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22nd November 2020
OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
YOUTH SUNDAY

First Reading: (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17)
As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.
Second Reading : (1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28)
He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.
Gospel: (Matthew 25:31-46)
He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for November: That the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Sunday **Church Open** **Private Prayer**	**22nd November** **2.30pm-3.45pm.** **EXPOSITION**	**Thursday** **Church Open for** **Private Prayer**	**26th November** **1.30pm-2.45pm** **EXPOSITION**
Monday **Church Open for** **Private Prayer**	**23rd November** **1.30pm-2.45pm.** **EXPOSITION**	**Friday**	**27th November**
Tuesday **Church closed**	**24th November**	**Saturday** **Church Open for** **Private Prayer**	**28th November** **2pm-3.15pm** **EXPOSITION**
Wednesday **Church closed**	**25th November**	**Sunday**	**29th November** **ADVENT**

One decade of the Rosary	**Suspended**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration and Rosary	**Suspended**
Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	After Private Prayer or by appointment.
Collection	Standing Orders (October) £1060.37p

Those who are sick:

Please pray for Bill Davies, Christopher Brown, Stuart Madden, Christopher Clifford, James Tanner, Annie Shufflebotham, Marie Sidebottom, Malcolm Garrett, Libby Webb, Nina Noworyta, Marie Hayes, George Williams, Ruth Grace Crosby, Jarek Tomaszewski, Emily Small, Ann Crossley, Kathryn Smith, Steven Platts, Fr.Kevin Gradwell, Pauline Magrath, Kathleen Jones, Father Pat Munroe, Renata Broda, Cyril Nield, John Kirrane.

.A warm welcome to everyone. If you are new to the parish, please fill in a card and give it to Fr Bill. We shall be glad to visit you and make you as welcome as possible.

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SOCIAL

This week we enter "Week Three" of the Second National Lockdown caused by a rise in "Covid 19" transmissions. The news on the home front is somewhat brighter but we are still seeing a high number of "Transmissions and Deaths" resulting directly from "Covid 19." Worldwide things are similar, especially in the Northern Hemisphere where "Covid 19" has affected every aspect of people's daily lives. There is more positive news on the horizon, with the prospect of "Vaccines" but the actual roll out of these is not as yet a given, and will not have any affect on the present "Spike 2." Catholic Churches across the British Isles are expecting to hear the news that they can commence their "Public Worship" the celebration of Mass after December 2nd. There will still be restrictions in the aftermath of the current lockdown, but so long as we are able to celebrate Mass for the remainder of "Advent and for the celebration of Christmas" Parishioners, Friends of the Parish and Visitors will be very pleased. Fr. Bill intends to prepare for Christmas in as normal a way as is possible, once he learns the nature of the "restrictions" that will be in place after the "Second Lockdown" ends. It is most likely a number of Masses will need to be celebrated on Christmas Eve if the current restrictions on "Church Numbers for Masses" remain in place, as we need to ensure that everybody who wants to is able to have a Church Celebration of Christmas.This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King, National Youth Sunday, so we pray for all our young people, for whom this current time is so challenging and uncertain in so many areas of their lives. This celebration of the "Feast of Christ the King" brings to an end the "Liturgical Year 2019 / 2020." All we can say about it, is that is has been one the most challenging periods in the recent history of the "Universal Church" with church doors closed for four months plus for Public Worship. Holy Spirit Church, will be open this Sunday for an additional period of Prayer from 2:30pm to 3:45pm. it would be nice to have people taking the opportunity to pray for a change of fortunes in the "New Liturgical Year 2020/21. The 2020 Advent Season will begin on Sunday 29 November, sadly we will still be in "Lockdown" but due to re - open later that week. Fr. Bill intends on the Thursday or Friday December 3rd / 4th to celebrate the end of lockdown with a "Public Celebration of Mass" so watch this space. He also hopes to be able along with the Parish "Eucharistic Ministers" to commence visiting the "Housebound" with communion. I hope that all who read this newsletter are well, and keeping safe, this Pandemic has affected all of us in different ways, especially in the way we feel isolated socially from each other, something as church goers we are not accustomed to.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - FEAST OF CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

In the first Reading for today's Feast Day, Ezekiel tells us that it is he who has been appointed "Watchman over Israel." His message we learned was no more popular than his predecessor "Jeremiah." Ezekiel, understood however that it was his duty to speak the "Word of God" regardless of the reception it would receive, and it was the people's duty to listen to it, and act on what they were hearing. There is no doubt that Ezekiel is using very dramatic images and stories to forcibly make his point and drive home the message. His people are to know with certainty that his message is a serious one, and that God is in control of their destiny. St. Paul in writing to the Corinthians, describes "Jesus, as the First Fruits," in the language of "Jewish worship - First Fruits" referred to the consecration of the entire harvest to the Lord. The resurrection of the Christ is our "first-fruits" the promise of abundance and the fullness of life through Christ's death and resurrection. We share in the "first-fruits" in the here and now, and in the future realm of Gods glory. When we celebrate the "Sacraments" and encounter Christ in "His Word" and in the "Community of believers" we as a "Pilgrim People" experience here on earth the future "Glory of Heaven" as we journey towards our final glory. St. Matthew's Gospel puts today's "Feast of Christ the Universal King" on the same footing as Feast Days like the "Ascension / Epiphany" and many other feasts that celebrate the reign of Christ. In response to the destructive forces of the age, Pope St. Plus XI instituted this Feast Day on December 11th - 1925. He insisted that the only weapon against such forces and chaos in the world of the time was the universal acknowledgement of the Sovereignty of Christ as Universal King."

WOOD STREET MISSION: We are not able this year to donate toys, however you can still donate cash etc through their website: https://www.woodstreetmission.org.uk/our projects'christmas. Our help is needed more than ever this year. **AN ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS:** Due to Covid restrictions, rather than send Christmas cards within the parish this year,we invite you to make a donation t**o** CAFOD, then send an email with a Christmas Message to holyspiritxmas20@gmail.com and we will post them on the website**.** **ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLETS:** Now available in the porch, Priced £1 each. Please leave money in the envelope provided. Thank you.