



*Sacred Heart Parish, North Albury, pays respect to the Wiradjuri people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God. We acknowledge with respect elders past, present and emerging.*

## Feast of Christ the King 20th / 21st November 2021

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### Mass Times

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm**

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am**

**NO Weekday Masses scheduled between Monday 8 November and Friday 3 December inclusive.**

**Live-streaming on Sunday 9.30am Mass by accessing our website**



The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, brings the Church's year to a close, and calls us to celebrate again Jesus's victory over suffering and death.

As servants, we offer all that we are, and invite him to reign within our hearts, so that we can play our part in bringing God's truth, love, justice and peace to the world.

Foretelling the coming of Jesus, the First Reading describes Daniel's vision of a 'son of man' coming on the clouds of heaven to be crowned King, with everlasting sovereignty, ruling over an empire that will never be destroyed. Such is his glory that people of all nations and languages become his servants.

The Psalm rejoices in the glory of the Lord – the king with majesty enrobed. Through the verses, we are told of the eternal nature of the Lord's power and the trust we can place in him. Again in the Second Reading, Jesus is described as coming on the clouds and as ruler of the kings of the earth. The depth of his love for us has been shown by his sacrifice on the cross, and brings us ever closer to the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

In the Gospel, we witness the scene in which Pilate asks Jesus the question, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' In his reply, Jesus speaks of a kingdom in which those who seek the truth listen to his voice and follow his ways.

This week, we ask God for the grace to open our hearts and minds to the needs of those who do not yet know his voice. We pray that by the service of our lives we will draw others to his loving embrace.



# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Keane, Helena Bylard, Dennis Hanily, Nita Smith, Matthew West, William Smith, Alan McCallum, Margaret Doyle, Tony Whiting, Pat O'Shaughnessy.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Corrie Van Lint, Jean Parker, Margaret Liston, Marlene Mirani, Paul McDonald, Ellen Hagan, Kevin Loughry, Les Coward, Sr Therese Esler, Sr Mary Clancy, Sr Barbara Murray, Margaret Russell, Mark Conlon, Lawrence Loughran, Jean Painter, Irene Monk, Ita Whitty, James Briscoe, Gabe Farrah, Frank Esler Jnr, Hugh McKenzie-McHarg, Wally Hirst, Lawrence Wenke, Christine Benson, Gill Baxter, Brian Oliver, Ellen Esler, Vera Peric, Wolly Larowicz, Virgil Lindley.  
*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: 20th / 21st November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Colleen Day	Richard Parkinson
<b>Lector 1</b>	Kellie Gordes	Mercedes Goss
<b>Lector 2</b>	Jasmine Gordes	Ann McIntyre
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pauline Mulquiney	Carey Menz-Dowling
<b>Cantor</b>	Catherine Cutler & Judy Lindsay	Simon Goss
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	Val Hayes

**Counters: Margaret Brown & Moira Porta (Group 8) Monday**

Sat / Sun: 27th / 28th November

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian Mitchelhill	Roy Thompson
<b>Lector 1</b>	Sr Carina Morton	Lorraine Willis
<b>Lector 2</b>	Paula Waters	Rom Hayes
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Michael Regan	Moira Porta
<b>Cantor</b>	Brian Waters	Bernadette & Wendy
<b>Musicians</b>	Mary Hunt	

**Counters: Anne Gordes & Lorraine Willis (Group 9) Sunday**

### Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

“ Jesus Christ is the King who reigns not by dominating us but by freeing us from all that prevents us from loving and being loved.”

## Pope Francis Prayer for the Earth

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is. God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen.

# Parish News

## Advent Prayer Resource—New Life In Christ

This resource has been written primarily for busy individuals. For many of us finding even a few minutes a day to pray and reflect can be challenging; but that's enough, for the desire to pray comes from a heart searching for God. It is not about how good you are at prayer. It's not about how holy you feel during or afterwards. It's about the fact that you raise your heart and your mind to God sending him the signal that you're interested. God will sort out the rest.

Each day's offering follows a simple format: a scripture reading followed by a reflection inspired by that reading and some relevant ideas from two recent documents from Pope Francis, and one from the Congregation for the Clergy on parish life and renewal. Each day's reflection offers a question to aid personal meditation and prayer, with the possibility of helping a discussion for those who would like to meet together.

The scripture readings are taken from the Mass for the days of Advent. However, they are relevant at any stage of the year. No attempt is made to present the readings in their entirety. Instead, the focus has been on locating those parts of the readings that we can easily overlook. It is very easy to skim over parts of God's Word in our familiarity and fail to recognize its depth and wonder.

A Church dominated by a homogenous superficial 'niceness' is not a life-giving experience. We must learn what it means to wrestle with important issues, listen to and challenge one another while always remembering that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. You can use as little or as much of what is provided as it suits you. You can use it more than once. You might sit down and write your own reflection in response to what you have read and your prayer. In the end, do what works for you: keep faithful to your few minutes of raising your heart to God each day. It is the path to new life in Christ for which you are looking.

Hopefully, you will find this a useful and invigorating prayer resource. Please take a free copy at church entrances.

## Australian Catholics

The summer edition of Australian Catholics has arrived. As we draw near to the Christmas Season this edition focusses on the nature of "Love and Relationships".

Jesus spoke continually about love. In Matthew 22:36-40 he summed up the commandments into two: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. (Second) Love your neighbour as yourself.' Again, at the Last Supper he said, 'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' (John 13:34).

How do we love our family, our neighbours, our planet, our spouse? Are our relationships giving? Are they rooted in respect for ourselves as well as the others around us? In this edition we explore the various iterations of love.

Please take and distribute your free copies.

## Thanks for Your Generosity to Catholic Mission Appeal

On behalf of the children at the Kindergarten Centre, Sister Chalaad and the staff at the Centre, thank you so much for your generous support through the Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your gift is helping to ensuring that Kusa and many more children like him are given education and opportunity. Your generosity is also supporting many other mission programs for children and communities around the world.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit: [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work) where you can also subscribe to our regular newsletter.

So far our parish has raised \$1,342.

## 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. Our Sunday 9.30am celebration of the Eucharist continues to be live streamed. This can be accessed by website:

<http://sacredheartnorthalbury.com/>

It makes our digital processing of attendees much easier if you use the QR code provided at all church entrances.

Otherwise, please continue to use the paper register provided or have your name and contact details ticked off by one of our parish welcomers.

- Attendance at places of worship is limited to one person per **two** square metres.
- Physical distancing is to be practiced. People from different households are to remain 1.5m apart.
- Masks are to be worn in all indoor non-residential settings (ie churches).
- Singing by the congregation at indoor places of worship is not allowed.

## 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 the front of the book.

*"They whom we love and lost are no longer where they were before. They are now where ever we are"*  
(St John Chryostom)

## 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 with a sample order form.

## Pastoral Parish Council

Please note change of date for our Pastoral Parish Council Meeting to Thursday 9th December at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall.

# Liturgy of the Word

## **First reading: Daniel 7: 13-14**

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men and women of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord

## **Responsorial Psalm 92**

( When the Psalm is sung, the words will vary slightly but the meaning remains the same.)

***Response: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.***

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself with might,  
he has girded himself with power. **R**

The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of old.

From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R**

Truly, your degrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time. **R**



## **A reading from the Apocalypse 1: 5-8**

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever.

Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

## **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!

## **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 18: 33-37**

Are you the King of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you say this of your own accord or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king

then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it', answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear testimony to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'  
The Gospel of the Lord.