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**Bulletin 26th
November, 2023
Feast of Christ
the King.**

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

6.15pm

Sunday

9.00 and 11.00 am

Weekdays: Mon-Fri

9.30am

Saturdays: 10 am

Holydays

As announced.

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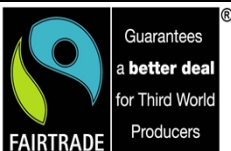
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"I am a King"

A while ago I wrote from our Priests Retreat about some thoughts on Prayer by Thomas Merton. 'Nothing that anyone says is that important...it is prayer already. We already have everything. There are no special tests or words to use...just...pray....open your heart'. This weekend we discover that heaven is filled in the same way...the blessed are praised for the simplest actions of human kindness, that Jesus looks upon every such action as a kindness done to himself and that most people who act in this way are not even conscious of having done any special service to Jesus. The broken body of this King is in the hungry, the stranger, the lost, the imprisoned.

The Gospel story can be seen as a vision of the final judgement and a contrast between two types, separated like sheep and goats. Rather than focus on that image however, think of the feelings expressed in that first Reading from the prophet Ezekiel:

'I will look for the lost one, bandage the wounded, make the weak strong. I shall look after the fat and the healthy. I will keep my flock in view.'

The Lord God spoke through that prophet about the quality of this King we celebrate this weekend. One of the few times that Jesus answers a question directly is when Pilate asks 'Are you a King?', he answers straightaway 'Yes I am a King, I was born for this...but my kingdom is not of this world.' Those who failed to understand what he said, or did not want to, did not realize that his kingdom was in front of their eyes, in the people among whom Jesus himself was hidden.

Fr. Donal



PARISH NOTICES:

REMINDER : - Sunday 3rd December:

Next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent at the 11.00am Mass, Deacon Frank McKeivitt will preach and we will host a reception in the Crypt afterwards to mark his departure and to thank him for his ministry among us.

First Friday:

Next Friday, 1st December – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament from 10.00am to 11.00am

Parish Calendar:

Our 2024 Calendar is now available. It also doubles as a Christmas card with our Christmas Mass arrangements included. It follows the same timetable as last year. Please take one home and give some to your neighbours who may not be going out much.

Dennehy's Cross Active Retirement Group -

The Active Retirement Group will meet next Thursday, 30th November from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Crypt. We will have a visit from an Audiologist and a cuppa and chat. Tickets for our Christmas dinner will be available also on the day.

Parish What's App

Check out our APP (link above) for a video about Our Lady's Miraculous Medal. Feast day is next Monday, 27th November.

Solidarity with the Victims of War in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Africa & all areas of conflict:

An evening of Music, Poetry & Reflection on Wednesday, 29th November at 7.30pm in the SMA Parish Centre, Wilton. All welcome.

Mass Intentions for Week 25th November, 2023 to the 2nd December, 2023

Saturday, 25th November	- 6.15pm	- Jerry, Hanna, Jimmy, Nora O'Shea & Marty O'Malley
Sunday, 26th November	- 9.00am	- Joe Lennon (1st Anniversary)
	- 11.00am	- (1)Noreen Murphy & Eliz. Delaney (2) Tony Canty
Monday, 27th November	- 9.30am	- (1) McCarthy family (2) Daly family
Tuesday, 28th November	- 9.30am	- Fr. Criostoir MacDonald
Wednesday, 29th November	- 9.30am	- Special intention .
Thursday, 30th November	- 9.30am	- Pat Barrett
Friday, 1st December	- 9.30am	- Irene Richmond.
Saturday, 2nd December	- 10.00am	- Mary Deegan