

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year B

24th - 25th November 2018

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

His sovereignty is eternal.

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 of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

R/ The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading: Apoc 1:5-8

The ruler of the kings of the earth... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

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: Mk 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: John 18:33-37

You say that I am king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask 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 witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord

This Sunday Jesus shows himself as a humble king - and he asks us to accept his rule in our families and in every aspect of our lives. We cannot withhold something and still come to him. It is all or nothing.



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“Your Kingdom Come...”

The Church's Year always ends with the celebration of the Feast of Christ, King of the Universe. In 1925 at a time that saw the rise of totalitarian regimes which threatened the global stability of the world, Pope Pius XI decided it was time to challenge hostile powers of the world by instituting the Feast of Christ, King of the Universe to let the world know the nature of ultimate authority for the world and its people and where it truly lay.

For readers in a western society where democratic rule is valued, the notion of 'kingship' will immediately bring to mind images of wealth, elitism and remoteness from the people and therefore poses difficulties when attributed to Christ. It may be useful to put the exchange between Jesus and Pilate in today's gospel into the context of Roman occupied Judea of the first century.

Rome was a dominant global force at the time. It had the economic and military strength to maintain its power over the whole Mediterranean world. Pilate asks Jesus "Are you king of the Jews?" The image of Jesus before Pilate is not of a rival arrayed in royal robes, ermine cloak, golden crown and bearing symbols of dominance in his hands. It is of one battered, torn, ragged, tortured human abandoned by his friends who would endure suffering and 'lay down his life for those friends', in fact for all humanity. Such is the Rule of Love. This is the source of his authority – the unconditional Love of God which empowers Him to stand before Pilate with integrity and dignity on behalf of the suffering, abused and abandoned of the world.

When Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is 'not of this world', he is referring to the world and values of the Roman Empire; destructive values that are sometimes espoused or assumed by others, including his followers. Against these stands for a kingdom ruled by one fundamental universal commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you."

Nearly a century after the institution of this Feast, the religious and secular politics of the world have changed radically, yet we still dare to claim that love conquers all and none have loved and ever will love like Jesus Christ. This is the power that reaches deep into our hearts and extends to the farthest reaches of the universe. It is a power that can never threaten the existence of human beings or the destruction of the planet because it is the very power of creation, harmony and mercy rather than a force of destruction, exclusion and dominance over others. This is the kingdom of Christ our King, as today's preface declares:

a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.
Today let us rededicate our lives to acknowledging
the reign of Jesus Christ and his Sacred Heart in
every aspect of our lives.



Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

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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

(English) & 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

Parish Social Celebration

We have a reason to celebrate!! Next Sunday, the 2nd of December, after 10.30am Mass, we will gather at the Sacred Heart Hall on David St for a parish celebration. We have completed the Parish Stewardship program and we will hear from Lorella Di Paolo with the final report. We have also completed a big part of the renovation of our church, namely the roof work and painting. And as we are not far from summer holiday time, we like to get together to celebrate our achievements. So, please come and celebrate with us. Food and drinks will be provided, but you are welcome to bring and share a plate.



Dates to Remember

- Sunday 2nd December:** 10.30am - Children's Mass, Followed by Parish Social Celebration at the Sacred Heart Hall, David St.
- Thursday 6th December:** 1.30pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick

RCIA

We have commenced the program preparing 2 adults for the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation and Reconciliation. We like to invite Catholic adults who would like to accompany them, share their faith and pray with them as they are initiated into the Catholic faith and life. If you are interested or would like to have some more information, please see Fr. Jan after masses.

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser



Thank you to Ophelia and her team who last week Saturday raised \$450.00 for the renovation of our church. Thank you for your time!

Welcome!



This weekend through Baptism we welcome: **Zara Kelly Marturano** into our Parish family

Last Week's Collection: 18/11/18

1st Collection for our Church: \$1080.20
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$584.20
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Sacred Heart - A Giving Tree 2018

Each year at this time, Sacred Heart Parish and school have generously supported their St. Vincent de Paul Conference to provide Christmas hampers in the Preston area. The 'Giving Tree' will once again be in the Church foyer for the first three weeks of Advent, allowing us to fill and deliver hampers in time for Christmas. Tokens hung on the tree will be requests for food items, gift cards or cash donations. To help us fill the hampers, please:
*Take a token (as many as you like) from the tree.
*Buy the item/s listed on the token.
*Place it in or near the large container in the foyer on or before Sunday 16th December.
*Place envelopes containing donations or gift cards into the small sealed box.



Red Wednesday

What is Red Wednesday? Red Wednesday is a global movement to stand in solidarity with those who, even in the twenty first century, are imprisoned, persecuted, tortured or murdered for their peacefully-held religious faith. Aid to the Church in Need, together with the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, invites you to Stand Up for Faith and Freedom on Red Wednesday – 28th November 2018. Please join us for an Interfaith Gathering at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Cathedral will be floodlit in red for the first time as a visible sign of solidarity with those facing persecution.

Interfaith Gathering Time: 7.30pm – 8.30pm
Date: Wednesday 28th November 2018
Venue: Forecourt, St. Patrick's Cathedral
Program: 7.30pm Interfaith Prayers and Reflections
8.00pm Light refreshments
8.30pm Floodlighting the Cathedral
For information & enquiries-Email: justice@cam.org.au
ALL WELCOME



Advent Season Reflection

Saturday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December, 9.30am-5pm
St. Joseph's Home, 112B St Georges Road, Northcote
The Little Sisters of the Poor in Northcote will host four days of reflection over the Advent Season, guided by Fr Edward Moloney from the Corpus Christi Seminary, Melbourne. The reflection days are for single Catholic women aged 18 –35 who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Advent Season. These days will include Spiritual talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and time for personal and communal prayers.
Enquiries: Sr Mary Lourdes on 9489 8444 or Admin1.mel@lsp.org.au

Morning Melodies: Chris Doheny's Aussie Christmas Show Special Lunch for Parishioners, Relatives and Friends



You are invited to join us for a pre-Christmas luncheon at the Darebin RSL on 21st December. Seniors' menu offers a broad choice of main course and desserts with hints of Christmas for \$18. A great chance for old friends and new to catch up and maybe look ahead to resuming more activities and outings next year. Please pass the message on. Contact Pauline O'Day on 9484 2445 or Eileen Stevens on 0402 448 652 - as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Festa Della Madonna

Sunday 9th December, 1.45pm
St Monica's Church, 820 Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds
The Italian Prayer Group of St Monica's parish invites all parishioners, both local and from across Melbourne, to attend the celebrations of the Festa Della Madonna. The novena commenced on Friday 30th November in the Symons Centre next to the church and will culminate with a Festa (festival) commencing at 1.45pm on Sunday 9th December. There will be food, drinks, cakes and sweets, with music provided by the Bellini Band. All are invited to attend to mark this very special day of the liturgical calendar.
Details: Franco Priscoglio on 0407 832 564



Assist a Student

Assist a Student is a national program of the St Vincent de Paul Society, aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty by providing education funds for students in partner countries in Asia and the Pacific. This weekend pamphlets are available should you or your family or group wish to consider sponsoring an overseas student for one year, to move towards a better future.

"...education is the most powerful factor in allowing disadvantaged families to climb out of poverty and powerlessness.."



Make an Encounter in 2019

Timor Leste - April & September
Palms Australia Somoa - June; Myanmar - November
Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar and Somoa.
www.palms.org.au/encounters

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
Margaret Doyle, Luis Gandarillas, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter & Yvonne Tierney



Those recommended to our prayers
Isa Bergamin, Mario Bergamin, Orfeo Bergamin, Rino Bergamin, Alfonso Bernardini, Dino Bernardini, Natalina Bernardini, Teresina De Stefani, Bronislaw Pasztaleniec, Maria Pasztaleniec, George Rachkidi, Carlo Trentin, Livio Trentin, Pasqua Trentin and all deceased members of the Bertoncello, Ottaviano & Trentin families.

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Bible Study: Gospel of Mark, The Person of Jesus



When: 13th Nov - 11th Dec
(Tuesdays for 6 weeks)
Where: Sacred Heart Church, Preston
Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm
By: Fr. Phuong Vu, SVD

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

Excellent primary resources explaining the 2020/2021 Australian Plenary Council and its preparatory processes are published on the Plenary Council 2020 website
Details: <http://www.cam.org.au/plenary/>

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 1st December 2018



Dale/Volunteer

Thank you for your help!

Roster for weekend of 1st - 2nd December 2018

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Renato Tonini Peter Hudson	Terry Murphy Peter Bourke
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Tamburrini M. Mancini L.	Gugliotti A. Ilardi L.
Sun 10.30am	Judeline Wadhvani Ophelia Swai	Pauline Veamatahau Ivana Lo Bello
Sun 6.00pm	Tim Rankin Robert Dullard	Margaret Rankin