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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
GŴYL IESU GRIST, FRENIN YR HOLLFYD
23RD NOVEMBER 2025

LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND EVENTS - SUNDAY

Coedpoeth 9:00 am (*People of the Parish*)
Cathedral 10:30 am (*People of the Parish*)
7:00 pm (*Carol Heffey R.I.P. - Family*)

The Cathedral is open daily from 9:00am to 4:00pm for private prayer.

PSALTER WEEK II SUNDAY READING CYCLE C

MONDAY 24th November	St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (<i>Memorial</i>) Mass 9:00am (<i>Vangi Murphy Intention</i>)
TUESDAY 25th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 34 Mass 12 noon (<i>Mary Foster R.I.P.</i>)
WEDNESDAY 26th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 34 Mass 12 noon (<i>Marian Eluned Thomasine Thomas R.I.P. - Foundation Mass</i>) Coedpoeth 6:00pm Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
THURSDAY 27th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 34 Mass 11:00am (<i>Bea Towey R.I.P. - Memorial Mass</i>)
FRIDAY 28th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 34 Mass 9:00am (<i>Richard Thompson R.I.P. - Foundation Mass</i>)
SATURDAY 29th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time, Week 34 Mass and Rosary 9:00am (<i>Carol Heffey R.I.P.</i>) Confessions 10:00am - 11:30am & 5:00pm - 6:00pm
SUNDAY 30th November	1ST WEEK OF ADVENT - SUN CYNTAF YR ADFENT Coedpoeth Mass 9:00am Cathedral Mass 10:30am & 7:00pm

The Pope's Intention:

For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING, YEAR C:

The first reading tells us how David, after defeating all his enemies, was anointed king over all Israel. His kingdom, great and powerful, became the symbol of the kingdom of peace and justice that God would one day establish on earth. Israel waited many centuries for the coming of the one who would begin this kingdom. The Gospel gives us God's answer to the expectations. Jesus was not proclaimed king as he sat on a throne, but when he was nailed to a cross. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the final Sunday of the liturgical year. This feast is not about earthly power, crowns of gold, or armies, but about a kingship rooted in love, service, and sacrifice. The Gospel reading takes us to Calvary. Here, Jesus reigns not from a throne of marble, but from the cross. His crown is made of thorns, His sceptre is a nail-pierced hand, and His royal decree is mercy: "Today you will be with me in paradise." This scene reveals a profound truth – that, Christ's kingship is unlike any other. Earthly rulers often seek to be served; Christ came to serve. Worldly kings defend their power; Christ gives His life for His people. His authority is not imposed by force but offered as an invitation to trust, follow, and to be transformed. The repentant thief shows us the way: he recognizes Jesus as King even in apparent defeat, and he entrusts himself to him. The act of faith opens the door to eternal life. As we close the Church's year, this feast challenges us to ask: 1. Is Christ truly in my life – in my decisions, my relationships, my priorities? 2. Do I follow Him only when it is easy, or also when the path leads to the cross? May we, like the good thief, turn to Him and say: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And may we hear His promise: "Today you will be with me in paradise."

Next Sunday

1st Sunday of Advent 'Year C'

readings are:

- **First reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5
- **Psalm:** 122(121):1-2. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9.
- **Second reading:** Romans 13:11-14a
- **Gospel:** Matthew 24:37-44

You are encouraged to look at this readings ahead of next Sunday.

This Sunday, Youth Sunday

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King of the Universe, is "Youth Sunday". There will be a Retiring Collection after all Masses **this weekend** to support **Diocesan Youth Activities**.

"Dear young people, aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. Then you will see the light of the Gospel grow every day, within you and around you."

Pope Leo XIV - Message to young people at Tor Vergata in Rome for the Jubilee of Youth.

NOTICE

1. **Refreshments after 10:30 am Mass on 1st and 3rd Sunday next month (7th and 21st December)**
2. **This Sunday 2nd Collection: Diocesan Youth Group**



ST MARY’S CHRISTMAS FAYRE & RAFFLE



St Mary’s Christmas Fayre on Sunday

14th December (Gaudete Sunday) in the Church Hall from 10.30 -1.30pm, alongside our Christmas Raffle draw. It promises to be a joyful celebration of our community, everyone is warmly welcome.

Raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle are now available after Sunday Masses, and also the Presbytery during office hours (9.30-2.30 Tuesday-Friday). Please take as many books you feel you can sell to friends and work colleagues too, any unsold can be returned.

Information boards where you can sign to pledge a raffle prize are in the Cathedral porch, and will be at Coedpoeth for 9am Mass next Sunday (30th November) before returning to the Cathedral.

Please leave any donations for the fayre- games, books, jigsaws and gifts for ‘rehoming’, jams, chutneys, ‘good as new’ unwanted items and donations for the tombola (bottles, toiletries, chocolates etc)-at the Presbytery. Cakes can be brought to the Church hall on Saturday afternoon -13th December. Thank you.

Proceeds from both events will go towards repairs and renovations to our Cathedral.

The SVP/Family Friends Present Tree

A huge Thankyou to everyone who took a tag last week, both in Coedpoeth and at the Cathedral, where all tags went at the morning Mass.

The Tree has been replaced by the sparkly gift rug. Please leave you gifts there, at Masses, unwrapped but bagged and tagged, and we will pass them on to Family Friends.

Gifts can also be left at Clergy House.

Once again, Many Thanks!

**Help needed with Advent
Wreath for the Altar on Friday
28th November in the Sacristy
- Cathedral at 6.00pm**

Assisted Suicide in Wales

Members of the Senedd, the Welsh Parliament, will be asked to decide whether Wales should give its consent to Westminster’s Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill — a law that would legalise assisted suicide. This would be a profound change for Wales and would mean that, for the first time, doctors could be asked to assist a patient in ending their life intentionally.

If enacted, this bill would put the most vulnerable in our society at risk of coercion. The conscientious objection clause for doctors is inadequate. Furthermore, parliament has explicitly rejected an amendment whereby care homes and hospices could opt out of facilitating assisted suicide on their premises and yet many care homes and hospices will want no involvement. Even with stricter rules, experience from other countries shows that once assisted suicide is introduced, the safeguards soon loosen and those who are elderly, disabled, or feel they are a burden begin to feel subtle pressure to choose death. We are asked to contact our Member of the Senedd expressing our opposition to the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, for which the following link can be used: www.cbcew.org.uk/oppose-assisted-suicide-in-wales/

PLEASE PRAY

- ◆ . . for our sick, elderly and housebound of the Parish, the patients of Wrexham Maelor Hospital, Nightingale House Hospice and the sick clergy of the Diocese.
- ◆ . . for the repose of the souls of all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversary is around this time; Louisa Cardyn Jones, Jean Mary Beglin, Lucy Jennifer Edwards, Robert ‘Bob’ Mahoney, William George Christopher Turner, James McGhee, Henora ‘Nova’ Philomena Jones, Gilliam Pritchard, Francis ‘Frank’ Herbert Moore, Agnes Errico, Teresa Maguire, Albert Rowlands, John Charles Devaney, Anthony Paul Negri, Michael Daly, Gisela Margaret Moore, Leon Andrew Lavell, Sister Elizabeth HFB, Matyuss Schoffmann, Magdalene Morris, John Michael Brown, Anthony Daniel ‘Tony’ Jones, Lynette Maria Crowe, Vera Humphreys.

FINANCIAL MATTERS - WREXHAM DIOCESAN TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 700426

Thank you for last weeks collection of **£1,436.02** which consisted of
Gift Aid Envelopes **£239.33** Gift Aid standing orders **£520.04**
loose plate **£596.65** DONA machine **£80.00**



Last week's donations for the **CATHEDRAL FLOOR REPAIR £175.00**

DIOCESAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR - MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM. FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED 7-14

The choir will be held in 2 locations: Please attend whichever is convenient.

Monday - Our Lady of the Rosary in Buckley - 5-5.45pm

Wednesday - St. Marys in Ruabon - 5-5.45pm

This choir, initially running from now until Christmas, will provide children with an active role within the music ministry in their parish.

Parents are invited to stay for a social "biscuit and brew" session in the church hall whilst the children practice.

The children will be leading the singing at the Family Advent Day in Buckley on 30th November.

For all enquiries and to register your child, please email Beki Jenkins via Choral@rcdwxm.org.uk



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LOOKING AHEAD:

30th November	Diocesan Advent Family Day in Buckley from 11am
2nd December	Funeral Mass for late Mary Agnes Foster R.I.P.
16th December	A Night of Song - The Hint Ladie's Choir 7pm, Tickets £10
19th December	Advent Penitential Service 6.00pm
24th December	Christmas Eve

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NB: Parish Secretary is in the office next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30am and 2:30pm.