


| <b>Nov/Dec 2024</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>                                | <b>FEAST DAY</b>                            |
|---------------------|-------------|---|---|
| SAT 23rd            | 6.00pm      | Helena Luczka+  | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe |
| SUN 24th            | 8.30am      | Parishioners  |   |
|                     | 10.30am     | Antoni Rodriguez+                                     |   |
| Mon 25th            | 10.00am     | Rev John Lochran+                                     |   |
| Tues 26th           | 10.00am     | Gwyneth Pickford (MM)+                                |   |
| Wed 27th            |             | NO MASS   |   |
| Thurs 28th          | 11.00am     | Deceased Clergy Mass in Wrexham Cathedral All welcome |   |
| Fri 29th            |             | NO MASS   |   |
| SAT 30th            | 6.00pm      | Romey & Bernard Growcott+                             | 1st Sunday of Advent                        |
| SUN 1st             | 8.30am      | Parishioners  |   |
|                     | 10.30am     | Tony Cunningham+                                      |   |

**READERS FOR WEEK**  
**23rd/24th November 2024**  
 Saturday 6.00pm Christine Burton  
 Sunday 8.30am Amelie Olugbode  
 Sunday 10.30am Richard Hansen  
**30th Nov/1st December 2024**  
 Saturday 6.00pm Carol Sheane  
 Sunday 8.30am Pauline Moss  
 Sunday 10.30am Christine Skyner

**CLEANING ROTA**  
 More volunteers for cleaning are needed.  
**Week Beginning 25th November**  
 Group 1: C Elder/A Cooper/S Ramos/M Booley  
**Week Beginning 2nd December**  
 Group 2: S Edwards/A Hansen/A Bieniek

**REFRESHMENTS**  
 Tea and Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after 10.30am Mass Please come along for a drink and a chat after Mass.



**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- \* Saturday 30th November—Readers meeting
- \* Monday 2nd December at 5.00pm—Confirmation meeting
- \* Monday 2nd December at 6.00pm—First Holy Communion meeting
- \* Thursday 19th December at 7.00pm Flint Ladies Choir. Nine Lessons and Carols

**REST IN PEACE**  
 Please keep in your prayers all those that have died at this time, praying especially for members of our own community. We also remember to pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.  
*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."*

Welcome to the  
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**Parish Priest:**  
**Canon Adrian Wilcock**

**Permanent Deacon**  
**Rev Peter Brownbill**

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**Parish Safeguarding Officer**  
**Kate Dooley**

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**PARISH OFFICE**  
**Monday Thursday & Friday**  
**9.30am—4.00pm**  
**Parish Administrator:**  
**Barbara Rees**


**Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**King of the Universe**  
**Sunday 24th November 2024**



THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD  
*Jesus Christ,*  
*King of the Universe*

*Opening Prayer*  
 Almighty, ever-living God,  
 whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, King of the Universe, grant, we pray,  
 that the whole creation, set free from slavery,  
 may render your majesty service and  
 ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

**CONTACTLESS DONATIONS**  
 There is a DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE in church to use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone device to make a donation. If you are a UK tax payer you can also opt -in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. You can now also donate via the parish website or by using this QR code.



## Christmas Fayre

Many thanks to all that donated towards the Christmas Fayre, those who helped prepare and set up, those who helped on the day and everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre.



## NEW SUNDAY MISSAL

There are posters in the porch about the new Sunday Missals that are available to order, which features the new translation of the scripture readings at Mass. If you would like to order one please put your name on the list. Payment can be made to the Parish Office.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Forms for First Holy Communion 2025 are now available to collect from Church. There is a meeting for all parents on **Monday 2nd December at 6.00pm in Church** and all forms must be returned before this date. The date of the First Holy Communion will be **Saturday 21st June 2025**.

## Parish Appeal for Children's Christmas presents (Families in need)

We would like to ask all parishioners to consider supporting our annual appeal for Children's Christmas presents to be distributed to local families in need through

both St Mary's and Flint High School. A Board will be on display at the back of church starting from the 9th /10th November for 2 weeks. Please take a child's gift tag and return a wrapped gift (with the tag attached) asap to Barbara at the Parish centre for storage and distribution to the schools in mid-December before the Christmas holidays. (Suggested value £10-£15).

We would also welcome any financial donations which can be used to purchase Food vouchers to provide some additional support to these families in need.

## FLINTSHIRE FOODBANK

Please leave any donations of food, tins, cereals, pasta etc for the Flintshire Food Bank in the box in the church porch.

## READERS MEETING FOR THE NEW LECTIONARY

There Readers meeting has been rearranged to **Saturday 30th November at 10.00am** in the Parish Centre for all the readers that were unable to attend the Diocesan training on the readings of the New Lectionary. It is important that all readers attend.

## CONFIRMATION 2024

The forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation are available from Church. Confirmation is available to all children in Year 7 and above. Please note that the date for Confirmation has now been changed to **Friday 7th February 2025 at 6.30pm**. There is a meeting for all Parents and children on **Monday 2nd December at 5.00pm in Church**.

## FLINT LADIES CHOIR

The Nine Lessons and Carols concert will be held on **Thursday 19th December at 7pm**. This is a beautiful concert with the Flint Ladies Choir which always gets you in the Christmas spirit.

## The Sacred Heart Messenger 2025- Annual subscription

The 2025 annual subscription of the above monthly magazine is now due at £25.80. Will subscribers please kindly enclose the money in the envelopes provided with the November 2025 issue and return to Mr and Mrs Leddy.

## 50/50 SUBSCRIPTION

The 50/50 envelopes are available at the back of church. The Annual Subscription cost is £12.00. Please join and help support parish funds.

## Gospel Reflection for the Feast of Christ The King Making A Stand

We tune in to the news to elicit some kind of truth, but we suspect what we are viewing is 'fake news'. A television interviewer tries to elicit the truth from a politician. We recognise of old the politician's strategies for avoiding the interviewer's questions.

We are called to do jury service and determine to get to the bottom of the case, but suddenly everyone's version of the same truth is slightly different.

We pick up on a charged atmosphere at home, but when we quiz our children or spouse, we are met with evasion and equivocation.

The opposite of truth is not always a lie. Truth can be avoided, twisted, disguised, or simply not recognised. One thing is for sure though; we all have some kind of sixth sense for knowing when we are not getting the truth. That's why it's so refreshing and so powerful when somebody gets up and speaks a simple truth from the heart. The truth makes us sit up and listen. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when he told Pilate, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Standing in front of Pilate, Jesus doesn't back down or compromise the truth because the truth is too important. The trouble with earthly kingdoms is that the truth is not always of paramount importance. In earthly kingdoms the truth gets in the way of our personal agendas. In our quest for territory, power, resources and a comfortable life style, the truth takes second place. We might think that we are truthful people and that we never tell lies, but it is all too easy to live a lie without admitting it even to ourselves.

Pilate was not able to understand the kingdom Jesus alluded to, and he was not able to see Jesus as King. Pilate failed to recognise the truth. Today's challenge is to recognise truth in all of life's circumstance, to stand up for the truth in all of life's difficulties, and to live by the truth to the best of our ability.



## ST GREGORY THE GREAT CEREMONY.

Congratulations to Harry Welsh who was received into the Pontifical Knights of St Gregory at Mass on Saturday. Harry has served the Knights of St Columba with distinction for forty five years, with the last twenty of

those on the National Board of Directors. In October 2021, Harry was voted in as Supreme Knight, which is the highest Office in the Order. Harry was then re-elected in October 2022 in Jersey and once again re-elected this October at the annual Supreme Council in Edinburgh. A wonderful achievement indeed as he led his 2,500 Knights across the country until October 2024 when he completed his term of Office after his three years as Supreme Knight. Each vacating Supreme Knight of the Order is historically awarded the honour of being installed as a Knight of St. Gregory in the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great. This is a fantastic achievement and a great award.



## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

We pray with Pope Francis for all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter to find support in their community, and for the Spirit of consolation to bring peace to their hearts.

