

King of life and love

SUNDAY *Plus*

23 NOVEMBER 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe **Divine Office Week II** Year C

England & Wales: Youth Day

"Long live Christ the King!"



Fr Miguel Pro SJ died, aged thirty-six, on 23 November 1927, one of twenty-five beatified martyrs of Mexico's Cristero War.



Lord, you know that I am innocent. With all my heart I forgive my enemies." As the gendarmes took aim, in a firm, clear voice, he spoke his last words: "¡Viva Cristo Rey!" – "Long live Christ the King!"

The guns were fired: Fr Pro met his martyrdom calmly and heroically...

The photographers, who had been invited by the fanatic Calles, kept the shutters clicking during the whole process, and for that reason, we have a good photographic record of the martyrdom. However, the stock photographic display of serenity and heroism soon made the possession of the photographs a crime.

Ann Ball, Blessed Miguel Pro: 20th-century Mexican martyr

At 10:00 that morning, the sweater-clad Fr Pro was the first to be led out of the cells. No due process had been accorded him; he had not even received a trial. Nor was he told of his impending death, though it seems that

he sensed something was about to happen...

Fr Pro walked across the compound with a steady, measured tread, holding his little crucifix in his right hand and his rosary in his left... little knots of

photographers, reporters and distinguished guests stood around, waiting...

As his last request, Miguel asked to be allowed to pray. He knelt in front of the bullet-pocked walls and fervently prayed for two

minutes. After his prayer he kissed his crucifix and stood with his arms outstretched in the form of a cross, rejecting the offered blindfold. Facing the firing squad, Miguel said, "May God have mercy on you. May God bless you.

Lord Jesus, king and centre of my heart, make my heart like yours: big enough to hold the world and all its peoples.  Amen.

Role models

By being in the world, through our choices and actions, we change the world each day, for better or for worse.

My day is regularly brightened by the smile and cheery "Good morning" of a student walking into school. I was touched by the thoughtful mother writing more than twenty years after I had taught her son to tell me what the boy – now man – is now doing. I am constantly encouraged by the faith of a young child interpreting and sharing her

understanding of scripture with great clarity and simplicity.

These different people are role models because they change the world for the better and through their actions inspire others like me to do the same. They share a humility and a consciousness that goes beyond themselves. Surely, one day, it is role models such as these to whom Jesus will say, "You will be with me in paradise."

Michael George has worked in Catholic schools in the south of England for twenty-five years, as a teacher, headteacher and chaplain.

Christ goes before us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge that can lead us to God and his love.

Pope Leo XIV



Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025:12

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Young hope

Signs of hope are also needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm. It is gratifying to see the energy they demonstrate, for example, by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering to help when disasters strike and people are in need. Yet it is sad to see young people who are without hope, who face an uncertain and unpromising future, who lack employment or job security, or realistic prospects after finishing school. Without the hope that their dreams can come true, they will inevitably grow discouraged and listless... For this reason, the Jubilee should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to them. With renewed passion, let us demonstrate care and concern for adolescents, students and young couples, the rising generation. Let us draw close to the young, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world!

READINGS

Today:
2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

Monday:
Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday:
Daniel 2:31-45
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday:
Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday:
Daniel 6:12-28
Luke 21:20-28

Friday:
Daniel 7:2-14
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday:
Daniel 7:15-27
Luke 21:34-36

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44



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Christ the King 2025 23rd November 2025

The Word This Week

The year of Saint Luke ends with a characteristic take on the feast of Christ the King: in Luke's gospel we are so familiar with seeing and hearing the voiceless, the rejected, those whom society puts in second place: how suitable, then, that on the feast of the King of all Creation we see him at his most vulnerable – on the cross, with only an abrupt inscription to announce that he is the King. He is King because of the work he has done, which is described by Saint Paul in the Second Reading: "all things [are] reconciled through him and for him ... when he made peace by his death on the cross." Next week, when we re-enter Advent and a new Liturgical Year, we will be thinking of the King who will come again: though he will come as his disciples saw him go at the Ascension, the marks of the cross will still be visible for all time, to remind us of the one who came to reunite all Creation, especially frail human creatures.



Mass Times 23rd November 2025		
Sunday 23rd	Vigil - Saturday 22nd Sunday Morning	4pm - Sandra McCallak 11am - Parish & deceased members of our parish
Monday 24th	No Mass	
Tuesday 25th	No Mas	
Wednesday 26th	No Mass	
Thursday 27th	No Mass	
Friday 28th	No Mass	
Saturday 29th Sunday 30th	Vigil Mass	4pm—Angela Howard 11am – Parish & deceased members of our parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings :-

Rose Egan (A); Tom Lally (RIP); Forgotten Souls;

Frank Byrne (A); Veronica Byrne (Birthday memories);

Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 23rd November 2025	
The Sanctuary	Deceased Members of the Parish.
Sacred Heart	Bereaved Families and Friends.
Our Lady	Anthony Scanlon

Vigil Mass; 4pm St Mary’s, Denton ; 5pm St Josephs, Reddish; and 6.30pm Holy Family, Dane Bank

Sunday Morning; 9am St Joseph’s, Reddish; 10am Holy Family, Dane Bank and 11am St Mary’s, Denton

What’s coming up in our parish

November

Saturday November 29th 9.30am
CATHOLICISM COURSE Parish Hall

December

Wednesday 3rd December **Scripture Course**
6.30pm in Parish Hall

Wednesday 17th December **Faith in Action**
6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall

ADVENT Reconciliation Services

Tuesday 9th December. 7pm at **St Josephs,**

Wednesday 10th December 7pm **St Mary’s**

Thursday 11th December 7pm **Holy Family**

Scripture Course

Wednesday Evening from 6.30m in the Parish Hall. The dates are:

2025 3rd December

2026 28th January; 11th February; 4th March; 1st April (Holy Week); 6th May; 11th June



Parish Christmas Raffle

There is a Christmas Hamper on display at the back of church for which raffle tickets will be sold after each Mass. Your support for this will raise much needed money for Church Funds. The draw will take place on Sunday 7th December.

Thank you for your support.

Red Mission Boxes

Any Parishioners who have a red mission box please bring them in to be emptied. The Mill Hill Fathers rely on the money raised from these boxes to finance their missionary work overseas and very much appreciate your support and generosity. Thank you, Paula & Dorothy

November Remembrance List -

Envelopes are at the back of church to list those loved ones you wish to be remembered in the month of November.



Deceased Members of the Parish in the last 12 Months.

Mary Ryan; Michael Meaney; Tom Lally

Pam Slater; Geoffrey Parsons; Joan Hill

Irene Harrop; Sarah Smith; Mary Murray

Catherine Kirkham; Terence O’ Neill;

William Lister; John Hall; Richard Tarnowski

Bosiljka Mirjana Sijan; Pauline Cleary

Johanna Hassall; Frances Josephine Lewis

Kathleen Dovey; Winifred Holden

Marie Mulholland & Frank Mulholland

Patricia Farnworth; Adriana Robinson

Irene Oaks; Patricia Morrison

Recent deaths in our Parish

The death has occurred of **John Walsh** . Our prayers and condolences go to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.



Christmas Fayre

St John Fisher’s school are holding a Christmas fayre in the school hall on Thursday 27th November from 3.15 until 6pm.

Mass Intentions.

All the December Masses have now been allocated, we will now forward any intentions to Fr Laurence Gambella, to be said on our behalf. We will start allocating Masses again from the 1st January 2026.

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New Monthly youth Group for Yr4,5 & 6

As part of our young people's Faith in Action programme, from 22nd October 2025, **we will be offering a group for children in school years 4, 5 and 6.**

The group will take place monthly and be from 6:30pm until 7:30pm.

Our Faith in Action young people will run it (though there will be adult supervision as well) and it will consist of liturgy alongside games and activities.

There is a maximum of 20 places and this will be on a first come first serve basis. The dates are as follows: 17/12/25; 21/01/26; 25/02/26; 18/03/26; 22/04/26; 20/05/26; 17/06/26

This is a lovely opportunity to allow our Faith in Action young people to develop their skills further as well as bringing the young of the Parish together.

If you are interested in your child attending or would like any further information please could you speak to Claire Cull after Sunday mass for a parental application form.

Christmas Day—Meal



Anyone who will be on their own on Christmas day, will be very welcome to join Councillor Denise Ward at **Victoria Park Community Centre**, between 12 and 3pm for a Christmas lunch. **Please let Councillor Ward know if you wish to attend phone 0161 336 6121 or email Denise.ward@tameside.gov.uk**