



St Etheldreda's

WEEK BEGINNING 23 NOVEMBER 2025 - CHRIST THE KING

NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm

The Feast of Christ The King



Christ The King (Year C)

Many of you will have noticed the “No Kings” protests in the USA in recent months, provoked by the way the current president seems to be ruling by decree. If Christians were to take part in such demonstrations, it would be good to see placards saying “... except Jesus Christ!” Whilst we proclaim the universal kingship of Christ, our modern world has moved away from rule by absolute monarchs. Those royal families that do survive have limited authority in constitutional monarchies such as our own. The Kingship of Christ has its origin in His Divine nature which no earthly king can possibly claim. The Church's year draws to a close proclaiming the true identity of her founder who alone can lead His people into an Everlasting Kingdom. Then next week we start again with the First Sunday of Advent. We are invited to listen to an important message from Maria O'Donogue from Providence Row which seeks to supply a full package of care to the homeless on our doorstep.

Fr Anthony Furlong IC

Today's Readings

2 Samuel 5: 1-3; [9 am Mass only:

Psalm 121. **Response: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."];**

Colossians 1: 11-20; Luke 23: 35-43.

Etheldreda, Princess, Abbess, Saint

Etheldreda's World - Princess, Abbess, Saint. Dr Charles Moseley from Oxford University, wrote this book to mark 1,350 years since St Etheldreda founded a monastery on the site of what is now Ely cathedral in 673 AD. What was it like to be a Princess (c. 636-679 AD) an Abbess in a land where the old gods were still honoured by many? What power did women in her position wield? What did it mean to be revered as a Saint? This excellent book is available from the Presbytery. **Price 12.99.**

Sunday's Music (11am)

Dvorak Mass in D

Handel Then shall be brought to pass

Handel Worthy is the Lamb

Credo III, Salve Regina, Domine salvum fac

Organ Voluntary: Handel Amen

Music Director: Robert Patterson

Let us remember in our prayers:

Andrew Mulreany and Rebecca Jocelyn Greenwood; recently married here.

Those who are sick, especially Anthony Weaver, Geoffrey Cobden, Mark Lenahan and Mary Ann Manning.

Those who have died recently, Yolanda Raymundo and Rachel Cooke.

Thought for the week

This is what St. Paul wrote: “Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Cor. 15, 12). In this passage, St. Paul argues for the resurrection of the dead from the resurrection of Christ, because we could not rise from the dead if Christ had not won the power to raise from the dead those who participate in His own human nature, being with Christ one body and hence having the same life.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Please Support Us



Camden Food Bank

The poster and deposit point next to the cloister table shows that we are now a collection point for donations to the Camden Food Bank. Please consider bringing an item of non-perishable food to put into the crate when you come to Mass. Also needed are additional volunteers who will give time on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:45 am to 3:00 pm to receive, sort and pack food donations at the warehouse in Pratt Mews, NW1 0AD. If you can help, please contact Abi at: projectmanager@camden.foodbank.org.uk

Christmas Concert

Speranza Choir Christmas Concert - 'Veni Emmanuel' - Join Speranza Choir in their inaugural concert on the 5th December 2025, 7:30 pm, to hear the best of Medieval and Renaissance Christmas music. This brand new choir is the work of Marcello Palazzo (Grazia's son). The concert features compositional masters such as William Byrd, Thomas Tallis, Hildegard von Bingen and Josquin de Prez, amongst many others, accompanied by the beautiful backdrop of St. Dominic's Priory - The Rosary Shrine - a short walk from Belsize Park underground station, NW5 4LB. Tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/speranza-choir/speranza-choir-christmas-concert/e-leexlm>

Getting married at St Etheldreda's – how to proceed

You should e-mail the Parish Priest at least 6 months before your intended wedding explaining who you are, your religious background, why you wish to get married at St Etheldreda's, and when (exact day, if possible). If the church accepts your request you will be invited to a preliminary meeting where the initial paperwork will be completed and the whole procedure will be explained and set in motion.

Christmas Services

Tuesday 9 December: 6.30 pm, Parish Carol Service.

Wednesday 24 December (Christmas Eve): 11.30 pm: Carols; Midnight: Sung Latin Mass.

Christmas Day: 10 am Family Mass (English) with Carols. (No other Mass on Christmas Day.)

Sunday 28 December: Feast of the Holy Family. Masses at 9 am and 11 am (sung Latin).

Wednesday 31st December: 11 pm Adoration followed by Midnight Mass.

Thursday 1 January: 1 pm Mass (English): Soleminity of Mary, Mother of God.

Planned Giving Drive

Last week, a booklet was distributed at both Masses in the hope that our regular congregation would reconsider their levels of giving and that we can introduce more of you to using Gift Aid to increase the effectiveness of your support. There are a few spare booklets on the cloister table for those who did not attend last Sunday's Masses.

Young Adults Advent Retreat Day

with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 6th December 2025, 10am – 6pm. Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube station: High Street Kensington). Programme includes: talks & prayer, adoration and confessions, faith sharing, Mass and social time. £5 registration fee/ subsidised student places available on request. Register now by emailing: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) at St Etheldreda's

The group meets every Sunday in November at 6:30 pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

An Ideal Christmas Present:

If you are looking for the ideal Christmas present for a discerning friend, consider St Etheldreda's Choir on CD: *O Holy Night – Seventeen Christmas Carols*. – **Other Choir CDs: (1) Catholic Collection** (Aid to the Church in Need) includes: *Missa de Angelis*, *Soul of My Saviour*, *Panis angelicus* and other much loved music. **(2) Christus Rex** (Aid to the Church in Need) includes: *Salve festa dies*; *Christus vincit*; *Ave verum corpus*; *O felix Roma*; and other much loved music. All CDs price £10 each.

Sponsoring the Choir

For those parishioners attending the 11am Mass, please consider sponsoring the choir by taking a Choir Sponsorship Form from the cloister table, fill in your details and drop it though the Presbytery letter-box. A monthly or annual standing order would be the optimal way of your contributing to this scheme.

Collections

9 am: Plate **£196.00**; Contactless: **£66.00**
11 am: Plate **£344.00**; Contactless: **£212.00**
Donations made by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to **£443.75**.
Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Sun 23th November
Christ The King
9.00 am
Melinda Harris RIP
11.00 am
For the people of the parish

Mon 24th November
St Andrew
1.00 pm
Sebastian Fernandes RIP

Tue 25th November
Feria
1.00 pm
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

Wed 26th November
Feria
1.00 pm
Fr Gerard Wearden RIP

Thu 27th November
Feria
1.00 pm
Maria Josefina Fernandes RIP

Frid 28th November
Feria
1.00 pm
All Deceased Relatives of
Fernandes' Families and
Pacheco's Families RIP

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