

# Parish Announcements

## St. Helen's Parish Christmas Fayre



Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 01:30-04:00pm

**Raffles, refreshments, toys and games, cakes, books, craft**  
Donations of the above gratefully received.  
Helpers required.

For more information, contact:  
Kath Harms ☎ 07469 688 684  
Tables available to hire at £ 10



## Shoebox 2022

Huge thank you to everyone who supported the CWL appeal for Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. We raised a fabulous £1100 from the collection and your online donations so we have purchased 55 shoeboxes this year. A wonderful response and thank you once again to everyone for contributing.

## Journey to Priesthood

Born on 03 May 1966 in the Philippines, Fr. Alex Poblador entered the Rogationist seminary in Manila on 21 May 1983. He proceeded to do his Novitiate in Cavite on 01 June 1988 and made his first profession a year after. He made his perpetual profession on 02 June 1997 and was ordained a priest on 23 November 2002.

In 2000, he took a Liturgy course and transferred to the Rogationist Community in Cebu. In 2001, he was assigned as a Vocation Promoter and Formation Councilor and became a House Councilor in 2003. He was made in charge of the Benefactors' Office in 2006. He was also appointed as Lay Rogationist Association in Charge in 2007.

Fr. Alex began missionary work in 2009 in Tarragona (Spain). Then, he moved to London in 2014 and worked as a collaborator at Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Church in East London. He then worked as an Assistant Priest at St. James the Less in Colchester from 2015 to 2018 before transferring to his current assignment at Westcliff, Southend.

## Tu es Sacerdos in Aeternum

Fr. Alex Poblador, RCJ

**20<sup>th</sup> Priestly Anniversary**  
23 November 2022

10:00 AM – Mass  
followed by simple coffee  
and Tea (Parish Hall)



## Christmas Hamper Raffle

- in aid of Parish Funds -



CWL are, once again, organising a Christmas Hamper raffle of delicious goodies - all proceeds to Parish Funds for the upkeep of our beautiful church. Tickets (£1 each) will be available to buy after all masses on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The draw will take place after 9.30 mass on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please support our efforts and maybe you will be a winner! (Elizabeth Upsher)

## Our Catholic Faith Explained

**Catechesis 1: "I believe in God the Father"**

Source: CCC 198-231

22-Nov-2022, (Tue) 10:30am-12:00nn  
(Sacristy)

Organized by the Family of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
**COME AND JOIN!**

## Spot lit: The Original Love Triangle

### Bible Study

23-Nov-2022, (Wed) 06:00pm (Small Hall)

Topic: Where's the Romance?  
Scriptural Passage: Genesis 29:1-30



For more updates, scan the WhatsApp QR code to join the group chat.



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Registered Charity  
Number: 234092

### WhatsApp Group

St Helen's Church Group



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# PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20 November 2022

This feast (Christ the King) was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI to counteract fascist and communist movements that gave governments total power over human lives. His successor, Pope Francis, noted in his homily for Christ the King in 2016: "The grandeur of his kingdom is not defined by this world but by the love of God, a love capable of encountering and healing all things."

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul relates his experience of Christ as the creative force that drives all things in the universe forward; in him we have redemption and forgiveness. And in today's gospel, the second criminal rises above the first's mockery, repents of his wrongdoing, and asks only to be remembered by Jesus. Jesus recognizes his repentance and welcomes this lost sheep into his kingdom. (Integral Faith)

## Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Solemnity)

Parish Mass  
Book  
Year C  
Part 2  
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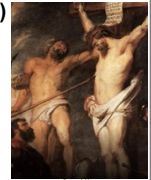
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3

**Responsorial Psalm:**

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
Let us go to God's house.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Colossians 1:11-20

**Gospel:** Luke 23:35-43



https://illuminadomine.com/tag/novena-for-christ-the-king-of-the-universe/

## Jesus' Theology on Trial

The Feast of Christ the King of the Universe is a triumphant celebration of God's reconciling love, of divine solidarity with humanity, of God's love for us at our neediest. The image of Christ the King on the cross proclaims God's presence with us in our most wretched moments, offering us a love and salvation we could not deserve at our best. This is the feast of the indomitable power of love.

The church has given us a harsh and beautiful icon to contemplate on this Feast of Christ our King. When we plumb its meaning, it reveals that nothing overpowers the love of God. It shows the God who is with every suffering creature offering compassionate, everlasting love, the only salvation that makes a real difference. This feast invites us to meditate on Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. In the first beatitude we hear, "Blessed are you poor, yours is the Kingdom of God." Only when we appreciate that, will we be ready to celebrate this feast. (M. M. McGlone).

Source: <https://sundayprep.org/commentary-christ-the-king-year-c/#integral>

**Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into your Church!**

## Mass Times & Intentions

**Note:** All Masses at Saint Helen's this November are offered for the souls whose names are listed in the Requiem Mass forms submitted.

### 20<sup>th</sup> of November – Sunday, Solemnity: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. (White) Youth Day.

*Second Collection: National Youth Sunday*

09:30am – For the Rogationist Fathers and Brothers Congregation; Anniv.: James Linburgh (1987).

11:30am – For the Daughters of the Divine Zeal Congregation

06:00pm – For the souls whose names are listed in the Requiem Mass forms

### 21<sup>st</sup> of November – Monday, Memorial: The Presentation of the BVM. 34<sup>th</sup> Week. (White)

No Mass

### 22<sup>nd</sup> of November – Tuesday, Memorial: St. Cecilia, V. M. (Red)

10:00am – For Fr. Marcelino Diaz, RCJ (Birthday)

### 23<sup>rd</sup> of November – Wednesday, Feria. (Green)

10:00am – For Fr. Alex Poblador, RCJ (20<sup>th</sup> Priestly Anniversary);

Anniv.: Mgr. Edward Watson (1929) and Canon Martin Hancock (1993)

### 24<sup>th</sup> of November – Thursday, Memorial: St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr., & Comps. Mm. (Red)

10:00am – For more vocations to the religious and priestly life

### 25<sup>th</sup> of November – Friday, Feria. (Green)

10:00am – For Faustina Simons (Birthday) and Agnes Adeniran (Birthday); For babies in danger of abortion; Foundation Memorial: George and Mary Orton and Family

### 26<sup>th</sup> of November – Saturday, Memorial: Blessed Virgin Mary. (White)

12:00nn – Anniv.: Fr. Anthony Robson (1985)

**Note:** During Advent and Christmastide, we pray for Migrants & Refugees, and Expectant Mothers

### 27<sup>th</sup> of November – First Sunday of Advent [A] (Purple)

09:30am – For the Rogationist Fathers and Brothers Congregation; Anniv.: Fr. John Aydon (1973).

11:30am – For the Daughters of the Divine Zeal Congregation

01:00pm – Tamil Mass

06:00pm – For the souls whose names are listed in the Requiem Mass forms



For Any Mass Intentions, please see the priests or call them during office hours (Tuesdays to Fridays 9-1pm) ☎01702 342324

Alternatively, **Mass Intentions - Envelopes** are available

Mass Intentions are published in the parish newsletter (available for collection). It is also posted via Facebook Page of the Parish.



### Sacramental Services


- For **Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals**, please email our parish office or get in touch with any of the priests.
- **Marriage Preparations:** Couples who are planning to get married in or outside the parish should contact the parish office at least six (6) months in advance.
- **The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Thursdays 10:45-11:25am; Saturdays 11:15-11:50am or approach the priest to get an appointment.
- **The Sacrament of the Sick:** Please contact the parish office for requests about visiting the housebound / Care Home residents.

## Parish Notices



### Parish Weekly Diary

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of November

09:30am – Children's Liturgy (Small Hall) 

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of October

09:00am-12:00nn – Cleaning (Halls)

03:00-04:00pm – Active Life (Small Hall)

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November

10:00am – Mass with St. Bernard's Students

10:30-12:00nn – FIHM (Small Hall)

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November

10:30-12:00nn – Refreshment (Fr. Alex-Anniv)

06:00-07:00pm – Bible Study (Small Hall)

#### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of November

07:00pm – Legion of Mary Meeting

(Sacristy and praying of the Holy Rosary)

(For home visits, please contact the parish)

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of November

03:00-4:00pm – Divine Mercy Devotion

(Adoration Chapel)

#### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of November


11:00am – Adoration (organized by the FIHM)

11:30-11:55am – Confession

12:00nn – Mass

01:00pm – Baptism

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of November

09:30am – Children's Liturgy (Small Hall) 

03:00-05:00pm – Tamil Group (Large Hall)

Note:

*Recitation of the Holy Rosary at the small chapel after the weekday Masses.*

### Be Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Young people from Year 8 onwards are invited to join the course preparing candidates for Confirmation.

Registration forms are available at the table near the Church main entrance.

Submit accomplished forms on or before

**11 December 2022**

### Meeting of First Holy Communion Candidate Parents

28 November 2022, (Mon), 06:00pm

### Certificates for Collection

Visit the Sacristy after the Mass.

- Josh Pernito
- Eliza Jumangit
- Jax Franco Rojas
- Lydia Plews
- Rylan Lovell
- Sebastião Rogada Costa
- Christiano Fernandes-Haldida (2 folders)
- Daniel Moorcraft
- Lucas Gater
- Alexander Laylo
- Mrs Trudi Cone

### St Helen's Friendship Club

Prior to the arrival of Covid 19, the parish ran a Friendship Club where parishioners of all ages met socially, in the hall, on a regular afternoon. It has been suggested that this club returns, but this requires one or two members of our community to set up and run it. If anyone is interested in re-introducing this club, contact Ray Newman on ☎07775 769826.

### October Income

Bankers Orders / Standing Orders

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Standing orders | £ 1,961.00      |
| Gift Aid        | 1,337.50        |
| Loose Plate     | <u>2,046.26</u> |
| Total           | £ 5,344.76      |

Rogationist Mission Day £ 1,271.70  
*God bless your generosity!*

### Gift Aid Subscribers

If you are not in the scheme and would like to join and help the Parish, please complete a Declaration Form.

Questions? Please contact

**John Upsher** ☎01702 347369.



### St. Helen's Cleaners

Join this group chat to get the weekly schedule of volunteer cleaners.

