OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST PETER CHANEL

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

22nd November 2026

The King whose will is 'to restore all things'



OUR KING IS IMMENSELY POWERFUL. This cannot be doubted if we are Christians and therefore believe Jesus to be who he says he is. This is also very exciting if we accept his invitation to be his 'servants' – the point of the parable that comes just before today's gospel reading, which we considered last Sunday. And none of this is to fill us with fear or resentment if he is also 'our bridegroom', the one who loves us the most.

In seminary we once had a Day of Recollection given by a priest of Westminster Diocese who, it was rumoured, was a friend of Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth II. I certainly never asked him if there was any truth in the rumour. But I was able to 'join the dots' many years later when watching an episode of 'The Crown' on Netflix. In this scene, Princess Margaret does indeed have a friend who has announced he wants to become a Catholic priest and goes to seminary. On one occasion he visits Princess Margaret at Kensington Palace. She is downhearted at her failure to find happiness in marriage and lacks a sense of purpose. The Catholic seminarian, tries to persuade her to become a Catholic. She retorts fiercely, 'Why would I give up my place at the centre of the Royal Family to do that? I am the sister of a Queen, the daughter of a King Emperor.'

The seminarian did not respond. Perhaps the script writer could not think of a good reply. Surely we can: To be a Catholic is to know with utter certainty that we are the subjects, the servants, the children, the beloved of One who is *King of Everything*. His will is that of the Father: 'to restore all things;' (Opening Prayer at Mass). He will watch over us, feed us, bind up our wounds, make us strong when weak (the prophecy in today's first reading). Are there no tough demands? Yes. He will judge us if we will not do the same for others. But no thing should come between us and Him, whatever He demands of us.

Our Lady's Bookshop from Hessle will have a Stall in the Parish Hall after 10am Mass this Sunday

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
Saturday	9.30pm **6.30pm**	Those on our November Dead Lists People of the Parish
Sunday	**10am**	Maria Lapkova RIP
Monday	9.30am	Those on our November Dead Lists
Tuesday	7.30pm	Those on our November Dead Lists
Wednesday	9.30am	Pat Hubbard RIP
Thursday		Simon Whitaker RIP
Friday	9.30am	Philippa Crummay RIP
Saturday	9.30pm **6.30pm**	Joseph McAllister RIP People of the Parish
Sunday	**10am**	James & Ellen Nelson RIP
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Fri: 8.30am to 9.15am; Sat: 10am to 10.45am **CONFESSIONS:** Saturday: 10am to 10.45am; 5.30pm to 6pm.		

First Reading: ***Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*** A promise from God to the people of Israel (in exile in Babylon in the 6th Century BC) that he will come in person to shepherd his people, rescue them from mist and darkness and show them where to rest. This prophecy was fulfilled beautifully when Jesus came and announced: '*I am the Good Shepherd*'.

Second Reading: ***First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*** Christ's royal power is to make men pass from death to life - death, our last enemy – and bring all peoples together in God.

FEASTS DURING THIS WEEK

MONDAY: St Clement. **TUESDAY:** Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & companions (martyrs of Vietnam). **WEDNESDAY:** St Catherine of Alexandria.

NEXT SUNDAY is the First Sunday of Advent, Yr. B

ADVENT REFLECTIONS BY THE MADONNA HOUSE COMMUNITY, Sat 28 November

The Madonna House Community of priests and lay people have a community in our diocese at Robin Hoods Bay, near Whitby. They will be St Charles Borromeo on Saturday 28 December at 10am to give talks and reflections to ready us for Advent. Ends with 12.10pm Mass. All are welcome.

NOTICES

FAITH WINTER CONFERENCE, 2 to 4 January 2027
The Faith Winter Conference takes place at Stonyhurst College Lancashire from the 2- 4 January 2027. It is open to young people aged 16-30. The theme is '*Made for Communion'*. It's a great way to start 2027 and meet other young Catholics from around the UK. Booking is now open at www.faith.org.uk/events

THE 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT HAVE ARRIVED
Amid our preparations for Christmas, we can try to hold on to the Advent Season of re-living the world's longing for the Coming of our Saviour. The 'Walk with Me' booklets have a beautiful daily reflection and short prayer. Do buy one (£1.50). You can pay by card using the machine and the 'Repository' option.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR
On Sunday 6 December we have our Parish [pre]Christmas Fair after 10am Mass. Hot & cold food, tombola with fine wines & spirits and more. **We ask for donations**: TOMBOLA prizes i.e. chocolates, bottles, toiletries, box of biscuits, new toys etc; CAKES (to be brought on the day). These can be left at the back of church or in the hall. All enquiries and offers of help to Thérèse Hubbard 07736258506.

NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE REPOSITORY
Baptism cards, sympathy cards, Catholic diaries, Advent candles, wooden Nativity decorations, Christmas tree ornaments, Nativity sets and illuminated Nativity scenes, Advent calendars, religious calendars - and much more.

THE HULL CATHOLIC YOUTH CLUB It's for children aged 10+ , in the Parish Hall every Friday from 7pm to 8.30pm.

ST VINCENT'S PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT, Saturday 5 December
At 6pm, with the African, Romanian and parish choirs along with children from St. Vincent's primary school. There is a suggested donation of £5.

PENANCE SERVICE AT ST CHARLES BORROMEO, Monday 14 December 7pm
This is a special service to help us be ready for Christmas. If it's been a while since you went to confession, this is a very encouraing way to reconnect. There'll be at least six visiting priests.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN CAROL SERVICE



The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC), in partnership with St Charles Borromeo, Hull, warmly invites you to a traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Gaudete Sunday, 13 December, at 4pm. Through nine Scripture readings and much-loved traditional Christmas carols, we will journey through the story of salvation, from the Fall of Man to the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The service will be followed by mince pies and a glass of wine at the rear of the church. All are welcome to join us for this celebration of Advent and the coming of Christmas. Organised by SPUC in association with the Hull and East Riding Branch.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ST MARY QUEEN OF MARTYRS, BRANSHOLME

On the anniversary of its opening, Tuesday 8 December, the church will be open from 10am to 4pm for silent Adoration. There will be a Celebration Mass on Sunday 13 December at 11am. All are welcome.

HOW TO SUPPORT THE PARISH

We rely only on your financial contributions to maintain the parish church and the parish priest. Please be generous. Make a **Standing Order** or use **Offertory Envelopes.** Fill in a **Gift Aid Form and** we can claim 25% of every £1 given.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

Sunday 8 November: £318.08. **Digital Giving:** £121.

Sunday 15 November: £466.34. **Digital Giving:** £103. **Weekly Standing Order (August):** £342.50

For a Standing Order: Barclays Bank, Middlesbrough. Sort code: 20-56-90. Account name: 'Diocese of Middlesbrough'. Account number 43496074

CARD READER AND QR CODE FOR MAKING PAYMENTS TO THE PARISH

For your offertory you can register once for Gift Aid (if you are a tax payer) and it will recognise your card. Or use the QR Code.

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BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY MASS TO BE PRAYED AT HOME

As sons and daughters of the King in Heaven, let us ask God's blessing on the Church, our young people and the world.

For parents who are trying to raise their children in the midst of difficulties of many kinds. May the Holy Spirit give them courage and inspiration.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For young people who are trying to follow God faithfully, often in opposition to peer pressure and false values. May they be strengthened and encouraged by the love of their heavenly Father.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For those who work with young people. May the Holy Spirit give them the wisdom to listen and inspire. We pray that we will welcome the gifts of the young people in our parish.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the sick and housebound of our parish. May our friendship and our prayers bring them comfort. We pray for those who car for the sick in hospitals and care homes [PAUSE].

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For those who have died recently, especially Noel Iyoha [pause]; for those on our November Dead lists and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

We pray for those who have lost loved ones. May the Lord comfort them.

Lord, in your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Let us turn to Mary, who, when young said "Yes" to God and gave birth to the light of the world. HAIL, MARY…

Let us pray in the peace and light of Christ.

God our Father, we ask you to accept our prayers through Christ our Lord. AMEN.