

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!

GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.



Parish Bulletin

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C

22/23 Nov 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 5:1-3

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 121:1-5

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say; 'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R**
3. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **R**

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross. **The word of the Lord**

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom

BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH

With a wooden cross for a throne, at a place where thieves were crucified, the king of the Jews meted out a judgement to a common thief: 'this day you will be with me in paradise'. This king can still be found among the criminals and outcasts of our society, in the worst parts of our cities and towns. Worshipping him in the least of our brothers and sisters, we too will experience his compassionate judgement.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today-our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Retreat Morning with Fr Tom at the Monastery

On December 6 at 9am, join Fr Tom McDonough CP for his first Morning Reflection 'Waiting in Hope'. This morning will reflect on the Season of Advent and how time itself is sacramental, offering different gifts and graces, a different way of living and prayer. Morning tea will be provided and participants are welcome to bring a packed lunch to enjoy in The Monastery Gardens. Spaces are limited for this event, please contact The Monastery office to register by December 1. Phone 8338 8700 or email officeadmin@themonastery.net.au
*Suggested donation of \$25

Farewell for Fr Anthoni Adimai

At Newton

All welcome on **Friday 28th November at St Francis of Assisi Church, Newton** in giving thanks and wishing farewell to Fr Anthoni as he takes on his new role as Superior General of the Order of St. Eugene de Mazenod.

Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 6pm. Following Mass, you are invited to attend a gathering in the Parish Hall.

Savory food and drinks will be supplied.

A Farewell to Fr. Anthoni
At St Joseph's Church Tranmere
on Sunday 30th November 2025
Morning Tea following 9:30am mass
You are warmly invited to join us as we farewell Fr. Anthoni and thank him for his faithful service.



St Joseph's Catholic Church
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Mass Times
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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1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

ROSTERS— 29/30 Nov 2025 First Sunday of Advent	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Michelle Page Fil Ciancio
9:30am	Alan Tyson Aloysius Achusiogu Ifeoma Achusiogu
Children's Liturgy	Antonetta Bartley Charlotte Bartley
Count team	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Sandra Librandi Shane Foley
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	15/16 Nov 2025
Open Plate	\$374.65
Planned Giving	\$343.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$717.65
Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund	\$722.15

CALLING ALL Liturgy Volunteers for Christmas Masses

We are seeking volunteers to assist with liturgical roles for our Christmas Masses. If you are available and would like to be involved, please add your name to the Christmas Roster posted on the Eastern entrance door. Your support and participation will help make our celebration special. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Vincenzo Marchetti
Death Anniversary:
Leo Ryan
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.

Book Launch - Pope Francis: The Disruptive Pilgrim's Guide
Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO has written: *Pope Francis: The Disruptive Pilgrim's Guide*, published by ATF Press. The book will be launched at **St Ignatius Hall, Norwood**, at **2pm** on the afternoon of **Tuesday December 9 2025**. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD will officially launch the Book.

ROSTERS 2026 & VOLUNTEERS UPDATES

A heartfelt thank you to all who continue to support our parish through your generous service.

We are now preparing our 2026 Rosters. **If your contact details have changed, please let us know by:**

- Emailing the parish office info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au
- Or completing and returning the Parishioner Contact Details Form, available at all church entrance.

For communication purposes, your contact details may be shared within your relevant volunteer groups. If you prefer not to have your details shared, please let us know.

Your timely updates help us stay connected and organised. Thank you!

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Walking Together Through Advent - 2025 Advent Reflection Resource
Advent is a time of waiting, watching and preparing for the coming of Christ into our midst – Emmanuel, God with us. As we prepare for the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod, we are invited to listen to the Word of God and to one another. The Advent season offers us time and space for shared reflection. *Walking Together Through Advent*, is the 2025 Advent group reflection resource from the Archdiocese and is now available at your parish or online at www.togetheronetheway.au/resources.

Advent Reflections 2025 'The coming of Jesus in 2025'
Hallett Cove Catholic Church at 7pm, Wednesday December 3, 10, 17 and Monday 22 December 22
Mercy Centre, 4 Victoria St. Mile End at 10am Monday 1, 8, 15, 22 December
Presenter: Kevin Liston.
SA Catholics for an Evolving Church (SACEC)
For more information and to register for pre-reading: E: Kevin.liston1@gmail.com or Ph: 0411 197 829.

Embrace Life Forum: Understanding Palliative and End of Life Care - A Catholic Perspective
Tuesday December 2 | 6pm-7.30pm | Cathedral Hall (free parking)
Join us for a compassionate and informative workshop where we reaffirm the sacred dignity of every person, explore the essentials of holistic palliative and end-of-life care, share examples from Calvary's physical, emotional, spiritual, and practical support, and provide space to answer your questions. **Guest Speakers: Dr Mark McCarthy** - Regional Director of Mission (Calvary Healthcare, SA & NT) and **Kevin Hardy** - Deputy Director of Clinical Services Palliative Care (Calvary North Adelaide Hospital). **All Welcome.** (flyer attached)
Embrace Life is an initiative of the **Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide** promoting the dignity of every human life. **For more information:** Please contact the office of Justice Healing and Inclusion at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au

National Gathering - The World Community for Christian Meditation Australia
The World Community for Christian Meditation Australia will have an in-person National Gathering on Friday evening November 28, 7pm to Saturday November 29, 3.30pm at St Saviour's Anglican Church, 596 Portrush Road, Glen Osmond. The theme is "Simplicity of Stillness: living into Mystery with Meister Eckhart". The speaker is Mark Burrows, an award-winning poet, translator and scholar in medieval mysticism. He has led retreats for WCCM in Bonnevaux, and various events for Spiritual Directors International. Further information and registration forms at <https://wccmaustralia.org.au/>

The Kids' Bulletin
www.thekidsbulletin.com

 **Christ the King**
Word-Find

J E C H U R C H S P	See if you can find all the words from the list at the bottom. Then put the leftover letters in the spaces to find a little prayer you can say any time.
U T H R O N E S H E	
W O R L D L O V E A	
Y F I J U D G E A C	
J E S U S O O U V E	
A A T S R M E K E C	
M R Y T K I I I N R	
B E G I N N I N G E	
H A P C L I R G O A	
I R O E O O U D D T	
G T O N R N L O G O	
H H R E D E E M E R	
BEGINNING	
CHRIST	
CHURCH	
CREATOR	
DOMINION	
EARTH	
FEAR	
GOD	
HEAVEN	
HIGH	
JESUS	
JUDGE	
JUSTICE	
KINGDOM	
LORD	
LOVE	
PEACE	
POOR	
REDEEMER	
RULE	
THRONE	
WORLD	



Christ is the King!


Today is the feast of Christ the King. When Jesus was on earth, many of His followers thought that He was going to be a normal sort of king, with a kingdom and soldiers and everything. Is that what Jesus did?

Before He died, Jesus said that His kingdom was not in this world. Do you know where Jesus' kingdom is?

Did you know that the Kingdom of Heaven is not just in Heaven? It's in the soul of every person who follows Jesus. Do you try to be like Jesus? Is He your king?

Here is a little prayer you can say to Jesus any time you think of Him, maybe every time you see a picture of Him:
Jesus, you are my King and my God and I love you. Help me to be your good servant!

Make sure you do something special today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King!



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Answer to Word-Find puzzle: Jesus, you are my King!