

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Mass times: Monday - Friday 10.00am, Saturday (Vigil) 6.30pm, Sunday 11.30am

Confessions: Saturday 6.00pm - 6.20pm



### Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am Irish Mass 11.00am



### Mass Intentions this Weekend

**Sat 6.30pm** Martina Phillips  
Margaret Pawley & Eileen & Terry Finnegan  
Rita Daly  
Tony Mills (Rec Dec)  
Noel Weston (MM)  
Maev Westton (1st An)  
Bartle Weston (An)

**Sun 11.30am** Special Intention  
Brian Owen  
Michael Butterly  
Alecia Murphy



### Mass intentions for next Next Week

<b>Mon</b> 10.00am Lilah McGuire	<b>Sat</b> 6.30pm Joseph & Robert Ryan
<b>Tues</b> 10.00am Special intention	
<b>Wed</b> 10.00am	<b>Sun</b> 11.30am Dominic King
<b>Thurs</b> 10.00am	
<b>Fri</b> 10.00am Altar List of the Dead	

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** are offering telephone support, please contact Brid at 086 6006397 from Sunday 26th November to Saturday 2nd December. Please phone after 6pm. Details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie>

### Communion Service

A Communion Service will take place next **Saturday 2nd December at 10.00am** in St Colmcille's Church. *All are welcome*

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



On the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, today, we celebrate the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 at the close of the Jubilee Year. Jesus was questioned at his trial: are you a king? His answer serves to highlight how different his kingship is from that of human rulers.

**Reflection** - For Luke what was written over the cross of Jesus was a statement of fact. This is the King of the Jews. An indication of the values which underlie his kingdom is got from the events surrounding the scene. Jesus bears with mockery and abuse, accepts the questioning of the Jewish leaders, the soldiers and a criminal beside him and dies forgiving his enemies. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

### Christmas Mass Bouquets

Special Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are now available in the Sacristy and Parish Office for both churches. All Masses on Christmas Day and St. Stephens Day will be offered for the intentions of the donors of these cards. They cost €5 per card.

### Visit of the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

This week, the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis is visiting the Archdiocese of Dublin. The relic has travelled to Ireland from Assisi's Sanctuary of the Renunciation, the Church where Blessed Carlo's remains are housed and displayed. It is a first-class relic, meaning it is a piece of Blessed Carlo's body.

It will come to the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Bray, Co. Wicklow, this Saturday, November 25, and Sunday, November 26; to the Church of the Holy Family, Aughrim Street, Dublin 7, this Sunday, November 26; and to St Kevin's Church, Kilnarnagh, Dublin 24, and St Kilian's Church, Kingswood, Dublin 24, on Monday, November 27. (Poster on notice board at back of the Church with full details)

Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in London to Italian parents, but grew up in Milan, Italy, where his family relocated when he was just a child. From a young age, he displayed an extraordinary devotion to his Catholic faith. He attended Mass daily, regularly receiving the sacraments. He was known for centering his life on the Eucharist. "Always to be united with Jesus," he would say, "this is my programme of life." Carlo set up a website documenting Eucharistic miracles, and is now considered a patron saint of the internet. On October 10, 2020, he was beatified by Pope Francis, becoming the first millennial to be declared 'Blessed' by the Catholic Church. It was said at the time that his beatification highlighted "the significance of his witness, particularly for the younger generation, demonstrating that holiness is attainable even in our modern world".

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