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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

DATE	DETAILS	SERVICE	TIME
Sunday 22 November	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY	Mass (Polish) Mass Mass (Polish)	09.00 10.30 13.00
Monday 23 November	34 th Week of the Year	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Tuesday 24 November	34 th Week of the Year	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Wednesday 25 November	34 th Week of the Year	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Thursday 26 November	34 th Week of the Year	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Friday 27 November	34 th Week of the Year	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Saturday 28 November	34 th Week of the Year	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass Vigil Mass	09.00 09.30 18.00
Sunday 29 November	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Mass (Polish) Mass Mass (Polish)	09.00 10.30 13.00

SUNDAY REFLECTION – MISSIO SUNDAY

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 22; 1Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

The last Sunday of the Church's year is celebrated as the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, or Christ the King. It is a reminder that everything comes from God through Jesus who is King and Lord of all. In it we celebrate the fact that Jesus Christ is the one we worship, the one who, with the Father, created all things, and who is our sure and certain hope. Unlike other earthly rulers, he is not swayed by

politics and greed, by power and the ability to dominate others. He is the one who rules as the Good Shepherd and who has genuine and unending concern for all his people no matter how poor a life they lead. As the liturgical year draws to a close it is appropriate that as we look back over it we acknowledge all that we have received from the Lord's goodness. It is also a good time to look forward while affirming that Jesus Christ is the Lord of all, that he is the Universal King.

The image we have in our readings is of the king as a shepherd which was a common image in the ancient Near East several thousand years ago. In the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel, the Lord says that he will be in the midst of his sheep so that he can keep all of them in view and look after them. The text was written at a time when the leadership of the people was at a low point and so the Lord is assuring the people that they will receive new leadership, one that will give life and look after them. That leadership will be God himself and he will watch over the weak as well as the strong. The second reading from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians speaks about the resurrection of the dead in which Jesus Christ is the first to be raised, followed by all those who are faithful to him, and so that which was granted to Jesus Christ is available to all his people. The mission of Jesus is to bring all things under the rule of the Father as Creator of all.

In the gospel, Jesus tells his listeners that all peoples and nations will be assembled before the throne of glory and they will be sorted out according to their deeds. Those who have believed in God and lived out this faith in their lives will be welcomed into the Kingdom, and the mark of faith will be their reaching out to others who are in need and doing all that is possible to ease their burdens and make their lives better. Jesus also associates himself with his subjects and says that he is to be found in each person and therefore highlights the importance of helping others regardless of race, nationality, colour or religion. On the other hand, those who have not been faithful will not enter the Kingdom. Jesus is the supreme King no matter who the civil leaders might be, and he is to be loved, obeyed and honoured above all others, because he alone can bring eternal life.

Patrick J. Breen, O.Carm.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- **Sick:** Sandra Cameron, Kenneth Darnell, Kate Hamilton,

ADVENT

Next Sunday Advent season begins. In Advent the Church prepares to celebrate the Nativity when we recall Christ's first coming. As we remember so also we look forward in faith to His Second Coming at the end of time. It is period of joyful hope. Next Sunday more details about Christmas Masses.

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Last year we had a Christmas Crib competition. This year, due to Covid 19, we are having a new, different competition. Children are invited to make a

homemade Christmas Card for Pope Francis. All cards needed to be given to Father Piotr by 6th December 2020 at the latest. We will send the cards to Pope Francis, along with a copy of our Anniversary booklet, asking him for a blessing for our Parish for the 150th anniversary of the building of our church (AD 1870) and for the 700th anniversary of the arrival of the Carmelites in Banff (AD 1321).

ADWENT

W następną niedzielę rozpoczynamy okres Adwentu. W tym czasie Kościół przygotowuje się do świąt Bożego Narodzenia, kiedy przyszedł Jezus po raz pierwszy. Z wiarą również oczekujemy ponownego przyjścia Chrystusa. Jest to czas radosnej nadziei. Więcej informacji na temat mszy świętych w okresie świątecznym za tydzień. W następną niedzielę zostaną również poświęcone opłatki na stół wigilijny. Ofiary składane przy nabyciu opłatków przeznaczone są na budowę podjazdu dla osób niepełnosprawnych

KONKURS ŚWIĄTECZNY

Rok temu mieliśmy w naszej parafii konkurs na Szopkę Bożonarodzeniową. W tym roku, ze względu na Covid-19, mamy nowy konkurs. Zapraszamy dzieci do wykonania kartki świątecznej z życzeniami dla Papieża Franciszka. Wszystkie kartki świąteczne należy dostarczyć do kościoła do 6 grudnia 2020. Wyślemy wszystkie kartki do Ojca świętego Franciszka wraz z kopią folderu o naszej parafii z okazji 150-lecia budowy naszego kościoła (AD 1870) i 700-lecia przybycia karmelitów do Banff (AD 1321), prosząc go o błogosławieństwo dla naszej parafii.