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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

Sun. 22 Nov.	10.0 am. Mass- Streamed	Kath Sullivan
	12.0 pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament-Streamed	
Mon. 23 Nov.	<u>No Mass Today</u>	
Tues. 24 Nov.	10.0 am. Mass – Streamed	Clark/Wemyss Families
Wed. 25 Nov.	10.0 am Mass - Streamed	Private Intention
Thurs 26 Nov.	<u>No Mass Today</u>	
Fri. 27 Nov.	10.45 am. Requiem Mass - Streamed	Liz Morey
Sat. 28 Nov.	10.0 am. Mass –Streamed	Jean Tranter
Sun. 29 Nov.	10.0 am. Mass- Streamed	Mike Clark

Diocesan Prayer Link – All University/College/School Chaplaincies in the Diocese.

Scripture Readings This Week:

Mon. Apoc.14: 1-5. Lk.21: 1-4. **Tues.** Apoc.14: 14-19. Lk.21: 5-11. **Wed.** Apoc.15: 1-4. Lk.21: 12-19.

Thur. Apoc.18: 1-2, 21-23,19: 1-3, 9. Lk.21: 20-28. **Fri.** Apoc.20: 1-4, 11-21: 2. Lk.21: 29-33.

Sat. Apoc.22: 1-7. Lk.21: 34-36.

Feast Days & Memorials This Week

Mon. St. Clement I, St. Columban **Tues.** Ss. Andrew Dűng-Lac & Companions

Wed. St. Catherine of Alexandria

Sick & Housebound – Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, in particular, those recently sick – Stephen Hooper, Tom Lewis, Lena Buck, Harry Jenkins, Kathleen Farrell, John Shoemake, Simon Jenkins, William Hewitt, Malachi Moran, Wayne Parrock, Mary Sheehan, Miriam King, Carmel Jenkins, James Barr, Aileen Milkins, Sophie Dewland, Lorna Sandland, Kate Smith, Peter Cooke, Mary Mulcahy. **Please also remember in your prayers all whose anniversaries occur at this time** - Reg Morris, Daniel Yates, Edward Cox, Thomas Fielding, Mary Miller, Carole Harris, John Purtill, Teresa Senior, George Winter, Andrew Healey, Harold Brazington, Lawrence Ward, Dilys Wyglendacz, Ralph Fox, Michael Casey, Patrick Phillips, Peggy Gilbert, Muriel Gilliard.

Sunday 22 November - Feast of Christ the King

In the film *Chocolat*, a small, French, Catholic community follow the rules of the Church to the letter of the law. But it makes them miserable and the villagers are often cruel, unkind, judgmental, and critical of each other. When a young woman arrives in the town and opens a chocolate shop her way of life is frowned upon. However, her desire to bring joy and happiness to the people of the town, brings change in how people relate to one another. Eventually, the young parish priest, himself full of doubt, finally sees the truth. In his homily on Easter Sunday he preaches: *“I’m not sure what the theme of my homily, today, should be. Do I want to speak of the miracle of the Lord’s transformation? No, not really, no I don’t want to talk about his divinity. I want to talk about his humanity. I mean, you know, how he lived his life here on earth; his kindness, his tolerance. Listen, here’s what I think. We can’t go round measuring our goodness by what we don’t do, by what we deny ourselves, what we resist and who we exclude. I think we have to measure our goodness by what we embrace, what we create and who we include.”* Next week marks the start of Advent. We are still living with the pandemic and many people are tired, unsure of what Christmas will bring. But this we do know, Jesus

entered our world to live amongst the most vulnerable in society, reaching out in compassion and love and mercy. Today's gospel encourages us to do the same.

Liz Morey

A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Liz on Friday 27th November at 10.45am. The Mass will be live streamed only, no public attendance is possible at this time. Please continue to remember Liz in your prayers, and her family and friends. May she rest in peace

Apostleship of the Sea

In the light of the continued uncertainty around coronavirus, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales decided to **postpone Sea Sunday 2020 from July 12 to 20 December**. As you know, the income generated from Sea Sunday is crucial in maintaining our support for seafarers and fishers. It has been decided that while there will be no special collection on that day, parishioners who would like to support the Apostleship of the Sea are now welcome to send in donations (cash/cheques) to the parish in envelopes marked "**Sea Sunday**" and the total raised will be sent to the AoS as usual.. Alternatively, donations may be sent via internet www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate

Dementia Friendly Church

Webinar on: Being a Dementia Friendly Church in a Pandemic **Friday 27th November 2020 on Zoom** 10.30 - 11.30. During the Webinar we will explore the challenges churches are facing at the moment in supporting people living with dementia during the Pandemic; share stories of what churches are doing and explore what more churches might do. Please book your place through Eventbrite by clicking [https:// www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/being-a-dementia-friendly-church-in-a-pandemictickets-128626279665](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/being-a-dementia-friendly-church-in-a-pandemictickets-128626279665) you will be sent a link to access the Webinar. If you are unable to access Eventbrite then please call BDAA on 07741 142701 or email office@bdaa.org.uk to book your place. The Webinar can be accessed via the internet on the Zoom app or by phone.

Advent Trail

The Methodist Church in Knowle and Totterdown is planning an Advent Trail in the area and would love it if people from other Churches would like to join in. All through Advent there will be 24 pictures of characters from the Christmas story to spot in people's windows around the area. If you live in Knowle or Totterdown, have a window overlooking the street and would like to take part please contact Rachel Spencer (racheljspencer@gmail.com). You would have a choice between being given a picture to put up or, if you're feeling creative and have the time, you could do your own artwork on the given character.

Christmas Main Draw

Due to current lockdown restriction we need to postpone our Draw Date. The draw will take place live via web cam hopefully prior to Christmas but not on the 6th December as originally planned. Sorry!!! The date will be announced in due course. In the meantime if you would like to enter/buy more tickets for the Draw you can pop your entry envelope through Brendan's letterbox at 4 Stoneleigh Crescent, Knowle, Bristol BS4 2RQ. or to the presbytery. Please remember to include your name, telephone number & amount of raffle ticket money on the front of the envelope & write Main Draw at the top. Many thanks in anticipation for your

continued support. It is very much appreciated. Any queries regarding the draw please telephone Brendan on 0117 9092534 or Marsha 07954585347

Diocesan Directory/Liturgical Diary

2021 Edition of Diocesan Directory (£5.00) and Liturgical Diary (£6.50) are now available

Maurice and Rina Kerby

The family of Maurice and Rina would like to thank Father George and all the members of St Gerard's Parish for the love, kindness, care and support you have given to Maurice and Rina over the years for which we are truly grateful. St Gerard's is a special church but it is you, Father George and the people of the parish that make it. Keep caring for and supporting each other especially during these challenging times. I pray that St Gerard's parish continues to grow from strength to strength.

Catherine (daughter of Rina and Maurice)

Marie Bernadette Furlong R.I.P.

Marie sadly passed away aged 89 on the 3rd November in Weston Super Mare. A Requiem Mass will be live streamed from Our Lady of Lourdes church in Baytree Road Weston Super Mare at 1.30 on Monday 23rd November. The live streaming will be on Our Lady of Lourdes' YouTube channel which is called Catholic Weston. Marie was a long time parishioner of St Gerard's between 1956 and 1995 and was a stalwart of the UCM. She made many lifelong friends at St Gerard's. May she rest in peace.