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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE





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The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth

A television interviewer tries to elicit the truth from a politician. We recognise of old the politician's strategies for avoiding the interviewer's questions. We are called to do jury service and determine to get to the bottom of the case, but suddenly everyone's version of events is slightly different. We pick up on a charged atmosphere at home, but when we quiz our children or spouse, we



are met with evasion and equivocation. The opposite of truth is not always a lie. Truth can be avoided, twisted, disguised, or simply not recognised. One thing is for sure though; we all have some kind of sixth sense for knowing when we are not getting the truth. That's why it's so refreshing and so powerful when somebody gets up and speaks a simple truth from the heart. The truth makes us sit up and listen. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when he told Pilate, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Standing in front of Pilate, Jesus doesn't back down or compromise the truth because the truth is too important. The trouble with earthly kingdoms is that the truth is not always of paramount importance. In earthly kingdoms the truth gets in the way of our personal agendas. In our quest for territory, power, resources and a comfortable life style, the truth takes second place. We might think that we are truthful people and that we never tell lies, but it is all too easy to live a lie without admitting it even to ourselves. Pilate was not able to understand the kingdom Jesus alluded to, and he was not able to see Jesus as king. Pilate failed to recognise the truth. Today's challenge is to recognise truth in all of life's circumstance, to stand up for the truth in all of life's difficulties, and to live by the truth to the best of our ability.

December Communion Calls: Fr Liam and Sr Aine will call to you during December. We will ring you in advance of our visit.

Advent reflection \sim Fr Liam will lead us in guided prayer, music and meditation for the four Monday's of Advent beginning on Monday 29th Nov in the Church @ 7:30pm. All are welcome, please pass this message on to anyone who may be interested.

MASS ROTAS

EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS READERS

10am. Mon 22nd Nov — Eddie Lynch

EDENDERRY-WEEKEND MASS

READERS 7pm. Sat 27th Nov – Rita Evans 10am: Sun 28th Nov - Paula Lalor 11:30am. Sun 28th Nov - Doreen Picktering

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7pm. Sat 27th Nov – Deirdre Byrne, Bernice Flynn, Frances Judge 10am. Sun 28th Nov – Ann Gunning, Mary Hickey, Sean Dillon 11:30am. Sun 28th Nov – Colissa Halligan, Rose Waters, Maria Egan

Community Notices

Creative Rathangan Meitheal: are hosting a seminar - *Spies, Rebels and Informers:* on Saturday November 20th. This is a free event subject to booking. For further information see the Creative Rathangan Meitheal Facebook Page or Eventbrite Online Start your own Business Course

Online Start your own Business course commencing on 1 December (followed by 7, 8, 14 and 15 December 2021) from 9.30am to 1pm. This course is free to attend. Bookings can be made via

https://www.localenterprise.ie/Offaly/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/5-session-Start-your-Own-Business-Course-Day-Time -.html. For more information, please contact Local Enterprise Office Offaly on info@leo.offalycoco.ie or 057 9357480. St Faustina Relic: This weekend we will celebrate the 5th Anniversary of Dedication of the St. Faustina Relic to our St. Mary's Church, Edenderry in November 2016. The Relic will be exposed in front of the altar at Saturday and Sunday Masses. People will be blessed with the Relic after each mass.

Please Note: Church will close @ 6pm from Monday 22nd November.

Annual Parish Cake Sale: will take place the weekend of 4th/5th Dec in the Parish Centre, after each of the 3 Masses. Cakes, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings, apple tarts,. etc; can be brought in Saturday from 4pm, or before the Masses on Sunday morning. We would appreciate as many bakers as possible, and please pass on this request to your friends. Proceeds will go towards the Floral decorations at Christmas and throughout the year. The Christmas raffle will take place after 11:30am Mass. (Raffle tickets available in the Parish Centre)!!!! Your support would be very much appreciated. A big thank you to all who donated flowers over the past year, it was greatly appreciated.





We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Mila McDonald



Polish Mass: Friday 26th Nov @ 7pm Confessions @ 6pm



November Special Remembrance Mass: Friday 19th November @ 7:30pm: we invite a family representative of those who have died in the past year to accept a candle which will be lit during Mass and can be taken home after Mass.

All others who had a member of their family deceased elsewhere during the past year are welcome. A candle will also be lit in their memory



Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory

our prayers are asked for:

Valarie McGarr, Kent formerly JKL St, Edenderry

May she Rest in Peace. Our Sympathy to her family

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 7pm: Sean (Mock) Davy, 1st Anniversary; Alice Morrissey; Rosario Davy & deceased members of the Davy & Bruntz families; Eileen McGrath; Catherine Young

Sunday 10am: Anne O' Connor, 1st Anniversary; Trevor Jessop; Steve & Bridie Kelly

Sunday 11:30am: Dolores McCarthy, 1st Anniversary; Tim Leech; Donal Crowe, Betty Crowe, & deceased members of the Crowe family; Frank Burke

Monday 10am: Tuesday 10am: Wednesday 10am: Thursday 10am Mass Friday 10am Mass: Mass Card Intentions

Saturday 7pm: George Plunkett; Months mind Mass; Bridget O' Connor; Stephen, Mary, Monica & Patrice Norman; Barney & Nora Clarke; Michael Cummins

Sunday 10am: Sunday 11:30am:



We Pray for the following whose Anniversary occurs around this time.

Noel Farrelly Patrick Cullen Brigid Ennis



PENITENTIAL ACT I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria....

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. May all in heaven and earth acclaim you glory, and never cease to praise you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

FIRST READING (7:13-14)

A reading from the prophet Daniel.

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On Him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed. Response:

- 1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. Response:
- 2. The world you made firm, not to be moved: your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, your are. Response:

3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness if fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. Response:

SECOND READING (1:5-8) A reading from the book of Apocalypse.

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds'; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (18:33-37)

Priest: The Lord be with you People: And with your Spirit

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

'Are you the king of the Jews? Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me? 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? 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. 'So you are a king then? said Pilate. It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am 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 the truth listen to my voice.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, we offer you the sacrifice by which your Son reconciles mankind. May it bring unity and peace to the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, you give us Christ, the King of all creation, as food for everlasting life. Help us to live by his gospel and bring us to the joy of his kingdom, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Garden of Remembrance

This year we are doing a Sacred space

remembering all those who passed away in the last year and all Covid deaths. If you would like to supply us with a photo (6×4) so we can place it in our Garden of Remembrance for the month of November.

Photos can be left into the Parish Centre. Please put your name and number on the back of the photo.



Carol Service

Parish Carol Service Sunday 12th @ 6pm

Sponsor a Bulb for your Deceased Love Ones

For just $\notin 10$ you can have a bulb lit on the Christmas tree in the Church grounds in memory of your deceased family members or friends. Fr. Lawton will have a blessing of the tree on Sunday 12th December after the Carol Service. (Carol Service @ 6pm). Funds raised will go towards the Parish. The donation can be left along with the name of the deceased into the Parish Centre.