THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of St. John the Baptist, Andover and St. John Fisher, Whitchurch

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 22nd NOVEMBER 2026

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Sort Code: 30-93-04
Account Number: 00873633

Scan the QR Code to give through DONA

Parish Collections

Loose Plate: £437.95
Gift Aid: £303.65
Standing Orders: £933 (average)
Direct Debits: £315
Priests Retirement Fund: £1078.60

Entrance Antiphon: 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.
Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.
Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Upcoming Masses in **Andover (A), Whitchurch (W)** and **Farleigh (F)**

Sat 21st	**A**	10:00am-**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** *Richard Donovan-Blessings and Strength* Confession after Mass Alter Servers Training Day 12:00 noon-Baptism for Neil Lucero and Yna Los Baños

Sunday 22nd NOVEMBER- OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sat 21st	**A**	6:00pm- *Mary Workman-RIP* Confession before Mass
Sun 22nd	**W**	8:30am-*Holy Souls in Reparation and Thanks*
	F	10:00am- *Intentions of the Priest*
	A	10:30am- *People of the Parish*
Mon 23rd	**A**	**9:30am- Mass at St John the Baptist Primary School**
Tue. 24th	**A**	10:00am- **St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions** *All Souls* Andover-Healing Prayers from 6:30pm-7:00pm
Wed 25th	No Mass or Service	
Thurs 26th	**W**	10:00am- *Holy Souls in Reparation and Thanks*
Fri 27th	**A**	9:40am-Devine Mercy Chaplet 10:00am- *Holy Souls in Reparation and Thanks* Exposition after Mass 4:30pm-Wedding of Jack Turnbull and Lillie-Marie Cheyne
Sat 28th	**A**	10:00am- *Blasio Rodrigues-RIP* Confession and Exposition after Mass

The Month of November

During the month of November, a Holy Souls Memento Box will be placed on the table near the Baptismal font in Andover. If you so wish, please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the slips of paper and put them into the box. There will be Masses offered for those names on the following days: **Sun 22nd Nov (8:30am Whitchurch); Thurs 26th Nov (10:00 Whitchurch); Fri 27th (10:00am Andover)** . An offering can be placed in an envelope for CAFOD, marked **'CAFOD'** and placed in any Sunday collection in November-*Please do not leave any money in the box*

Blessing of the Graves

The graves in the **Memorial Plot** at St John the Baptist will be blessed after Mass on **SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER**.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we come to the end of another Church year and are reminded of what really matters. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that whenever we care for those who are hungry, lonely, struggling, or in need, we are caring for Him.

It's a simple message, but one that speaks powerfully to our lives today. In a busy world, it's easy to become focused on our own worries and responsibilities. Yet Christ calls us to notice the people around us and respond with kindness, generosity, and compassion.

Jesus shows us that true greatness isn't about status or success. His kingdom is built on love. Every encouraging word, every helping hand, every act of patience and understanding helps to make His presence visible in our homes, our parish, and our community.

As we prepare to begin Advent and a new Church year, this feast invites us to reflect on whether Christ is at the centre of our lives. When we follow His example of love and service, we help to build His kingdom here and now.

Perhaps this week, take a moment to reach out to someone who may be feeling lonely or having a difficult time. A phone call, a visit, or even a simple conversation can mean more than we realise. In caring for others, we meet Christ the King himself.

CAROL SERVICE AT ST JOHN FISHER IN WHITCHURCH



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ANDOVER CATHOLIC CHURCH

ORGAN UPDATE

The organ is the principal instrument of our liturgy, and we are very blessed at St John the Baptist to have both a beautiful instrument and talented organists who enrich our worship week by week. Earlier this year, the organ's amplification system failed, and it became necessary to replace the speakers and amplifier. We are pleased to report that this essential work has now been completed, improving the overall sound quality and reliability of the instrument for the future.

The total cost of the project, including VAT, was **£6,000**. Canon Chris would like to express his sincere thanks to everyone who has already contributed towards this work. Your generosity has helped make this important improvement possible and will ensure that the organ continues to support the worship and musical life of our parish for many years to come.

While the project has now been completed, donations towards the cost are still very welcome. Any contribution, however small, will help offset the expenditure incurred by the parish and support the ongoing maintenance of our church facilities. Thank you for your continued support, generosity, and commitment to the life of our parish

CAR PARKING

When parking in Andover for Mass, please remember that you **MUST NOT PARK** down the centre of either car park or on the double yellow lines. By doing this you are compromising everyone's safety.

Please **do not park beyond the Church site, in Croye Close or on the double yellow lines outside the car park.**

There is ample parking in Beech Hurst at the Council Offices, and it is an easy walk through Denning Mead. **Illegal parking could result in parking fines.**

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

All those who are sick and housebound in the Parish and also, pray for the repose of the souls of Frank Saunders and Maria Cassar.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.