TAIZÉ · ŁÓDŹ · 28 DECEMBER 2026 – 1 JANUARY 2027

Join us for Taizé!

Thousands of young people from all over Europe are coming to Łódź — and our parish is one of the host parishes. **You are warmly invited to take part:** young adults (18–35) in the whole meeting, and everyone in the prayer, the welcome and the help. Join our parish team — talk to the priest after Mass or call **+48 789 494 559**.

SUNDAY · 7 PM

Holy Mass in English

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

22 November 2026 · Year A · Solemnity

> *"Whatever you did to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."*
>
> Matthew 25:40

Welcome!

Whether you live in Łódź, study here or are just passing through — you are at home. This booklet has the people's responses and today's readings, so you can follow and pray along. Please take it with you.

We are just getting started

The first Mass in English in our parish was celebrated on **11 October 2026** — today is only the **7th**, and we are still building it together. Would you like to help — **read a reading, sing the psalm or the Alleluia, lead the hymns or play an instrument**? You can sign up for a reading, the psalm or the Alleluia in the calendar on our website, **krolowapokojulodz.pl/en**, or talk to the priest after Mass: **+48 789 494 559**.

Introductory Rites

GREETING

℣ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟ **Amen.**

℣ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

ALL

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(striking the breast)* **through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

℣ Lord, have mercy.
℟ **Lord, have mercy.**

℣ Christ, have mercy.
℟ **Christ, have mercy.**

℣ Lord, have mercy.
℟ **Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA

ALL

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

After the opening prayer, all answer: ℟ **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

Thus says the Lord God: I myself, even I, will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is amongst his sheep that are scattered abroad, so I will seek out my sheep. I will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

FIRST READING · CONTINUED

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will cause them to lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost, and will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong. I will feed them in justice.

As for you, O my flock, the Lord God says: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, the rams and the male goats.

℣ The word of the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

℟ **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

℟ **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

> He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

℟ **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over.

℟ **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

> Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the Lord's house forever.

℟ **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead. He became the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since death came by man, the resurrection of the dead also came by man. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then those who are Christ's at his coming.

Then the end comes, when he will deliver up the Kingdom to God the Father, when he will have abolished all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death. When all things have been subjected to him, then the Son will also himself be subjected to him who subjected all things to him, that God may be all in all.

℣ The word of the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

Mark 11:9, 10

℟ **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

℟ **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

℣ The Lord be with you. ℟ **And with your spirit.**

℣ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

℟ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. Before him all the nations will be gathered, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

"Then the King will tell those on his right hand, 'Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you took me in. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and take you in, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and come to you?'

"The King will answer them, 'Most certainly I tell you, because you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Then he will say also to those on the left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you did not give me food to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and you did not take me in; naked, and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.'

"Then they will also answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not help you?'

"Then he will answer them, saying, 'Most certainly I tell you, because you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

℣ The Gospel of the Lord.

℟ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH · NICENE CREED

ALL

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *(all bow)* **and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Christ our King comes to us in the least of our brothers and sisters. With trust let us pray to the Father for the whole world.

1. For the Church: that she may serve Christ the King in the hungry, the stranger and the sick.
2. For all who hold authority: that they may govern with justice and care first for the weakest.
3. For all who are hungry, homeless, sick or in prison, and for all who feel like strangers here: that they may meet Christ in us.
4. For the young pilgrims coming to Łódź for the Taizé meeting and for the families who will welcome them: that they may receive one another as Christ.
5. For our faithful departed: that the Good Shepherd may lead them into his Kingdom.

After each intention: Let us pray to the Lord. — **Lord, hear our prayer.** *At the end:* **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

℣ Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation… bread to offer you: it will become for us the bread of life.

℟ **Blessed be God for ever.**

℣ …wine to offer you: it will become our spiritual drink.

℟ **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

℟ **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings —

℟ **Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

℣ Lift up your hearts.

℟ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

℣ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟ **It is right and just.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ALL

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

℣ The mystery of faith.

℟ **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

GREAT AMEN

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

℟ **Amen.**

Communion Rite

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ALL

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil… as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

℟ **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

SIGN OF PEACE

℣ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. ALL

COMMUNION

℣ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

℟ **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Receiving Communion: The Body of Christ. — **Amen.** *If you are not receiving Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing with your arms crossed over your chest.*

Concluding Rites

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ **And with your spirit.**

℣ May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

℟ **Amen.**

℣ Go forth, the Mass is ended.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

Stay in touch

HOLY MASS IN ENGLISH

Every Sunday at 7 pm

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THINK ABOUT IT THIS WEEK

Where did Christ the King come to me this week – and did I recognise him?

TAIZÉ EUROPEAN YOUTH MEETING · ŁÓDŹ

28 December 2026 – 1 January 2027. Our parish will welcome young pilgrims from all over Europe. Would you like to help or host someone? Talk to us after Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY · 29 NOVEMBER · 7 PM

First Sunday of Advent — a new liturgical year begins. Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7 · Psalm 80 · 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 · Mark 13:33–37

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Readings: World English Bible (public domain), adapted. At Mass the Lectionary text is read, so wording may differ slightly.