



Feast of Christ the King

24th November / 25th November

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS MASSES: NO MASSES WHILE FR MARTIN ON HOLIDAYS

**Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
on Wednesdays during November 9.30am**

RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM (not available
while Fr Martin on holidays)**

BAPTISMS—By appointment

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661

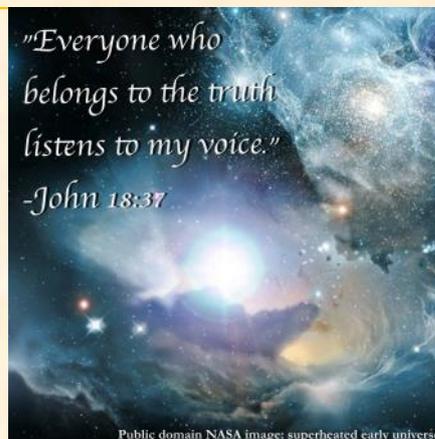
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Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

(Dianne Bergant CSS)

Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kit Clancy, John Grogan, Bill Cummins, Sr Mary Crowe, Rita Anderson, Mac Terlikowski.

ANNIVERSARIES: Edith Warren, Richard Warren, Kevin Loughry, Sr Barbara Murray, Margaret Russell, John Dale, Mark Conlon, Lawrence Loughran, Anne Mitchell, Lorrie Quigley, Beatrice Purvey, Bob Tuziak, Gabe Farrah, Eileen Ryan, Sarah Caton, Br Trevor Kimble, Addie Mathieson, Christine Benson, Kathleen Berg, Virgil Lindley, Daisy Hobdell, Daniel O'Connor, Cecil Woodhouse, Peter Hickey, Elsie Esler, Margaret Kane, Jim McLaughlin, Albert Gorkom, Mary Bourke, John Robinson, William Mulquiney, Jane Waite.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.

May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 24th / 25th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Colleen Day	Richard Parkinson
Lector 1	Nano Clancy	Leanne Michael
Lector 2	Justin Clancy	Terry Hillman
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Regan Anna Farrell	Fran Kernaghan Kevin Kennedy MACE Sisters
Cantor		Catherine Cutler/Judy Lindsay
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Peter Toner & Gordon Bryant Cleaning Group: Group 4		

Sat /Sun: 1st / 2nd December

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Brian Waters	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 1	Virginia Mitsch	Cathy Nyhan
Lector 2	Paula Waters	Gavin Dykes
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins Pauline Mulquiney	Frank Glennon Marjorie Serbinek Sue Hayhoe
Cantor	Margret & Ed Brown	Simon Goss
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts Cleaning Group: Group 5		

Prayer for Plenary Council

Come Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop pray for us.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD SOMETIMES BUILD THEMSELVES ON ARROGANCE, RIVALRY, OPPRESSION; THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST IS 'A KINGDOM OF JUSTICE, LOVE AND PEACE.'"

Parish News

Fr John Frauenfelder 's 50th Anniversary

On 10th December Fr John celebrates 50 years of Priesthood. He was ordained in the Sacred Heart Church North Albury on 10th December 1968.

To recognise the event Fr John will celebrate the 9.30m Mass on Sunday 9th December followed by morning tea in the Hall. A plate of goodies would be much appreciated for the morning tea.

A large card will be available for you to sign or write a few words of appreciation to Fr John, at back of church for next couple of weekends.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

With the start of Advent next weekend we will start collecting to support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Donations of gifts (unwrapped) suitable for children up to 12 years, \$20 Gift Vouchers, monetary donations or non-perishable food items would be most gratefully accepted. Please leave these gifts in the baskets provided at the entrances to the Church.

'Saviour' - Advent Daily Reflection Booklet

We have obtained a number of booklets from the Wollongong Diocese to provide an opportunity for us to be still each day and listen to God with the daily Advent reflections provided. Please take a free copy from church entrances.

Christmas Concert

Murray Conservatorium Choir will present its Christmas concert on Friday 7 Dec at Walla Lutheran Church 7.30pm; St Matthew's Albury on Saturday 8 Dec at 7.30pm and St John's Wodonga on Sunday 9 Dec at 2.30pm. The choir will be accompanied by an orchestra in Vivaldi's magnificent *Gloria*. There will also be carols by the choir and carols for the audience to sing. Tickets \$25; \$20 concession; Under 18 free.

Palms Australia

Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar and Samoa. **Join a Palms Encounter in 2019: Timor Leste- April 7-19 & Sept 1-13; Samoa - June 7-19; Myanmar- Nov 16-28.** Go to: www.palms.org.au/encounters

Parish Plenary Council 2020 Discussion Group

Thank you to all who turned up for our discussion group last Tuesday. The follow up meetings will occur on Tuesday 27 November 2pm—3.30pm and Thursday 29 November 7.30pm—9pm. All meetings will take place in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Please contact Catherine on 0419 518 791.

November Book Of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy Souls. Our Book of Life will be displayed at front of Church during November. If you would like to add family members to this book there are sheets of paper and sleeves inside front of Book.

November Mass Envelopes are available at Church entrances if you wish to request a Mass or prayers for your deceased family members or friends.

Outreach Group

A short meeting of the Outreach Group will be held after the next parish morning tea on the 9th December. If unable to be present please ring Barbara on 6021 7868.

Outreach Visitation

It is planned to begin visitation of Parishioners who are ill, unable to come to Mass, bereaved, live by themselves etc in mid February 2019.

If you would appreciate seeing a friendly face or two, we would love to call on you in your home or nursing home.

So that plans can be made can you please contact the Parish Office on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9am to 2pm on 6025 1516. Please leave your name and phone number and preferred day for visitation.

Working Bee

We are holding a working bee to tidy up and weed gardens on Saturday 1 December from 8.30am.

St Vincent de Paul

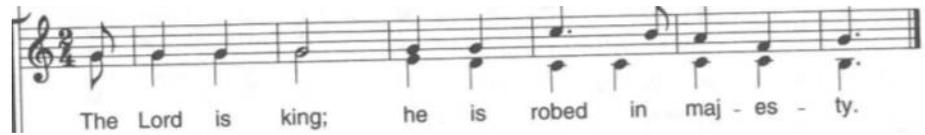
Columban Calendars & Christmas Cards
Are now available for sale at back of Church
Calendars x \$9 each
Pk of 10 cards x \$6

Liturgy of the Word

Feast of Christ the King—Year B

Readings: Dan 7: 13-14; Apoc 1: 5-8; John 18: 33-37

Responsorial Psalm:



The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Reflection on the Readings

This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine – Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.

Jesus says to Pilate that he came into the world 'to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' That is where today's gospel passage finishes but as the gospel continues on, Pilate famously asks Jesus 'What is truth?' and the question is left dangling; unanswered. The truth Jesus has borne witness to is the truth of his whole life – the revelation of God's love for humanity. It is for proclaiming this truth that Jesus is placed on trial and is brought before Pilate.

When Jesus speaks about the Kingdom of God he never gives a particularly clear picture of what he means. He usually refers to the kingdom with metaphoric language ('the kingdom of God is like ...') and often the kingdom is defined by what it is not. The kingdom is also a real contradiction: it is here and now and yet it is still to come; it is almost impossible for some to enter the kingdom while others are assured a place; it is within us and in our hearts and yet is a great banquet to which all are invited.

(Greg Sunter)

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