

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year C 23rd - 24th November 2019

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel 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: Ps 121:1-5

R/ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

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

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9, 10

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 him 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

To recognise and honour the Kingship of Christ is to know our humanity in all humility and gratitude. It is to receive the gift of salvation from one like us in all things but sin, and it is to be drawn so close to Christ's suffering in our lives that we can ask through suffering to be re-membered – placed with Christ in the Reign of perfect mercy and everlasting joy.



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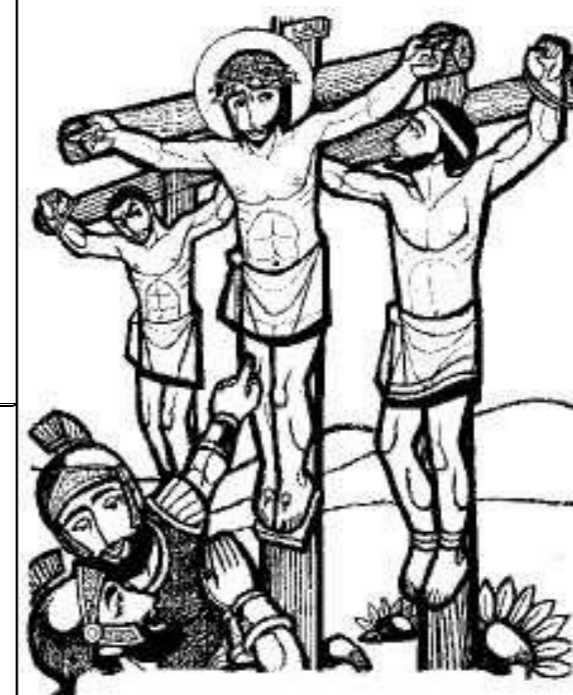
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Jesus Remember Me

In 1925, at a time when the world was reeling from the horrors of World War 1 and shocked by the brutality and destruction of the conflict between so-called civilised Christian nations, Pope Pius XI decided it was time to challenge rising hostile powers of the world by instituting the Feast of Christ, King of the Universe.

In a Western society where democratic rule is 'professed' if not actually practised, the notion of "kingship" may bring to mind images of wealth, elitism and remoteness from people. But the image set before us today is not of one arrayed in lavish royal robes, decked with a golden-gemmed crown and holding symbols of temporal kingship in his hands.

We gaze on one Human Being stripped of robes, physically and emotionally bullied,



tortured and crucified between two others outside the walls of their Holy City. Yet in the midst of the bullying and abuse of soldiers, onlookers and one criminal by his side, Jesus' response is a refusal to retaliate. One dignified response, however, comes from another 'criminal' who perceives beyond his appearance to the depth of his innocence. This evokes in him compassion and the courage to challenge the cruelty and abuse towards Jesus going on around him. Addressing him by name he says: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." His request reveals a renewed faith in Jesus as the human reflection of the goodness of God. And Jesus' response to him: 'I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

The kingship of Jesus, then, is not like that of other kings or rulers. It's not about wealth, power, domination or control in this world. Against these His kingship is about truth, honesty and integrity. It is about generosity, service, self-sacrifice and justice it's about mercy and care for all people, but especially for those who are poor, broken-hearted, neglected or ignored. His is a kingdom grounded in one fundamental universal commandment: 'Love one another as I have loved you' and driven by the universal Love of God.

This is the kingdom of Christ our King as today's preface declares it: "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and grace."

Today let us rededicate ourselves to acknowledging the reign of Christ Jesus and his Sacred Heart in every aspect of our lives. As we gaze upon the stark cross of the suffering One suspended over the sanctuary wall before us, let us pray with confidence,

"Jesus remember Me!"

Office Hours:
Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

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St. Vincent de Paul Society:
Pauline O'Day (President)

Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Friday: 9.10am
Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:
**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:** Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (Eng) &
Friday (Italian) after 9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:
Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment only



We proclaim a crucified Christ
1Cor12:3

12th November, 2019

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

To all those facing the uncertainty, danger and devastation of the fires to the north, please know that you are in our heartfelt prayers. We ask the Holy Spirit to bring renewed courage and strength to those who give so much of themselves at these critical times - our people at the fire fronts, those ministering and attending the injured, those caring for the homeless and displaced, those who will continue to bring support long after the last ember has gone out. We place our trust in the Lord, to shelter and protect our loved ones, friends, and all those who need your help.

St Vincent de Paul are on the ground throughout our communities providing support in those life-giving ways that people need in times of disaster and tragedy. May I encourage our people of Melbourne and beyond to support the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal through www.vinnies.org.au or through your local parish.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,
Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

Dates to Remember

Sunday 1st December: Children's Liturgy - 10.30am

Thursday 12th December: - 7pm
Christmas Carols Night

Welcome!



This weekend through Baptism we welcome
Milo Tomas Indovino, Massimo Mario Stigliano and Genevieve Ruby Lee
into our Parish family

Today there is a special collection for the:

Vinnies Bushfire Appeal

Last Week's Collection: 17/11/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1228.00
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$503.85
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Sacred Heart - A Giving Tree 2019



With the generous assistance of parishioners, we are once again aiming to provide Christmas hampers to families and individuals, who members of our St Vincent de Paul Conference have visited throughout the year and who continue to struggle with living costs - especially over the Christmas/holiday break.

To fill the hampers:

- * Tokens are taken from the Giving Tree from the first week of Advent and the items written on the tokens are purchased.
 - * Returned items are placed in a container next to the tree (no need to wrap them).
 - * Cash donations returned in envelopes should be placed into the small sealed box in the piety Stall.
- A sign up sheet will be available next weekend for volunteers to help prepare and deliver hampers with members of St Vincent de Paul.

NB. The last day to return items will be Sunday 15th Dec.

Holding the Light:

Remembering Victims of Domestic Violence

On behalf of Catholic Social Services Victoria, in partnership with the host Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, we would like to invite you to: Holding the Light, an ecumenical service to remember and honour the Australian women and children who have been killed during 2019 by domestic/relationship violence.

The service will be held on Sunday 1st December 2019, from 3.00pm-4.00 pm, at St Francis' Church, corner of Lonsdale and Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne.

Our special guests will be those who have lost loved ones, as well as survivors of domestic violence. We will be joined by representatives from a variety of faith-based groups, who are running prevention programs.

Please save this date and we would be honoured if you were able to accept this invitation and join us for the event. For further information, please contact the remembrance service committee through: Peter Hudson on 0429 806 509, email: phudson@css.org.au or web: www.css.org.au

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Parents are most welcome. Very young children must be accompanied by an adult.

Term 4 Children's Liturgy will run every Sunday morning until 22nd December, 2019



Advent Reflections

Advent, Lent and Easter are times in the Church when Christians gather to pray, share and reflect on the Gospels of the seasons. We encourage our parishioners to join a group that will meet once a week during the time of Advent. Interested persons are invited to sign their name on a paper in the church foyer, indicating their willingness and availability to attend such a group.

Free online Advent Resource

St Columban's Mission Society has produced an Advent resource 'Lead kindly light' for the four Sundays in November/December (Year A). The resource was inspired by the hymn 'Lead kindly light' by John Henry Cardinal Newman who wrote it after a life seeking on-going conversion. The resource is an aid to Catholic teaching during the liturgical season of Advent. Suitable for parishes, schools, youth groups, religious congregations and social justice and community groups. The resource can be found at: <https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/educational-resources/advent-catholic-resource-lead-kindly-light-year-a>



Friar Alessandro at St Patrick's Cathedral

You are invited to an evening of Christmas music & readings with internationally acclaimed Franciscan tenor Friar Alessandro. Friar is on his first ever tour to Australia and will be accompanied by Vivian Choi (Piano) and the Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra.

ENTRY FREE or by Donation with all donations supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

DETAILS: Sat 7th Dec (7.30pm), St Patrick's Cathedral,

Meet Matthew, His Gospel and His Jesus

Thursday 28th Nov and 5th and 12th Dec, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
St Thomas the Apostle Church, Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough North

Advent begins Year A and the Gospel of Matthew to come and meet Matthew, his Gospel and his Jesus. This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation. Donation only.

More information: Contact Sandra Bishop 9434 7553

Roster for weekend of 30th Nov - 1st Dec 2019

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Mary Harb	Barbara Fitzgerald Marlene Vergou
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Capobianco A.	Ilardi L. Roda G.
Sun 10.30am	Jessy Thambiraj Catherine Zanatta	George Mc Brien Pauline Veamatahau
Sun 6.00pm	Jessica Suppiah Ylenia Useli	Damian Casamento Margaret Bannon

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Charmaine Nuqui



Those who have died recently

Judith Cooney, Luigi Parisi & Francesco Sacchetta

We Commemorate

Sarkis Beaini, Boulos & Lisa Beayni,

Isa, Mario, Orfeo & Rino Bergamin,

Alfonso, Dino, John & Natalina Bernardini,

Conching Conge, Jesus Conge, Teresina Di Stefani,

Rosario Domingo, Raymond Harb, Emerita Iroy,

Gonzalo Iroy, Rogelio Iroy,

Maria & Bronislaw Pasztaleniec, Phil Reeves,

Giovanni Scapin, Carlo, Duilio, Livio & Pasqua

Trentin and all deceased members of the

Ottaviano Bertoncetto & Carlo Trentin families.

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Lourdes Day Mass

Saturday 7th December, 10.30am - St Patrick's Cathedral

A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes.

On this occasion we celebrate Our Lady's appearance to a young girl, Bernadette, in 1858 in Lourdes, France. Through a set of private revelations, Mary revealed herself as 'the Immaculate Conception'. This is an occasion to come together in prayer with those who are sick, infirm or elderly and their carers. Each Mass participant will receive a gift pack containing a small bottle of Lourdes water (sourced from the Grotto), rosary beads and prayer materials. Individual blessings are available

Waiting in Joyful Hope with a Quiet Heart

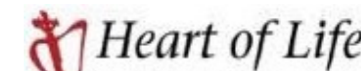
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Saturday 30th November 2019, 10am-4pm

\$60 (including morning tea; BYO lunch)

We invite you to a day of reflection, where the following will be explored:

- Resting in the Garden
- Windows of Contemplation
- Opening the Doors to Advent



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Cleaning Roster:

Saturday 30th November 2019

Pauline/Dale

Thank you for your help!

