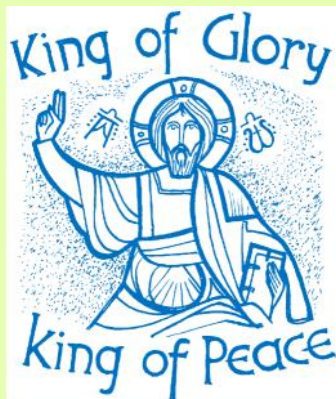




St. Brendan's Marist Parish
Coolock Village, Dublin 5
(Under the care of the Marist Fathers)
Sunday, 26th November 2017
Christ the King



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE
FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17
Responsorial Psalm .22:1-3.5-6
SECOND READING Corinthians 15:20-26.28
GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

Parish Mission Statement

“St Brendan’s is a caring Catholic Parish inspired by the Gospel, celebrating and working together to build a community of justice, love and peace.”

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Tuesday – Friday 9.00 am– 11.30 am

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30 pm (vigil), Sunday: 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm, & 6.30 pm

Reflection on today's Readings

Christ the King! Christ is king of our hearts and of our lives. Many of us today no longer think of actual kings but we can still understand the idea of a king. We should think of the struggle in the Old Testament, the Jewish Scriptures, when the Jewish people decided to ask for a king on this earth, rather than just staying with their covenant with God.

Christ the King as a solemnity is about our covenant with God. Perhaps we don't often think that we have a covenant with God. Often we only think of our Jewish ancestors and their covenants with the Lord God. But our Scripture are called the New Testament and they refer to the New Covenant with the Lord God. The point where we made that covenant is our baptism: we were baptised into Christ and into the New Covenant with Him.

The first reading today comes from the Prophet Ezekiel and speaks of God as shepherd: "The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly." Always the strong words of the Old Testament cause dismay for people today. The Prophet Ezekiel, speaking in the name of God, tells us "the sleek and the strong I will destroy." This is not about God wanting to get rid of some of us. Rather it is the destruction of a person so that the person can be reformed in God's image. The sleek and the strong live in illusion because the only strength in this life is Jesus the Lord. The illusions need to be destroyed so that the sleek and the strong can form with God the same covenant as all the others. We must rely on God. None of us is strong in himself or herself.

The second reading comes from the First Letter to the Corinthians and speaks about the true goal of life is living in Christ and sharing the Resurrection of Christ. In the end, everything will according to the will of God and living according to God's plans. So why do we have freedom? So that we can freely give ourselves to the Lord and to the following of the Lord's ways. God is so patient with us and so willing to keep working with us, even when that work means destroying the parts of us that resist His will and His plans for us.

Today's Gospel is from Saint Matthew and tells us that the way that we treat others is the way that we treat Jesus Christ Himself. We know that intellectually but oftentimes pay no attention to it in our daily lives. We are challenged to see Christ in each other person, especially those who most irritate us and cause us negative feelings and reactions. That is why Jesus always tells us to love our enemies. It is easy to love our friends.

So if Christ is our King, then we need to live our Covenant with Him. We need to walk humbly in His ways and to trust in loving others that we ourselves will know God's love in our lives. This solemnity is not just about looking to God as our King or looking to Christ as our God-King. No, it is about our Covenant with our God and King and a deep commitment to live as He wants us to live: loving all because we love Him.



**Christmas Novena Cards are now on sale in the Church
Pack of 5 assorted cards €3.00.**

**The Christmas Novena Masses will take place
from 13th December to 21st December.**



Novena Cards are also available in the Post Office in Coolock Village.

Sunday 26th November
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

6.30pm	Patrick & Kitty McCabe	A
vigil	Hannah & Anne Meehan	A
	Marie Henshaw	A
9.30am	Altar List of the Dead	
11am	Philip Kane	A
	Deceased Members of the Kelly and McQuirk Families	
	Deceased Members of the O'Dowd Family	
12.30pm	Teresa Freeney	A(1st)
	Christopher Heaphy	A
	Peter & Anna Ruttledge	A
	Patrick & Angela Lynch	RIP
	Willie Bedford	MM
6.30pm	Margaret Parkes	RD
	Mary & Martin Cooney	RIP
	Audrey Burgess	A

Monday, 27th:

8am	Martha Dunne	RD
	Paddy Walker	RD
10am	Deceased Members of the French and Johnston Families	

Tuesday, 28th:

8am	Peggy Mortimor	RIP
10am	Ursula Massey	RD

Wednesday, 29th

8am	Alice Downes	RD
10am	Altar List of the Dead	

Thursday, 30th: St. Andrew, apostle

8am	Darren Flood	RD
10am	Michael Lally	RD
7.30pm	Laura Murphy	A
	Christopher Boylan	A

Friday, 1st December:

8am	Darren Flood	RD
10am	John & Anne Glynn & sons	
	John	
	& Andy	A

Saturday, 2nd December:

10am	Darren Flood	RD
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Sunday 3rd December
First Sunday of Advent

6.30pm	Deceased Members of the vigil	Duffy, Sheehy, Aughney and Redmond Families	
	George Wallis		A
	Bridie McKane		A
	Joseph Ryan		A
9.30am	George Wallis		A
11am	John Judd		RD
12.30pm	Martha Dunne		MM
	Joe Callaghan		A
	Brendan Gaughran		A
	Tommy Daly		MM
6.30pm	John Whelan		A
	Esther Dunne		A
	May & Joe Mathews		A

“Would you spend some time with me”

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from after 12.30 pm Mass each Sunday, concluding with ***Rosary & Benediction at 5 pm.***

Weekday Exposition

Mon. to Thurs. from 3pm to 5.30pm

Are you ready for Christmas?

TAKE TIME OUT FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE

And prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Come and join us for even 1 session before Christmas

Advent Reflections (4 Sessions) from Wednesday 29th Nov. 2017 10.30 – 12.30pm

Or join us for our Twilight Retreat Tuesday 12th December 2017 7.30 - 10.00pm Mercy Centre, phone 8487259

The Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Rota for December is now available on the shelf just outside the Sacristy door.

The Family Envelope Collection
for last week

amounted to €630.00

Thank you for your continued support towards the family offering. Thanks also to all who collected and counted the money.

**Ordination to Diaconate
Tom Kouijzer
(Marist Student)**

will be ordained a deacon on Saturday, 9th December at 11am in St. Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

St. Pio Prayer Group

The monthly St. Pio Healing Mass with anointing of the sick will take place on Thursday 30th November at 7.30 pm.

All Welcome

**Official Family Prayer for
World Meeting of Families 2018**

God our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in your Son,
One family, in Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care.
Especially those for whom we now pray

Pause to remember family members and others.

Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love.
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we may share.
This we ask through Christ our Lord, **Amen**

Mary, mother and guide, **pray for us.**

Saint Joseph, father and protector, **pray for us.**

Saints Joachim and Anne, **pray for us.**

Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, **pray for us.**

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Committee will take place next **Wednesday 29th November** at 7.30 pm in the Parish House.

St. Vincent De Paul Society
are holding their
**Annual Indoor Christmas
Collection**

at all Masses on
9th & 10th December
**It will replace the usual
SHARE collection**

Please give as generous as you can to help the less fortunate in our area in this most difficult time of the year.



**Senior Citizens
Christmas Party**
will be held in the
Parish Centre,



**on Thursday 14th December
from 2.30 pm to 6.00 pm**

Dublin Diocesan Food Appeal

Archbishop Martin is seeking practical support for this year's Annual Parish Food Appeal on **December 2nd and 3rd** for the Crosscare Foodbanks.

Crosscare work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The Food Banks provide support with essential food and household items.

This year we are asking that collections be **held on one weekend only**. This will allow us to distribute hampers in good time for Christmas to hundreds of families.

We have identified items that are most needed at this time: These include

Shampoo & Hygiene Products

Soups

Tinned meats

Seasonal Biscuits

Cleaning Products