

Christ the King 2025

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As a small child I received from my Godfather, Uncle Victor a model castle he had made, and decorated, and presented with toy soldiers. At the back of this simple box like structure were painted some Grand doors to a chamber, and windows. Much as they were only images I spent what seems like hours wondering what magic was needed to open them and reveal what was inside.

My imagination lit up by the care and kindness of this very good man.

We shall celebrate that wonder in eternity

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On my travels on the mission in Kenya I came across a boy with a weeping wound on his leg. It would not heal I was told. So I took him to our catholic hospital. I arranged for operations to scrape the bone. I sorted out the expense. But the infection was in the bone. No surgery, no anti-biotics could heal the fault. In the end the only option as far as progress was concerned was amputation.

His Father refused. Knowing the life of a man with one leg, in the conditions they daily endured would be impossible. So both went home with the near certainty that the infection would spread and the boy would die

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My memory often turns to that child. I shall meet him again in eternity. We shall celebrate what little I did in eternity.

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And when today the grandchildren visit

Or you go out of your way for them

When you take on the challenge and push your body and soul out of apathy

Today as you greet a lonely soul

Or make a meal to enjoy

Today as the ordinary takes on eternal significance

We like the repentant thief may call upon Christ the King

Do I deserve?

Do you deserve?

And yet I know

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