

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

‘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 brothers 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 hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, 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

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

A limited number (25 only) is available at the main entrance of the church. Proceeds help both the Mission and Vinnies. Please place \$10 in the attached envelope and then put the envelope in one of the Poor Boxes.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today’s Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus’ discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew’s Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew’s report on Jesus’ life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus’ Passion and Resurrection.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week’s parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today’s Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew’s Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

By supporting the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal you will assist in two ways. At a local level our member volunteers will be able to offer assistance directly to families and individuals in dire need and facing poverty. At a broader level, you will be contributing to the large and varied network of short and long term support services for people in SA who need specialised care.

TO DONATE; On each pew there are Vinnies Envelopes. Please take one and then return it the following week to the Poor Boxes at each entrance or by Post. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. If you require a receipt please include your name and address with your donation.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We invite parishioners to donate items for hampers in the coming weeks up to Wednesday 13 December. Members will be packing 50 hampers on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 and distributing them to those in need on Saturday morning 16 December. Suggestions for suitable items are on a notice at each door. Unfortunately, no home-made goods can be accepted (OHSW) nor can chocolate (it melts). please leave your donated items in shopping bags at the main entrance.



Parish Bulletin

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Yr A 25/26 Nov 2023

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.



WELCOME INTO THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU

Neither baptism nor the profession of faith in Christ guarantees our entry into Christ’s kingdom. What is most important is the way we treat the least of Christ’s brothers and sisters. What we do for them we do for Christ. By our care for them, we reveal that our profession of faith at Mass is more than just words.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Apoc 5:12;1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

The month of November has traditionally been dedicated to the prayers for the deceased. Please collect the November envelope and write the names of your loved ones you wish to pray for.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

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
Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

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

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

2. 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**

3. 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**

4. 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**

SECOND READING
1 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 men die in Adam, so all men 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, for everything is to be *put under his feet*. 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.

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Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesday after Mass

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Vinnies Assistance Hotline

1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—2 –3 Dec 2023 1st Week Advent	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Josh Page Michelle Page
9:30am	Sandy Mazzarolo Ann Mary Kollarackal Jake Kollarackal
Children's Liturgy	Nickie Palumbo Jessie Yesudas P
Count team	Peggy Buckler Gareth West Doreen Ryan Wendy Rahaley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass	
SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	18-19Nov 2023
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$360.00
Open Plate	\$373.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$733.00

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$478.00

Young Adult Summer Eco Camp – February 7-12 2024

This four-day event is for students and any young adults (18-35) who have a concern for the care of Earth. Participants will engage with the local natural environment, hear inspiring speakers and have time to reflect and share. Through attentiveness to Earth and each other, it is envisaged that participants will feel empowered to act for the care of our planet with hope. For more details see <https://jisa.org.au/2024-young-adult-summer-eco-camp/>



Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Fr Michael Doherty, who died on 18 Nov 2023

Death Anniversary:

Anna Ngo
Joyce & Francis Halliwell

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.



Pope Francis @pontifex

Let us continue to pray for tormented Ukraine, and for the populations of Palestine and Israel. Peace is possible. Let us not resign ourselves to war! And let us not forget that war is always, always, always a defeat: the only ones to gain are arms manufacturers.

WELCOME

Isaac TYSON

To God's family through Baptism on 25 November 2023



Our prayers and blessings to you and your family

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM



The Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King, also called the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, on the last Sunday of the Liturgical year. The Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas*, to respond to a world that was rejecting Christ and was being dominated by secularism. Pope Pius hoped that the establishment of this feast would bring about the following:

1. That this annual celebration would assist the faithful to gain strength in their true King, Jesus Christ;
 2. That leaders and nations would recognise that they are bound to submit and give respect to Christ the King;
 3. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state. In these times when we are challenged in our faith and our ability to worship together, let us remember that Jesus Christ is Our King who reigns forever.
 4. That individuals should honour and recognise Jesus as their 'Sovereign King' and emulate his total gift of self, perfectly embodied on the Cross. In imitation of their thorn-crowned King, individuals can help bring love and relief to those who suffer and help to proclaim the Good News of the Reign of Christ in the world today.
- 1) We need to recognize and appreciate Christ's presence within us and surrender our lives to Christ's rule: Since Christ, our King, lives in our hearts with the Holy Spirit and His Heavenly Father and fills our souls with His grace, we need to learn to surrender our lives to Him, to live in His Holy Presence, and to do God's will by sharing His forgiving love with others around us. Aware of His presence in the Bible, in the Sacraments, and in the worshipping community, we need to listen and talk to Him. 2) We need to learn to be servers: Since Christ was a Servant-King we are invited to be His loyal citizens by rendering humble service to others and by sharing Christ's mercy and forgiveness with others. 3) We need to use our authority to support the rule of Jesus. This feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority in the public or the private realms to use it for Jesus by bearing witness to Him in the way we live. Parents are expected to use their God-given authority to train their children in Christian ideals and in the ways of committed Christian living. 4) We need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love. Jesus, who came to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God's love and salvation, gave us His new commandment of love: "Love one another as I have loved you," (Jn 13:34), and demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus already loves us — unconditionally, sacrificially, and with *agape* love.

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of Christ the King
November 26th, 2023



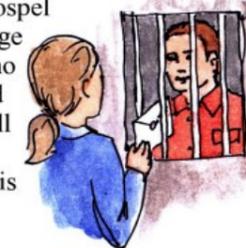
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What does God say about His people in the first reading?
Use the code to find out some of what He said.

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Whatever you do to others...

Jesus is a fair king. In today's Gospel reading, He tells us how He will judge people at the end of time. Those who were good to God will be saved, and those who were not good to Him will be condemned. Whoever is good to others is good to God, and whoever is unkind to others is unkind to God.



Our Lord cares so much about His people that He will judge us according to how we treat each other. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the King, and He cares about every one of us specially. Imagine a king who came to see every one of his subjects to make sure that they were doing okay. Well, Jesus does more than that- He died for us on the cross! He looks after us all the time, and He says that anyone who is unkind to us will be judged as being unkind to Him.



Christ the King is the just judge. How do you think you will be judged when you die, or at the end of time? Are you kind to others? Do you ever think about how you would treat Jesus if He were here? Do you treat other people the way you would treat Jesus?



Answers to front page: I myself will pasture them. Answer to match-up puzzle: 1. you gave me food, 2. you gave me drink, 3. you welcomed me, 4. you clothed me, 5. you cared for me, 6. you visited me.