

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 22nd November 2020 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A), Solemnity Youth Day
(June Ventris RIP)

Monday 23rd November St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr
(Tony and Mary Shanny RIP)

Tuesday 24th November SS. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial

Wednesday 25th November St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
(John and Alex Kelly RIP)

Thursday 26th November Feria
(Fr. Hans)

Friday 27th November Feria
(Derek McQuillan RIP)

Saturday 28th November Our Lady
(Philip Major RIP)

The Season of Advent

Sunday 29th November 2020 First Sunday of Advent (B)
(Bill and Bernadette Major RIP)

SUSPENSION OF MASS AT ST. SIMON'S - following the national guidance of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, celebration of Mass in this church is suspended until further notice. It is not, currently, possible to open the church for private prayer, however, during this period, Fr. Hans will continue to celebrate Mass, without the faithful, on a daily basis. The continuing celebration of Mass ensures that the faithful can join in spiritual communion with the priests of the Church.

TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

A PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING - Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King, the beginning and end of all things, you have made your Church to be a people that bears witness to the goodness and beauty of your kingdom. By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as one body, called to live as one family of God. Fill our hearts with your grace, that we would be close to you by being close to the vulnerable and marginalized. Give us the patience to share one another's burdens, And give us the courage to always be friends of the truth. May we remain with you always. Amen.

RED WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER - is a day to gather and draw attention to the plight of those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs. Cathedrals, churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a Catholic charity dedicated to the support of suffering and persecuted Christians. It is clear that the persecution of Christians is worse today than at any time in modern history. In terms of the number of people involved, the gravity of the acts committed, and their impact, not only are Christians more persecuted than any other faith group, but ever-increasing numbers are experiencing the worst forms of persecution. The purpose of Red Wednesday is to join together and raise a strong voice in support of the persecuted who are unable to speak freely, and who look to us - their brothers and sisters in Christ - to speak on their behalf. Please go to <https://acnuk.org> to find out more.

"GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST" - for those who may need some spiritual uplifting in this time of grieving Marriage and Family Life, Kent have made available, online, a video by co-ordinator Elizabeth Partridge who runs a retreat for the bereaved at Aylesford Priory with Fr Francis Kemsley. The video is on the Carmelite province YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEmVj2dVdpguJaP47LzrGtdAbaRZAxSef>

Spiritual Communion

For those occasions when we can't be in our churches, an act of Spiritual Communion can help us keep Christ at the centre of our lives as we worship and pray at home.

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen

(St. Alphonsus Liguori)

CHURCH CLEANING

Suspended until further notice

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for
Merrick Boston,
Ronald Salmon,
June O'Driscoll,
Noela Thiebaud,
Francesca Baker,
Trevor Lane,
Tricia Coppin,
Sebastian Burrell,
Fred Ward,
Lisa Moran,
Rita Coombs,
Paul McKenna,
Luke Fellowes