



Feast of Christ the King 21st / 22nd November 2020

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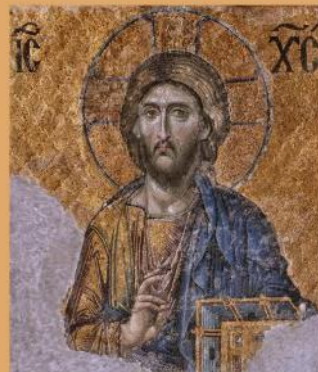
Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: No weekday Masses this week

Feast of Christ the King



Today's solemnity of Christ the King ends the Church's liturgical year on a high point. Perhaps, after the year we have had, we need, more than ever, to savour the full title of this feast: 'Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe'.

So that God 'may be all in all' (**Second Reading**) Christ is, indeed, king over the whole universe.

Though we may have felt – and perhaps still feel – 'scattered, during the mist and darkness' of 2020, God keeps the flock always in view (**First Reading**) and will show us where to rest. We are not abandoned. Rather, the care of the one, true, kingly shepherd means we really shall want for nothing (**Psalm**).

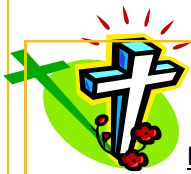
The call of this Shepherd King is heard in the Gospel, inviting us to a share, both in his service of others, especially to the very least, and in his very life. This week, let's try to be open to that call and respond with joyful and generous hearts.

How can I respond to this invitation in the here and now? I ask to see, ever more keenly, Christ present to me in all circumstances.



*As often as you did it for one
of my least brothers, you did
it for me.*

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jean Parker, Margaret Liston, Sandi McDonald, Trixie Stephens, Frances Nelson, Therese Mannix, Kevin McGoran, Marie Thomas, Jean Hogan, John Perrett, Terry Phegan, Sebastiana Lazzara.

ANNIVERSARIES: Marlene Mirani, Kevin Loughry, Les Coward, Sr Barbara Murray, Margaret Russell, John Dale, Mark Conlon, Lawrence Loughran, Beatrice Purvey, Jean Painter, Irene Monk, Ita Whitty, James Briscoe, Bob Tuziak, Gabe Farrah, Eileen Ryan, Hugh McKenzie-McHarg, Laurence Wenke, Addie Mathieson, Christine Benson, Ellen Esler, Virgil Lindley, Raymond Dickenson, Peter Hickey, Elsie Esler, Margaret Kane, Jim McLaughlin, Albert Gorkom, Mary Bourke, Christine Glennon.
Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, eternal Love of the Father and the Son,
kindly bestow on us:

the fruit of love, that we may be united to you by divine love;

the fruit of joy, that we may be filled with holy consolation;

the fruit of peace, that we may enjoy tranquillity of soul;

the fruit of patience, that we may endure humbly everything that may be opposed to our own desires.

Infuse in us **the fruit of kindness**,
that we may willingly relieve our neighbour's necessities;

the fruit of goodness,
that we may be benevolent toward all;

the fruit of faithfulness,
that we may not be discouraged by delay but may persevere in prayer;

the fruit of gentleness, in all our dealings with our neighbour.

Creator Spirit, graciously impart to us **the fruit of self-control**,
that we may rely with assured confidence on the word of God; according to the words of the Gospel, to see God eternally in the glory of his kingdom. Amen

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

Prayer for Pope Francis World Day of the Poor (15th November)

Christ our Lord, your light shines into the shadows, and shows us where the obstacles to change lie.

We know that often they are in our own hearts, in the way we live, and in our daily choices and actions.

We pray that we may accept the light of your love as a challenge to change ourselves and our world.

We pray that, each day, we make the choices and take the actions that will bring an end to poverty and hunger, and lead us all towards a fairer world. Be with us, Lord, as we face your challenge and learn how to live our lives in love. Amen.

Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"If we do not want to live life poorly, let us ask for the grace to see Jesus in the poor, to serve Jesus in the poor."

Parish News

Advent 2020 with Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy

Join me and people all around the world and Expect the Unexpected!

Sign up for a free daily email devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent.

Starting November 29th you'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be! Register now or for more info go to: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent>
Email: info@brucedownes.org

Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment. See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au



UPDATED COVID-19 DIOCESAN PROTOCOLS

If you are feeling unwell, have a cough or cold, sore throat or flu like symptoms please do not attend our physical gatherings as this puts others as well as yourself at risk.

After having your name registered or ticked off please use the hand sanitiser located at the four entrance points of the church at the beginning of our liturgical celebration and as you leave the church building.

Communion will begin with those on the car park side and then move to those seated on the Swan Street side. Please allow space between each recipient.

Eucharist

Holy Communion in the hand only.

Sacred Host to be offered only, not the Precious Blood.

No touching at the sign of peace.

No offertory procession.

No congregational singing.

No collection plates are to be used, but money/envelopes placed at collection points.

Face Masks

In public spaces and religious and social gatherings where social distancing is an issue it is recommended that face masks to be worn.

Memorial Plaques

Plaques in the Sacred Heart Memorial Garden in remembrance of loved ones are still available. The cost is usually around \$250. It takes approximately eight weeks from the time of ordering to delivery. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque please contact the parish office and you will be provided.

Staff Appointments: St Anne's Primary School

Elizabeth O Carrigan the current Director of Schools for the Diocese of Wagga Wagga has announced that Mrs Leanne Allibon has been appointed Assistant Principal and Mrs Cassandra Jones Religious Education Co-Ordinator for 2021 and beyond.

Both Leanne and Cassandra are members of our parish community. Please continue to pray for them as they undertake these significant leadership roles.

Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2020

The parish has once again purchased copies of the Advent / Christmas Daily Prayer Reflections produced by the Diocese of Wollongong. Inspired by the shepherds, Magi and Mary & Joseph this year's reflection book Adore provides a wonderful opportunity for us to take a quiet step out of our daily lives and refocus our attention on the Lord in adoration of what he has done for us through his Son.

If you would find this way of praying useful please take your free copy or distribute to someone confined to their homes or places of care.

Australian Catholics—Parish Edition—Summer 2020/21

Pilgrim Life—In his autobiography, St Ignatius Loyola describes himself as 'the pilgrim'. He considered his life as one long journey through which he sought to know, and become closer to God. What if we also viewed our whole lives as pilgrimages? How does that shape our life choices, our journeys and our encounters with others?

In this edition we explore how our life journeys - with all their twists and turns, joys and challenges - can inevitably lead us into a deeper relationship with God, if only we remain open to that possibility.

Please take and distribute your free copies.

November Book of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy Souls. Our Book of Life will be displayed at the front of the 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.



Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the prophet Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest—it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 23

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

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me rest. **R**

Near restful waters he leads me,
To revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow
me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all die in Adam, so all will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all. The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia , alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25: 31-46 (Abridged)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate people one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats.

'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you ... and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.' The Gospel of the Lord