

REFLECTION FOR FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING: Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In the “Our Father” we pray “Thy kingdom come”. However, when Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, he means something very different from kings and kingdoms so often associated with excessive wealth and the abuse of power. In the New Testament, it is the term most used by Jesus to define his mission. Jesus is a different type of king. In the first reading, He is presented as the shepherd who tends and defends his flock. In the final judgment in St. Matthew’s Gospel, He uses criteria different from those of earthly kings: “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me...”. The poor, not riches or power, are the sacrament of Christ the King’s presence in the world.

Many Catholics are inclined to think that the Kingdom of God and the Church are the same thing or to see the Kingdom as something that takes place in the next life. However, Kingdom is the biblical expression which signifies the new world that one day will exist because God has promised it: a world of truth and of justice; a world without misery or the division between rich and poor; a world without abandoned children, hunger or mass unemployment. This is a new world which is for the here and now and not only after death. “The Kingdom of God is in the midst of you” (Lk.17:21). Jesus Christ has come to put on its feet a world that has been turned upside-down, to “free the oppressed” and make “the poor happy,” “to bring down from their thrones the powerful and raise up the humble”

The Church works to build the Kingdom, with Jesus as King, in two ways: by building a Church which preaches by its example, giving witness to the kingdom values, and by cooperating with all people of good will, including non-believers (who are unconsciously cooperating with God’s plan), to help build a society which reflects kingdom values of forgiveness, justice, liberty and truth. Everything we do to build a better world is a partial realization of the definitive Kingdom in the next life which, in the work of Vatican II, is the germ of this Kingdom on earth.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BREFFNI FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE HAPPENINGS:

NEW Healthy Ireland Virtual Staywell Screening Community & Wellbeing Programme, Information will include Nutrition, Mindfulness, Heart and more, August to December 2020

NEW Family Learning - This programme creates a positive and stimulating learning environment for parents and carers to return to education. The course aims to create an atmosphere that is informal and relaxed, where parents’ own life experiences are respected and valued. Please contact us to register your expression of interest.

NEW: Diabetes Awareness Zoom talk on Wednesday 26th November from 7-8pm For further info on any of the above classes or to receive an Expression of Interest Form please call 071 9622566 or email: coordinator@breffnifrc.ie

SATURDAY 21st & SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

PRIEST ON DUTY: FR. MARK BENNETT C.C. 071-9650881

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 21st & SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

ST.MARY'S Sunday 10.00am:

Glen & Fredrick James (Anniv)

Mary & Bill Farrell (Anniv)

Moyna McGreevy (Anniv)

Margaret Gallagher (Anniv)

Damien Murphy, Michael & Dympna McKiernan & Mary Fahy (Anniv)

MASSES MONDAY 23rd to SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER

Monday 8pm: Mary Teresa Stokes (Anniv)

Tuesday 10am: Frank & Mary Donohoe (Anniv)
St. Patrick’s Park

Wed 10 am: Don Maye & deceased members of the
Maye & Murray families

Thursday 10am: Sarah Feely (Anniv)

Friday 8pm: Carrick/Longford Region Deceased
members of the Pioneers

Sat 10am: Deceased Members & Benefactors of
St. Vincent DePaul

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER

ST.MARY'S Sunday 10.00am:

John Joe & Mae Butler & their son Liam & deceased members
of the Butler & Darcy families

Shane & Sean Matthews (Anniv)

Michael Flynn (Birthday Remembrance)

CHURCH NOTICES:

DEATHS: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Josephine McWeeney –McLoughlin (Corbally & formerly Hartley) who died recently. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

COLLECTIONS: Thank you for continued generous support during these difficult times.

LOST & FOUND: A pager was found in the church last week, the owner can collect it from the parish office.