



A time of transition



Mass of Memories was held to remember those who passed away in the last year

November is a time of transition – from autumn to winter and for the church. As in other Christian communities, for us the first part of November is a time of remembrance.

On 1 November we celebrated the great feast of All Saints when we remembered all who have reached Heaven and pray to emulate them. Some are named saints of the church, but many, many more are ordinary people who lived their lives in response to God's call. The next day, 2 November, was the feast of All Souls when we prayed for all who have died that they may find eternal peace in God's kingdom.

On 9 November we held a Mass of Memories when we particularly remembered those from our community who had died in the last 12 months. This is always a moving occasion with the opportunity for people to share their sorrows and their hopes with others in a similar situation.

The following day was Remembrance Sunday. At our Mass we remembered all who had died in the service of our country and the children in their liturgy made remembrance poppies – which, unlike the traditional ones, came with copious amounts of glitter glue!

We marked remembrance in other ways too. Parishioners were able to write the names of loved ones on

wooden hearts and hang these on a tree in the church grounds. They could also inscribe the names of those they wanted to remember in a book placed on the altar during Mass.

Then towards the end of the month came a change of focus. The final Sunday of the 'old' church year is the Feast of Christ the King – the shared feast day of our parish and our primary school. We came together on 24 November to celebrate, with the children leading the music and readings at Mass – a joyful occasion involving young and old. In the words of one of the hymns, 'Christ is Our King, let the whole world rejoice – may all the nations sing out with one voice'. So we did just that.

As December starts, we are moving into Advent, the start of the church's new year. These weeks are a time of waiting and longing. Amid all the busy-ness and noise of the run-up to Christmas, we seek some quiet and stillness to prepare for the coming of Our Saviour as the infant Jesus, God made man.

We wish all the readers of *Lisvane Link* a time of peace and joy as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of the Nativity of the Lord – and, when that day comes, a happy Christmas.

Elizabeth Taylor,
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Church services

Services are streamed live at www.3churches.org

Saturday, 6pm: Vigil Mass of Sunday

9.30am: Sunday Mass – with children's liturgy in term time

9.30am: Tuesday Mass

9.30am: Thursday Mass

Tuesday 24 December, 6pm (doors open at 5pm): Vigil Mass of Christmas, with the children of the parish

Wednesday 25 December, 9.30am: Christmas Day Mass

Activities (in the parish centre)

- Monday, 9.30 – 11am: Baby and Toddler Group
- Wednesday, 11am – 1.30pm: Welcome Space
- Friday, 6.30pm: Junior Club in term time (School Years 3–6)
- Thursday 5 December, 7pm for 7.30pm start: Community Quiz Night Christmas Special
- Saturday 14 December, 11am – 1pm; 2 – 4pm: Sustainable Clothes and Books Market

For further information, contact Christ the King's parish office (phone 2075 3945, email llanishen@rcadc.org) or Canon Matthew Jones (phone 2075 2389, email matthew.jones@rcadc.org) or visit the website at www.3churches.org

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