The Catholic Parish of Saint Joseph
St Neots

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 2
Sunday 22nd November 2026



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Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rv 5: 12; 1: 6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the 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.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

'As for you, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.'

Commentary

Is this really an appropriate reading for the Feast of Christ the King? All about sheep? Shouldn't it be about crowns, medals, processions and majesty? No, it should not! Christ's kingship is modelled on God's kingship, or rather, Jesus came to show us what God's kingship is. 'The kingship of God has come upon you', was his first proclamation. In the British countryside we can usually leave the sheep to graze on their own. In the hilly country of Palestine there is always a shepherd to look after them, to stop them wandering over a cliff or stave off attack from wild animals. Sheep are silly creatures, can be guaranteed to wander, wide-eyed and gormless, in front of a passing car and then run the wrong way. We are silly creatures too, and do just the same. We need God's care to keep us on the right path. Jesus as the Good Shepherd cherishes

us, guards us, heals us, calms our fears, and even gives his life for us. That is what his kingship is. HW

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23(22):1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6. ℟1

R:/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

R:/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.

R:/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R:/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

R:/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

'Christ delivers the kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all.'

Commentary

What will happen at the end of the world? How will the world be brought to an end? We simply do not know, and it is not the sort of thing the Bible needs to teach us. For us Christians three things are certain – and this is what Paul teaches us here in

vivid picture-language: Firstly, God's sovereignty will extend over the whole of creation in peace and harmony. Secondly, this will be through Christ's work of mediation, for Christ is Lord of the Church, the 'backbone' of the Church which is his Body. When Paul says 'he has put all his enemies under his feet', he is quoting a messianic Psalm about the priest-king of Jerusalem, frequently applied to Jesus. Thirdly, Christ is the first-fruits of the resurrection: where he has led the way, we are to follow.

HW

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

'He will sit on his glorious throne and he will separate people one from another.'

Commentary

This is the last of Matthew's great parables. The world is finally divided into 'goodies' and 'baddies'. The great dramatic scene here depicted will not necessarily happen all at once, but we shall each of us at the moment of death face the judgment of our divine Lord in his glory. This confrontation will be an experience far more awesome and shattering than any description can express, and yet fulfilling and re-assuring. We will know at last in a naked way our own filth and also our own infinite value to this transcendent figure.

Two striking points are stressed in the parable. Firstly, we will be judged uniquely on our treatment of those in any kind of need. Not on our prayer-life. Not on our asceticism or penances undertaken. Only on our respect for others, how far we look to see what they need and what we can give. Each of the ten commandments in the Old Testament, each of the eight beatitudes in the New can be resolved into this: telling the truth, financial honesty, honouring father and mother (or children), hunger for justice, peace-making. The second striking point is the reason for the first: that Christ is in each person. What we do to others, we do to Christ. HW

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice
by which the human race is reconciled to you,
we humbly pray,
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations
the gifts of unity and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 28: 10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality,
we ask, O Lord,
that, glorying in obedience
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,
we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



Parish Events & Meetings

This Sunday there will be a second collection for the Diocesan Youth Service.

No Mass on Wednesday 25th November.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 26th November.

First Communion preparation: Next session is Wednesday 25th November at 5.00pm in the Upper Room/ presbytery.

Confirmation/RCIA: - The next meeting is on Thursday 26th November at 6.30pm in the Upper Room (entry at side door of church). Anyone interested in either Confirmation (youth) or RCIA (adults) is invited to attend.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in the Upper Room during the 10.00am Sunday Mass. It is aimed at children over the age of 4.

Coffee and tea in the presbytery after the 10.00am Sunday Mass. All are welcome!

Parish Information

Weekly Collection: £302.94 plus ~£820 in standing orders/Dona donations. Thank you for your contributions!

Please pray for the sick and housebound: Sarah Keys, Cynthia Brown, Beryl Wordsworth, John and Jean Dunn, John Fernandes, Alex and Kerry Golding, Sal Jola, Mick Ellis, Maureen Palmer, Bob Lloyd, Jenny Savage, Sandra Clayton, Kit Touhy, Carl Wordsworth, Maureen Heffer, Bernie Dobson, Joyce Perkins, Karen Sayers, Allan Palmer, Trevor Simkins, Mrs Anderson, Anne Tubridy, Nuala Robinson, Joan Jones, Sam and Mina, Margaret Rose, Anne Hawks, Liam Taggart, John Lumley.

SVP Christmas cards: Handmade Christmas cards are being sold in aid of the St Ives branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society. The cards will be available after 10am Sunday Mass and in the parish office.

Altar Servers Needed! Training for new altar servers will be held at 4.00pm on Friday 23rd October in the church. Children who have made their First communion are eligible to serve. If interested, please contact Fr Tibor or John Fernandes.

The Music Group needs you! We are looking for a keyboard player to join our Music Group for the 10.00am Sunday Mass and additional celebrations. If interested, please contact Richard: richard.tubridy@talk21.com / mob. 07955 662105.

Prayer Sponsors Our First Communion children would like prayer sponsors as they prepare for their First Communion on May 23rd. If you're interested, please contact Anne Tubridy on 07749585368.

Christmas Food Donations: St Neots Food Bank has requested the following items, for delivery to the food bank by Friday 4th December: Christmas puddings, Tube crisps, Instant hot chocolate, tinned ham, tinned salmon, custard, Chutney/pickles.

Parish Offer

We are looking for .....
We are offering .....

The Upper Room (Church Hall): Our parish offers its parishioners the use of the Hall above the sacristy, equipped for family celebrations, birthday parties, carols, and interest groups. The room has 9 beautiful mahogany tables and 29 upholstered chairs. Please contact secretary Theresa with your request. If you need a larger covered open space for your family or interest activities, the Upper Room is available to you. We also offer for rent: porcelain service for 40 people - plates, cups etc.; garden furniture - plastic tables and chairs; gazebos; 2 child car seats

Deanery & Diocesan & UK & World Events, Meetings and Information

Unwrap Advent with Radio Maria UK: This Advent, prepare for Christmas with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. From Monday 23 to Friday 27 November, call Radio Maria UK on +44 (0)333 444 1211 to have your personal Gift drawn live on air, or register online and we will email it to you with a Bible quote to pray with. Register before Advent begins on Sunday 29 November to enjoy the whole journey, with special programmes and weekly emails with programme times and podcasts. Sign up at www.RadioMaria.uk. Questions? Call 0300 302 1251.



Advent begins on Sunday 29th November.

Parishioners are encouraged to prepare for Christmas by welcoming the Posada into their homes this Advent.

This is an informal parish friendship and prayer circle based on the Mexican tradition of a young couple visiting all the houses in a parish, re-enacting Mary and Joseph's journey.

We have a statue of Joseph and Mary travelling to Bethlehem (Posada statue), which travels around the parish and stays overnight in different homes throughout Advent.

The Posada statue will start its journey on **Sunday 29th November**, with a blessing at Mass as the first family on the rota takes the statue home.

Each day or two, the statue is taken by one family on to the next home on the rota. This offers an opportunity for prayer and fellowship as the statue is handed over. A prayer sheet is provided.

As not everyone can have the statue, it's a good idea for hosts to invite parishioners living locally or neighbours. This is lovely way to share our faith.

The Posada will return to the church on Christmas Eve.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church porch.

Children are invited to the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 6th December

to meet St Nicholas on his feast day!

St Nicholas is known for his generosity and his holiness. He will be giving all children a small gift.



Parents: To help St Nicholas prepare, please add the number of children and their names to the sign-up sheet in the church porch.

CHRISTMAS
CAROL SERVICE

Join Us for a Joyful Celebration of Christmas

- Traditional Carols
- Choir & Congregational Singing



Sunday 13 December
3.00 pm
St Joseph's Parish Church
St Neots

Come and share in our Christmas preparations through music, reflection and a Nativity scene enacted by the young people of the parish.

Everyone is warmly welcome.

"O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Faith
Service
Youth
Our Future

2026

Nativity Painting
AND
Christmas Photography
COMPETITION





Four age Groups
Primary 4-7, and 7-11
Secondary 11-14 and 14 -18

A Crib or Nativity Scene
Three age Groups
Primary 7-11
Secondary 11-14 and 14 -18

IMPORTANT, All submissions must include an appropiate bible verse

Submission Deadline
Painting~FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER
Photograph~TUESDAY 29th DECEMBER

Send your submission to:
BRO. CHRISTOPHER BROOKS
356 LONDON ROAD SOUTH,
LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK, NR33 0BB
email christopherbrooks631@gmail.com

Share this information with your Friends!

Let your creativity and faith shine this Christmas!

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS



ENTER OUR 2026/27 NATIVITY SCENE PAINTING COMPETITION

The 2026/27 competition is open to four age groups:

School Year Group KS1 School Year Group KS3
School Year Group KS2 School Year Group KS4

Please note, the school year grouping classification will be the prime age factor.

Two Theme Guides to be undertaken:

1. **Scene from the biblical Nativity Story of Our Lord Jesus.**
2. **Write an appropriate Bible verse relating to the scene on the painting or on the back.**

The painting must be in freehand, (the use of tracings is not permitted) of A4 or A3 size and painted using water paint.

The following detail must be shown legibly in full on the reverse of each entry:
Name of entrant - Age of entrant - School Year Group.
Name and full address of School.

Entries will, in the first instance, be judged at Local or Provincial Council level. We would prefer a maximum of three entries per KS Group category to be entered.

Entries must be posted before the end of term Friday 18th December 2026 to me:
Chris. Brooks: 356 London Road South, Lowestoft, NR33 0BQ (Tel. 01502 563208)
Email: christopherbrooks631@gmail.com It would assist planning if you would advise me of your participation at the time of posting.

The awards after Charter Council judging will be:
Copy of Entries and Certificates signed by the Grand Knight with Cash Prizes of £10, £5 & £3 for the best 3 entries in each KS group.

The awards after Provincial Council judging will be:
Copy of Entries and Certificates signed by the Provincial Grand Knight with Cash Prizes of £20, £15 & £10 for the best 3 entries in each KS group.

The three best Provincial entries in each group will be submitted to the National Round where awards are as listed as below:
National certificates signed by the Supreme Knight, A trophy and £30 for the National Winner, £20 & £15 for 2nd and 3rd, and £100 to the winning school.

Winning schools will be notified and arrangements made for presentations.

Bro. C. J. Brooks, District Deputy, East Anglia & Brentwood Province 10, Knights of St. Columba.

Sacraments

Baptism: If you wish to have a child baptised, please take an application form from the church porch. Completed forms can be handed in to the parish priest or the parish office. **Baptism Preparation Session:** will be announced at the beginning of the new year 2027.

Confession: Fr Tibor will be available for confession on weekdays from Tuesday to Friday, a half hour before Mass.

Holy Communion: To prepare for Holy Communion each year, children must be registered no later than the end of July and must be 8 years old and year 4 in school at the time of admission. Application forms will be available in early summer.

Confirmation: The course for this year has started and will complete next year.

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the sick can be arranged at any time through the office and secretary Theresa.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please register for an interview with the Parish priest at least 6-12 months before the planned wedding date in order to have time to complete all the necessary paperwork (especially for weddings abroad and mixed marriages).



Mass Times, Intentions and Liturgical Events for the coming week

Saturday 21st November	**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** ***memorial***	
	10.00am	*Parish Retreat* *The event program is on a separate poster.*
	Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ***solemnity***	
	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd November	**Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe** ***solemnity***	
	8.00am 10.00am	Joan Cronin † Padraig Moran †
Monday 23rd November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
		No Mass
Tuesday 24th November	**St Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions, Martyrs** ***memorial***	
	10.00am 10.30am	Rosemary Gunning RIP *Rosary Prayer group in the presbytery*
Wednesday 25th November	**St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr** ***memorial***	
		No Mass
Thursday 26th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	10.00am	Paul Lippett †
Friday 27th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	10.00am	Bill Keating †
Saturday 28th November	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	10.00am	*Holy hour - Exposition and Adoration*
	Vigil of the First Advent Sunday	
	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 29th November	**First Advent Sunday**	
	8.00am 10.00am	Pope Leo XIV Terry Smyth †

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Representative has special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults in risk.

Your Safeguarding Representative is:

Noreen Sinclair

Email: sinclana7@gmail.com

Find out more: www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk
www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding



For safety reasons,
ALL CHILDREN MUST
be accompanied
to the restroom by a parent or adult.

Thank you for understanding.

We respectfully request
that you turn off the sound on your mobile devices
when entering the church
(or better still, turn off your mobiles completely)
and maintain this status
while you are in the church.

Thank you for understanding.



!!! PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE CHURCH !!!



Photography in the church is not permitted
without the consent of a priest or a sacristan during public gathering.

We are obliged to comply with the regulations of the Diocese of East Anglia and the GDPR regulations on the protection of minors and vulnerable persons in particular.

PLEASE **respect and protect** all members of our community, especially the young and the vulnerable to avoid any possible sanctions or criminal charges against individuals or the Parish.

THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING.







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Everyone would be delighted and honoured
to welcome you at any of our services

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
my great protector, Saint Joseph,
that no one ever had recourse to your protection,
or implored your aid without obtaining relief.
Confiding, therefore, in your goodness, I come before you.
Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer,
but graciously receive them.

Amen.



Saint Joseph, pray for us!

Newsletter deadline
The deadline for submitting announcements or events for the Sunday newsletter is Thursday morning by 10:00am.

