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OUR PARISH PRIEST WRITES



## God's Word

Readings for Sunday 29 November

Frist Reading  
Jer 33:14-16

Psalm 24

Second Reading  
1 Thess 3:12-4:2

Gospel Lk 21:25-28,34-36

## (CHRIST THE KING) HIS DIVINE MAJESTY

His Divine Majesty, Christ the King of Peace, justice and truth, has shared his royalty with us, which calls us to join him, in promoting those same Gospel values, however difficult it may be at times.

In modern times kings are almost out, except to describe cigarettes; and royalty is nearly like a chicken whose head has been cut off, it may run about in a lovely way, but in fact it is dead. However, Jesus Christ is still King, every inch King, not just King, but "the Ruler of the Kings on earth". But his kingdom is not of this world and that is why we celebrate the feast of our King with no gunshots in the morning, military parade in the afternoon and presentation of arms in the evening. His Kingly power is awesome, so awesome that it can put many a Powerful State to shame, but it is a spiritual power. Likewise, his royal power comes from his being not only a witness to truth, but being the truth itself. This is why his Kingdom does not seek to increase its wealth but to promote peace, not to expand its border, but establish justice, not to inflate its own image but to lead people to freedom, all in the name of truth. He said this to Pilate but, you know, to some people you need never give them hell, instead you just tell them the truth, they think it is hell; so did Pilate.

Sharing in the Kingship of Christ is glorious, but it is demanding. As Jesus bore witness to truth, lived by it and died for it, we too, by virtue of the gift of truth received in our hearts at baptism, are called only to speak the truth. Jesus has no wish to set a trap for us. He tells us exactly what he wants. Note, that sins are not mentioned, only deeds are mentioned, deeds of love. At the end of our lives, we will be examined on those deeds.

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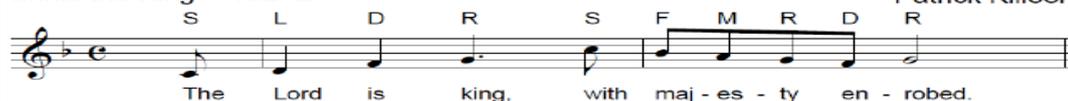
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## WEEKEND PSALM

Christ the King - Year B

Patrick Killeen



## Rest in Peace

**Bea O'Brien**, Bendemeer Park, died on 1st October at her home just as she would have wished. She was a lady who loved her home and family. Bea (nee Coleman) was the youngest of a large family. She married Raymond O'Brien from West Waterfrod. Unfortunately he died at a comparatively young age which left Bea to manage her home and family without the chief breadwinner for all of thirty-nine years. But Bea managed, and managed a cheerful and positive view of life through it all. We extend the sympathy of our community to her sons, Michael, John, Raymond, her daughters Beatrice and Mary, and to her extended family. They can remember their mother with pride.

**Teresa O'Leary**, Woodlawn, Model Farm Road, died on 12th November at Rosenalee Care Centre after a long illness. Teresa was a native of Listowel, where she worked in the family business. She subsequently met and married a young teacher in West Cork - Sean O'Leary. They settled down and lived happily there where Sean was teaching at the time. They moved to Cork later when Sean became Principal at Strawberry Hill National School. Sean died unexpectedly when just a few years into his retirement. Teresa was never really the same afterwards. Her family and friends remember her with gratitude and love. The girls, Ethna, Carmel Fidelma and Bernadette carry on the family tradition in the teaching profession at different grades and levels, and son Michael is a civil engineer in Wicklow. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis.

## Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to the Community at St. Joseph's Convent, Model Farm Road, on the recent death of **Sr. Dolores Healy**.

## ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Heavy rain and high winds did not deter a good attendance at the annual Mass for parishioners who had passed away during the past year.

Welcoming those present Dean O'Connor, who concelebrated the Mass with Monsignor O'Callaghan and Fr. Clancy, recalled an occasion many years ago when he received an urgent call to administer the Last Rites to a patient in the South Infirmary. As he walked to the hospital, groups of young people were making their way into the city. He contrasted their happy behaviour to his task of anointing someone in possible danger of death.

The patient surprised him by declaring that she was the happiest person in Cork at that moment. This faith was grounded on her friendship with God. "The God I will be meeting, she said, is a God of love, mercy and compassion."

During the Mass the names of the forty-six parishioners were read by Fr. Tom. A member of each family brought a lighted candle and placed it at the November Shrine showing the names of their loved ones.

For those who suffered bereavement the ceremony was a comforting and joyful experience and an opportunity for others members of the congregation to show support and solidarity.

*"Death is not extinguishing the light, it is only putting out the lamp, because the dawn has come."*

Arthur O'Callaghan

### LAY MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH

The one who serves and the one who receives share in **The Ministry of the Eucharist**. One says *The Body of Christ*, the others says, *Amen*. Its meaning is overwhelming. No one is worthy. It is a simple act - from hand to hand, from heart to heart, at one in Christ's Body - his Bread of Life within us.

## NOTICE BOARD

### Ministers of the Eucharist

New rota is available on altar rails. Please take your copy.

### Blood Transfusion Board

Blood donor clinic will be held at the GAA Hall, Bishopstown, on Thursday 26th November, 5.00-8.00pm. Please come along and donate blood to help cope with the increasing demand from hospitals and patients in the region.

### Garda Siochana, Cork City Division

Annual Mass for deceased members will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 26th November at St. Francis Church, Liberty Street. All serving and retired Gardaí, families and friends are invited to attend.

### Foster Carers

Have you considered becoming a Foster Carer, could you foster a child or young person? If you would like to find out more about fostering please contact 1850 211593.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for our Hospital Play Service at Mercy and Cork University Hospitals. Our cheerful, caring volunteers make hospital a happy place by providing play activities for the children each day. Can you give two/three hours once a week (either morning or afternoon - Monday to Friday) to join our team and really make a difference. Volunteers must be 18 years or over. Training and ongoing support is provided. For information please call Locall 1890 252682, email: info@childreninhospital.ie