm hoping to use it as a useful way to communicate about latest things in the parish.