

Portuguese Dominican missionaries began to arrive in Vietnam in the early 16th century and there must have been conflict with local power groups from the very beginning. The mission had some success when the Jesuits joined the Dominicans. During the 17th and 18th centuries, it is believed that up to 100,000 Christians were martyred.

Andrew Dũng-Lạc

Originally called Dung An Trân, Andrew was born about 1795 into a poor and pagan family in Bac-Ninh in North Vietnam. When he was twelve the family had to move to Hanoi so his parents could find work. There he met a catechist who gave him food and shelter, as well as education in the Christian faith for three years. He was baptised with the Christian name Andrew (Andrew Dung). After learning Chinese and Latin he himself became a catechist, and taught catechesis in the country. Chosen to study theology, he was ordained a priest on 15th March



1823. As parish priest he was tireless in his preaching. He often fasted and lived a simple and moral life that was so good an example to the people that many were baptised.

In 1835 he was imprisoned under emperor Minh-Mang's persecutions (he was called Vietnam's emperor Nero), but his freedom was purchased by donations from members of the congregation he served. To avoid persecutions he changed his name to Lac (Andrew Lac) and moved to another prefecture to continue his work.

But in 1839 he was again arrested with another Vietnamese priest Peter Thi, to whom he had gone visiting so that he could go to confession. Once again the people paid money so that he and Peter could be released. However, their freedom was brief. They were soon re-arrested, taken to Hanoi, where both suffered a dreadful torture and were finally beheaded on 21st December 1839.

Today there are 26 Catholic dioceses in Vietnam. There are 2228 parishes and 2668 priests. Catholics are about 7% of the 85 million population.

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Saints of the Week

- Mon 23 St Columban, abbot and missionary
- Tues 24 Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc, priest and Companions, martyrs
- Wed 25 St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr
- St Clement I, pope and martyr
- St Colman, bishop
- Fri 27 St Fergal, bishop and missionary

I have told you all this that your faith may not be shaken.

They will expel you from the synagogues, and indeed the hour is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is doing a holy duty for God.

They will do these things because they have never known either the Father or myself. But I have told you all this, so that when the time for it comes you may remember that I told you.

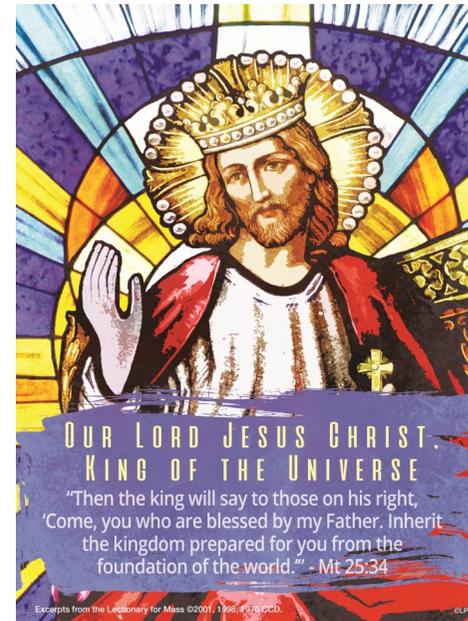
John 16 :1-4



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MASS INTENTIONS

6pm Vigil Mass Sat 21st Nov:-
Jacinta Mc Carren (Anv)

11.30 am Mass Sun 22nd Nov:-
Ronan & Marie O' Hara (Anvs)
Vincent Jennings (Anv)

Other Intentions

Recently Deceased

Norman Walker
Brigid Fallon
Kathleen Kimber

Michael & Geraldine O' Donnell (Anvs)
Alan Kenny (Anv)
Joseph Byrne (Anv)
Emer Nolan 13th (Anv)
Declan Hayes (Anv)
Elizabeth Leyden (Anv)
Ellen O' Connor (Anv)
Nigel Balfe (4th Anv)

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Recently deceased

Hugh McEnaney
May he rest in peace





Christ our King
November 22nd

This shepherd is one who is caring and compassionate towards us. This shepherd looks for the lost, bandages the wounded and makes the weak strong. This is the shepherd and king we are asked not only to follow, but whose life and example we are asked to live by. Just as he looks after and cares for each of us, so we in turn are to care for each other.

Where are we to look for and find Jesus our king today? Jesus is to be found in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the homeless, the poor, the rejected and those in prison. We are to turn our attention to each other if we are to find Jesus. This gospel and great feast asks us to draw on the presence of Christ who dwells within each of us so we can reach out to Christ in others, especially those who are poor and those who are in any kind of need.

This gospel is not about some unknown time in the future. This gospel is about each of us and how we follow Jesus here and now. The amazing thing is that on this Feast of Christ our King, both the first reading and the gospel speak about others who need our help and support. Whatever we do to and for each other, we do to and for Jesus. So if we open our hearts as well our eyes we will see Christ the King in everyone we meet.

Jesus is a King, and we are his brothers and sisters. Therefore, we belong to a royal household. May we treat each other with the dignity and respect they deserve as princes and princesses of a royal family. As one of the early popes said, Christians, be aware of your dignity and nobility, it is God's own life that you share.

Michael Moore OMI

Next Sunday we begin the Season of Advent, our time of preparation for Christmas. Therefore, this Sunday marks the end of our current liturgical year. Before we begin the Season of Advent, we are asked to reflect upon Christ our King. When Jesus was asked by Pilate if he was a king, Jesus said that he was a king. So, what sort of king was Jesus?

He was born in a small, poor, and unimportant village. His parents were not famous, powerful or wealthy. His first visitors were the poorest of people; shepherds. He never wrote a great novel. He didn't eat or associate with rich or powerful people. He never led an army into battle. He did ask people to take up their cross and follow him. He didn't surround himself with politicians, soldiers or bankers. He did sit and eat with people who were usually despised, ignored and rejected. He reached out to embrace those others saw as worthless and as sinners. He didn't live in a castle surrounded by maids or servants. He did spend his time with the poor, the sick, the broken and all those who were in need of love, healing and compassion. He didn't own anything. He didn't have any riches or wealth that the world thought much of; but he did share his greatest possession with us; God's love.

The shepherd that is described in the first reading is the king we are asked to follow.

CHRIST THE KING
FIRST READING

The Lord says this : 'I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view'
(Ezk 34:11-12.15-17)

PSALM

The Lord is my Shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want
(Ps 22:1-3.5-6)

SECOND READING

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep.
(1 Cor 15:20-26.28)

GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory.'
(Mt 25:31-46)



Bereaved Children's Awareness Week
23rd – 27th November

Every November, the Irish Childhood Bereavement Network organises a series of events across Ireland to highlight bereaved children's needs and provide a voice for them to be heard. The main reason we need to have a week like this is to help raise awareness of the fact that children express grief differently, they feel the impact but may not have words to express it so it often shows in their behaviour. For more information, visit: www.childhoodbereavement.ie

Senior Line

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning SeniorLine. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you.
Freefone 1800 80 45 91



ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

Irish Hospice Foundation

Many people have experienced the death of someone they love during the Pandemic. In the face of such loss and trauma, the Irish Hospice Foundation have a Bereavement Support Line. It is a **national freephone service 1800 80 70 77**