

The Feast of Christ the King 20th November 2016 The Crown

I was off work a couple of days last week with that nasty cold that's been doing the rounds and spoiling the tail end of a long crisp autumn. So I watched all ten episodes of the recent Netflix series *The Crown*. It's an American-British television drama series, created and written by Peter Morgan who is well-versed in the world of EIRR with his award-winning film *The Queen* and his play *The Audience*.

For those of us of a certain age, this is a journey through our own family lifetime as we move from the abdication of Edward VIII, 80 years ago next month in 1936 (my parents married in 1934) up to the early years of the reign of Elizabeth II.

There is a long hard look at the peculiar role of monarchy, both generally and in the specifically British context in which it has emerged during our lifetime. The religious, Christian and even mystical aspects are explored through the dialogue. There is a scene when the stammering King George VI is getting the 11-year-old princess Elizabeth to test him on his coronation vows. She plays the part of the Archbishop when they are interrupted by a courtier and he says to his daughter:

"We haven't even reached the anointing. You have to anoint me, otherwise, I can't be King. Do you understand? [She shakes her head.] When the holy oil touches me, I am transformed. Brought into direct contact with the divine. Forever changed. Bound to God. It is the most important part of the entire ceremony. So we had better practise, hadn't we, archbishop?"

[Elizabeth reads:] "Be thy hands, anointed, with holy oil. Be thy breast, anointed, with holy oil. Be thy head, anointed, with holy oil. As kings, priests and prophets were anointed."

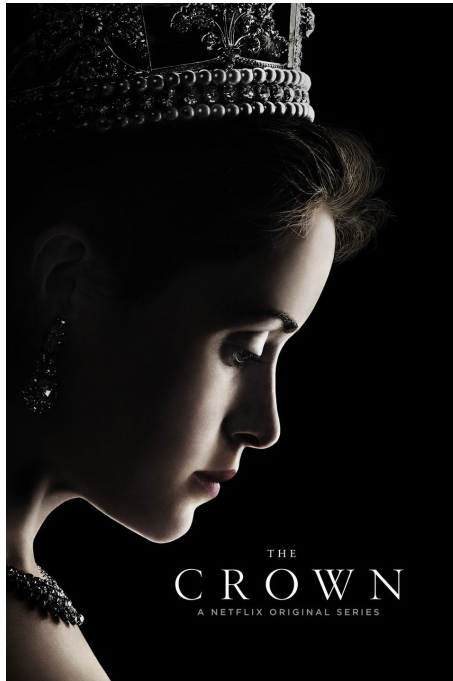
The Duke of Windsor is watching the coronation on TV in Paris with friends and he explains:

"Oils and oaths. Orbs and sceptres. Symbol upon symbol. An unfathomable web of arcane mystery and liturgy, blurring so many lines no clergyman or historian or lawyer could ever untangle any of it. [An American friend says:] "It's crazy." [The Duke continues:] "On the contrary. It's perfectly sane. Who wants transparency when you can have magic? Who wants prose when you can have poetry? Pull away the veil and what are you left with? An ordinary young woman of modest ability and little imagination. But wrap her up like this,

anoint her with oil, and hey, presto, what do you have? A goddess."

The photographer Cecil Beaton has the last word in the final episode as he is psychologically preparing Elizabeth to pose for her famous coronation photo and referencing back to the first Queen Elizabeth: "All hail sage Lady, whom a grateful Isle hath blessed. Not moving, not breathing. Our very own goddess. Glorious *Gloriana*. Forgetting Elizabeth Windsor now. Now only Elizabeth Regina."

It's all very figurative and 'romantic' but it reminds us of the power of imagery to inspire and draw us deeper into the mystery that is our life in Christ. *Fr Nick Mercer*



News & Events

PREPARING FOR ADVENT SERIES

Join Fr Alan on **Wednesday evening** for the final musical reflection in preparation for the Holy Season of Advent. Mass at 6:45pm; reflection from 7:30pm.

A DAY ON PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS WITH FR LAURENCE FREEMAN OSB

Saturday 17 December 10.30 am – 4.30 pm

at The Meditatio Centre, St Mark's Myddelton Square, London EC1R 1XX

Cost £30 Concessions £20

From the website of the World Community for Christian Meditation: "For several years now Fr Laurence has led a preparation day for Christmas right at one of the busiest times of the year. This season highlights the real priorities in our lifestyle. So often we are driven only by materialistic values and distractions. Yet Christmas dramatically transcends the dualism of Divine and Human or spiritual and material. This is the meaning of these particular days - that can renew us daily. Meditation puts the vision into practice and so will be an integral part of this day of preparation".

Tickets available by phone 020 7278 2070 or online at <http://meditatiocentreondon.org/>

TUESDAY: CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation is practised here on a weekly basis now **at the revised time of 8.30am on Tuesday morning following the Low Mass**. This form of silent, imageless prayer using a mantra or prayer word is rooted in the Gospel, the letters of St Paul and originated with the early Desert Fathers of the 4th century. Newcomers are welcome to share in this space which includes quiet music, a reading from the writings of the late Fr John Main, followed by 20 minutes of silent meditation.

WEDNESDAY: EVENING SERVICE AT 6.45PM

The daily mass is one of the privileges of our life here at St Paul's. Many people appreciate the reflective character of a weekday mass which lasts no longer than 25 minutes. The Wednesday Evening Service is slightly different in having a simple mass setting, hymn and homily followed by refreshments. Please consider making this part of your own practice.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK & DEPARTED

There is a book at the back of church for you to add names to be included in the weekly sheet. Names will be included for a period of four weeks, following which you will be asked if you would still like the name to be included in the weekly prayers.

DAILY MASS IN ADVENT

In order to enable us to accommodate some fifteen charity fundraiser carol services during Advent, we will operate a revised daily Mass schedule from Monday 28th November until Friday 23rd December. During this period the Mass will be celebrated at 12noon on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at 8am on Tuesday.

NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

The parish Advent Carol Service will take place at 6pm next Sunday 27th November. This is a free event to which all are warmly invited. Refreshments after the service sponsored by Harrods.



THE FOUNDATION CAROL SERVICE

Tickets for the Foundation Carol Service (adults £50 / children £25 in advance) to be held on Tuesday 6th December 2016 at 6:30pm are available on the parish website www.spkb.org. Refreshments sponsored by The Berkeley Hotel and Laurent-Perrier.

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The parish Christmas Carol Service will take place on Tuesday 20th December at 7:00pm. This is a free event and will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies provided by The Hari Hotel. All are warmly invited – do bring your friends!

The Ordo & Intercessions

There is a mass daily at St Paul's and all are welcome to attend. Service papers are available outside the Chapel or Chancel.

Diagram illustrating the structure of a service card for Tuesday 5 February – feria. The card contains the following text:

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;
- I will proclaim your name among the people

Annotations indicate the following elements:

- Date and observance
- Colour of vestments
- Response to the psalm
- Page where the lections are to be found

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 20 November: Christ the King

◇ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00.

Monday 21 November: feria

◇ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 796

R: The earth is the Lord's and all who dwell therein.

Tuesday 22 November: Cecilia

◇ Mass at 8:00; EH p. 592

R: My trust is in you, O Lord.

Wednesday 23 November: Clement

◇ Mass at 18:45; EH p. 532

R: Hear my teaching O my people, says God.

Thursday 24 November: feria

◇ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 804

R: Be joyful in the Lord, all the earth.

Friday 25 November: Catherine of Alexandria

◇ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 592 (Common of Martyrs)

R: Those who weep will return to God with joy.

Saturday 26 November: feria

◇ Mass at noon; Votive Mass of Our Lady; EH p. 457 (mass with Gloria)

R: The Holy Spirit will come upon you [Psalm 45 – p. 459].

We pray this week for:

- Bishop Richard and all involved in training and supporting clergy
- Fr Wall and the people of St Paul's, K Street, Washington DC
- Fr Alfredo and the people of All Saints, Nhamavila, Mozambique
- Wisdom to those who govern the nations of the world
- All people suffering the effects of storms and natural disaster
- The local business community in Belgravia

Among the sick and those in need:

Patricia Dopheide; Nick Samuelson; Simon Spence; John Watson; Michael Cooke; John King; Alain Jouret, William Guise; Shands Prevost; Ian Powe; Gregoriy Galitzine; John Udal; Dan Gadow; Mary Ann Brashler; William Guise; John Roberts; Juliette Gimon & Francis Faber.

We pray for all the recently departed

Tim Mason, Elizabeth Francis, and also for Esmeralda Tonge

We remember all those whose year's mind falls at this time.

Alfred Sydney Frederick Maitland	27 Nov
David Vick	28 Nov

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for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by
appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always
available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad
to be contacted at whatever hour, seven days a week;
however, as a general rule, Fr Alan is unavailable on
Mondays and Fr Louis is unavailable on Fridays.*

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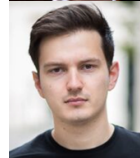
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