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Christ the King Year B, 22nd November 2015

Universal Redeemer

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favorable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not

the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see John 17:6-18), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasised in the conclusion of the dia-



logue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognise Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognise Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognise that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Saviour of all.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king,
with majesty enrobed.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Holy Year Door to Open

On Tuesday 8th December, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at 7pm, Bishop Stephen will open the Holy Door at St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee to mark the start of the Holy Year of Mercy.

If you would attend please add your name to the list at the back of the church. Also, please indicate if you are willing to offer transport. Special Devotions will also take place in St John the Baptist's - one of the five designated churches during the Holy Year.

AROUND PERTH

**Sunday Mass in
St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie**
10am - Sunday
8am - Weekdays
(except Wednesday)
7am - Wednesday

**Sunday Mass in
Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham**
5.30pm (vigil); 11am

**Sunday Mass in
St Mary's, Kinnoull**
10am

Sunday Mass in St John's
6.30pm (vigil); 9am; 11am & 6.30pm

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the souls all the faithful departed.
**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Feastdays this week

Monday 23rd November
St Clement I, Pope, Martyr

Tuesday 24th November
Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday 25th November
St Catherine of Alexandria

Union of Catholic Mothers



Thank you to everyone who supported, donated and helped at the Lourdes Bingo Tea. £702.70 was raised.

Reminder for members attending Kinnoull Guild on Monday 23rd, for 7pm start. Next UCM Meeting Tuesday 1st December.

Collections

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £329.

Poor Mission Collection

There will be a second collection this week in aid of the Poor Missions.

Honoured guest

Mgr Hendry has been invited to Scots College, Rome, on the Feast of St Andrew, to mark the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

There will be no weekday Mass in St Mary Magdalene's from Thursday 25th November until Thursday 3rd December.

We welcome Canon Drysdale, newly appointed parish priest at St John's, who will celebrate Mass for us next Sunday.

Justice and Peace

'Hope in the coming kingdom is already beginning to take root in the hearts of men and women. The radical transformation of the world in the paschal mystery of the Lord gives full meaning to the efforts of men and women, and in particular of the young, to lessen injustice, violence and hatred and to advance all together in justice, freedom, brotherhood and love.'

Justice in the World, 76

Italian Association

Members and friends will be attending White Christmas in Pitlochry on Thursday 3rd December - price (including High Tea) £30.50. Christmas Dinner Dance at McDiarmid Park - Monday 14th December - cost £28.

Bishop's letter

A letter from Bishop Stephen about the Holy Year of Mercy will be read out at all Masses today. Copies will be available in the next Dunkeld News - and online www.dunkelldiocese.org.uk

Candidacy Mass

Bishop Stephen accepted Kris Jablonski's candidacy for the Permanent Diaconate at a Mass in St John the Baptist last night.

We congratulate Kris and assure him and his family of our prayers as he embarks on these final steps of his preparation for ordination to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon.

Youth Gathering for Advent

*Celebration of Mass - Creative Catechesis
Food & Games*

Sunday 20th December
10.30am - 2.30pm

Our Lady of Sorrows RC Church
Fintry, Dundee. DD4 9JF.

*Youth groups and families welcome.
Confirm numbers for catering
youth-office@dunkelldiocese.org.uk*

St Mary's Lochee Charity Concert

The Scottish opera Tenor, Martin Aelred will give a concert in the Immaculate Conception Church, Lochee, Dundee at 7pm, on Friday 4th December in aid of 'Let the Children Live' - a charity that responds to the needs of children from the streets and shanty-towns of Colombia's cities, and in particular the city of Medellín.

Martin Aelred performs on international platforms and has just returned to Scotland from a concert tour in the Holy Land's West Bank and in Bethlehem.

Mgr Aldo Angelosanto and his parishioners promise a warm welcome to all who would like to support this worthy cause.

Admission is by donation - and if you would like to be sure of a seat please contact Donna McLaughlan, telephone - 07958 678996.

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass