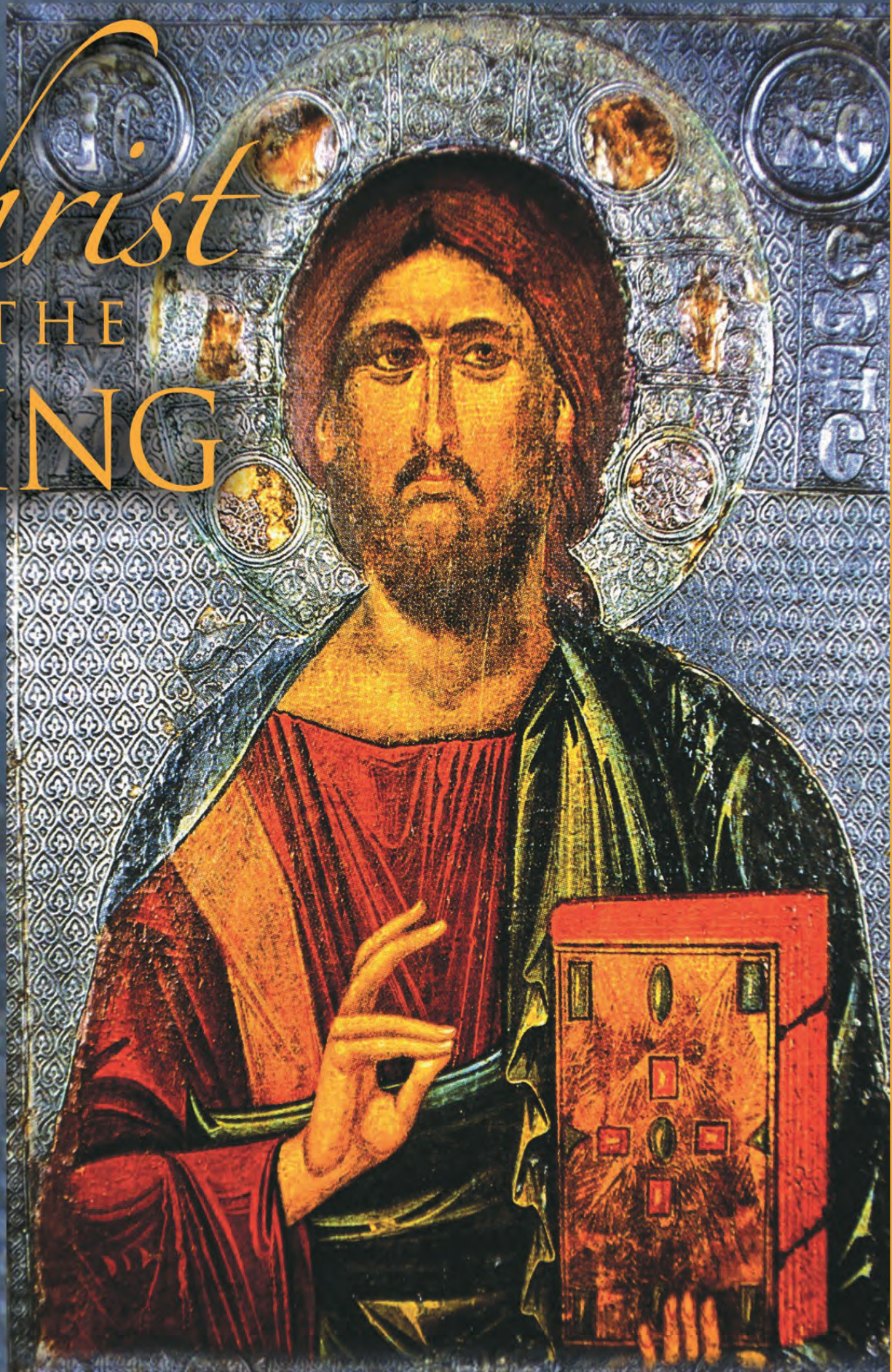


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# Christ THE KING



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### *Feast of Christ the King*

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." Today we celebrate the feast of an unusual kind of king. Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, does not run his kingdom in the standard fashion. Instead of insisting upon the pomp and circumstance that usually surrounds earthly royalty, Jesus has a different focus. He thinks not of himself, but of those he loves. And in today's Gospel, his interest is especially focused on the poor and suffering in our midst.

Our King asks us to care for those in need--the hungry, the homeless, the foreigner, the sick and suffering. But then, he goes farther; he tells us that in caring for these least brethren, we will be ministering to HIM! What an incredible promise. Not only do we carry out the command to love our neighbour when we protect those in need, but we also show our love for Jesus in a direct and concrete way. This love for Christ through others is so real that Jesus actually tells us that our place on Judgment Day will depend on it: "'What you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment." On the other hand, the "righteous" who ministered to the weak and poor will enjoy eternal life. Our King has spoken loud and clear. Now comes the question of whether or not we are obeying his orders?

Each of us is called to examine how well we are caring for the least among us. Sometimes, this means giving our time and energy for special ministries or missions, but often it means caring for those right in front of us--the sick or suffering in our own homes, families, neighbourhoods, or parishes. Whatever our situation, may we have the eyes to see Christ in our midst and serve him.

# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK



**Sat Evening: 7pm** Susie Cahalan (A), Adrew, Robert & Mark Bergin (A), James Curtis (B.R.) also wife Kathleen, son Andy (A), Sean Meehan (A), David Carroll (A), also brother Aidan & mother Ann, Helena Skelly Beatty (A),

**Sun: 9.30am** Seamus McCabe (1stA)

**Sun: 11.30am**

**Mon: 9.30am** Maureen Egan (A)

**Tues: 9.30am** Mrs & Mrs Stewart (A), also Bridie Stewart (A)

**Wed: 9.30am** Mass Intentions for the Casey Family

**Thurs: 9.30am** Mass of Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

**Fri: 9.30am** Altar List of the Deceased

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(Office is closed on Wednesdays)

**Website:** [www.bonnybrookparish.ie](http://www.bonnybrookparish.ie)

**Facebook:** Bonnybrook Parish.

### Mass Times

Sunday Vigil: (Saturday Evening) 7.00pm

Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am

Monday - Friday: 9.30am

Saturday morning: No Mass

### BAPTISMS

Second Saturday of each month at 12.00pm

Fourth Sunday of each month at 12.30pm

## COLLECTIONS FOR 19TH NOV 2017

COMMON FUND €527

SHARE €375

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.



## CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

Archbishop Martin is seeking practical support for this year's **Annual Parish Food Appeal on December 2nd and 3rd** for the Crosscare Foodbanks. Crosscare work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The Food Banks provide support with essential food and household items. This year we are asking that collections be held on one weekend only. This will allow us to distribute hampers in good time for Christmas to hundreds of families. We have identified items that are most needed at this time. These include:

*Shampoo & Hygiene Products, Soups, Tinned Meats, Seasonal Biscuits & Cleaning Products.*

You can place your items beside the Baptism Font and they will be collected by Crosscare on the days after 3rd Dec.

Please do not leave food after these dates.



thank you!

The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception would like to thank all those who supported the Church Gate Collection last weekend. They collected €1,030 and this money will be put to good use in the centres in which their sisters work.

Also a thank you to Dick O'Leary and those who assisted him as they collected €400 in the Northside Shopping Centre last week. This money will be used for ongoing projects in our parish.



THE DUBLIN DEAF CHOIR

We welcome the Dublin Deaf Choir as they join us for our 11.30am Mass on Sunday, 10th Dec. 2017. It is always a great joy to have them with us and we look forward to them joining us.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP! 1969—2019

We will celebrate our **Golden Jubilee** in September 2019. We have set up a working committee of people who will work with us throughout this time to plan for a week-long celebration in our community. We had our first meeting during the past week. If you have any suggestions/ideas that will help us to celebrate appropriately we would love to hear them.

Please send your suggestions to Fr. Joe or leave them in our Parish Office, as soon as possible. Thanks You.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

### QUESTION:

Our prayer group has been reading the lives of some saints and we were struck by how some of them thought they were such sinners. Why would such holy people think they had such serious sin?

### ANSWER:

Professional athletes practice the fundamentals of their sport over and over again, reaching for better form, consistency, and performance. They focus on the basics, review past performances, and visualize greater success. Practice makes better, if not perfect!

Spiritual masters such as the saints also looked for perfection. They practiced their faith in the search for holiness, grace, and virtue. Through sacraments, prayer, study, good works, and penance, they raised their sensitivity to the presence of God, the demands of the Gospel, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. They examined their consciences daily, reviewing the day for moments of failure and times they could have been more virtuous. Therefore, anything that would interfere with their relationship with God would be like a small black spot on a bright white wall—you can't miss it! The great saints were aware of sin and the presence of evil because they were so tuned in to the struggle between good and evil fought in their own lives, hearts, and souls. They teach us to guard against becoming desensitized to sin in our lives, unaware of the harm it causes us. A goal of any spiritual practice is to become more aware of our sinfulness so that we seek God's forgiving and healing love.

## INSPIRATION

As the King of the universe, Christ does not desire earthly power or kingly admiration. What Christ our King desires is that we advocate and work for those most in need among us: the poor, the unfortunate, the forsaken, the abused, and the exploited. Providing for the basic needs of others is a human right that we must strive to fulfil. If someone is hungry, feed her. If someone is without shelter, provide one. If a person requires clothes, clothe him. When others are in harm's way, find them safety. When it comes to basic human needs, it does not matter WHY a person is in need; all that matters is that someone IS. That's where you and I, who are citizens of God's eternal kingdom, come in. What we do for the least of these, we do for God.



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