

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A 21st - 22nd November 2020

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

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. R. v.1

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

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. 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

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9.10

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

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

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



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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)

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before

Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

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Whatever you Do the Least of my Brethren...

On this last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, the Feast of Christ the King, we hear the Gospel about the Last Judgement. It is not just about a future event in history, but it is about the very core of being a disciple of Jesus Christ today. The Gospel challenges each one of us and our Catholic community to remember that Christian life is never self-centred. God is love and our Christian life must reflect that love. As Christians we cannot be indifferent about or uninterested in those around us, especially those who are marginalised.

We have to remember that the judgement is not about how we respond to rules and norms. Rather, it is primarily about how we respond in love to the God who is love. The judgment is about love. We will be judged by how we have loved, especially about how we have loved not just those who are dear to us but by how we have loved the most marginalised, the people with whom we would often not normally have any contact.

In the Gospel Jesus lists those who in his own time were the most marginalised: those who suffered hunger or thirst, the naked, the strangers, the sick and those in prison. The list is not much different from those marginalised in our times: we can think of those who hunger and are without nurture, physical or spiritual, or those who thirst for meaning and hope in the confusion of our world. We can think of those who are exposed with little cover and protection to the rough elements of our times, not just climatically but also economically, or emotionally.



We can think of those who are treated as strangers, when they do not fit into how we define the categories of respectability and being like ourselves. We can think of those who are physically in prisons and those who are trapped in the many prisons of human suffering or oppression or anguish or addiction.

These are the "least brothers and sisters" with whom Christ identifies himself. When we reach out to them because of our love for God, we encounter Christ himself who is in them. On a deeper level, if we want to know who God is, we should not turn to the powerful but to the least of Christ's brothers and sisters. The poor and the marginalised reveal to us who God is.

Christ our King

Understanding today's Feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While we may not have a direct experience of kings or royalty, we have some sense of what these mean. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdom. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honour. Christ is King in a way that is different from traditional understandings of royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the Cross, in which he offers salvation to all.

Welcome back to Sacred Heart Church

As restrictions are easing and we are returning to activities within a Covid normal environment, we would like to invite you back to attending Mass at Sacred Heart church. Safety measures are in place to keep each individual safe, including social distancing, masks and cleaning between services.

Numbers able to attend each Mass are still limited. If the number of people wishing to attend a particular mass exceeds these limits, Father Jan and Father Aloysius are happy to add an additional Mass. To register for Mass, please phone Father Jan on 0400469540

Welcome back, and, in smaller numbers, share again in our celebration of the Eucharist.

As for any activity, please do not attend if you feel at all unwell, and seek a Covid test if you have any symptoms.

Parish Pastoral Council

Sacred Heart Mass Times

Saturday: 6:00pm

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

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Since a limited number of people are permitted to attend Mass, registration is compulsory by calling Fr Jan on 0400469540 or Fr Aloysius on 0428715282

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.**

Collections

1st Collection: \$540.20

2nd Collection: \$585.00

Donations: \$200.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Yosef Meda

First Mass of Fr Yosef Meda, SVD

Fr Yosef, who will be ordained on Saturday, 28th November at Box Hill, will celebrate his First Mass in our church on Sunday 29th November, at 10.30 am. Registration for attending the Mass is essential.

Yosef comes from Mangulewa, Flores, Indonesia. He grew up in a village named Boawae. He joined the Divine Word Missionaries in 2010 and finished his philosophical studies at Ledalero Seminary in 2016. In the same year he was invited to join the SVD International community, Dorish Maru College in Melbourne, Australia. Yosef continued his theological studies at Yarra Theological Union and finished in 2019. He finally graduated in March 2020. Yosef's perpetual vows were professed on 14th March, 2020 and he was ordained as Deacon the next day on 15th March, 2020.

Assigned to: Ghana-Liberia Province

Farewell!

Fr Ennio's Retirement

After 11 years of service to the Italian Community in our Parish, the SVD Superior, considering Fr. Ennio's age (born 1932), has transferred him to the retiring home of the SVD in Sydney. He will move to Sydney after the farewell mass in the parish in the second week of December.

Fr. Ennio will celebrate his farewell mass in the parish on Sunday 6th December at 9 am.

The community thanks you Fr. Ennio for all that you have given to the parish community and for being a blessing for everyone.

Fr. Albano da Costa SVD, who speaks Italian, has been appointed to replace Fr. Ennio.

Dates to Remember

Thursday 26th November: First Reconciliation, 7pm

Sunday 29th November: First Sunday of Advent

10.30am - First Mass of Fr Yosef Meda

12pm - First Holy Communion (reserved for families only)

Sunday 6th December: 12pm

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Tuesday 8th December:

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Online Masses

St. Patrick's Cathedral - Live Streaming at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Monday- Friday: 1pm, Saturday: 8am, Sunday: 11am

TV Mass - Channel 44 (31)

Live from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday at 11am



Sacred Heart Christmas Gift Appeal 2020

For some years thanks to the generous assistance of parishioners, our Sacred Heart Community has collected Christmas food items and delivered hampers to families and individuals who members of our St Vincent de Paul team have visited throughout the year and who continue to struggle with living costs.

Due to the current restrictions we will need to adopt a different approach from previous years. This year parishioners are invited to:

* Donate a gift card of \$10 or more (Coles or Woolworths - for a family to purchase Christmas food items or a Kmart, Toys R Us or other Card as a gift for a family member) or

* Give a cash donation.

Please place your card or donation in an envelope labelled "Christmas Gift Appeal" with contact details of the donor if you require a receipt. You may either deliver your gift to the Presbytery or contact Moira McMahon on 0439 619 623 or Pauline O'Day on 9484 2445 to arrange collection of your donation.

Columban Calendars 2021

Orders for the 2021 Columban Calendars are now being taken; Cost is \$10.50.

If you wish to order a calendar for yourself or as a Christmas gift for a family member or friend, please ring Pauline O'Day on 9484 2445 or Stephen Costello on 0432 405 417.

Did you Know?

• The 'Son of Man' is a title that is often used of Jesus in the gospels. Scholars still debate the precise meaning of this title and whether Jesus used it of himself. The term, as used in the Book of Daniel, has messianic overtones; that is, it is used as a title for the Messiah.

• Service has always been at the heart of the church's work. Traditionally, the 'corporal works of mercy' are loosely based on Jesus' words in this gospel and include feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. See The Catechism of the Catholic Church, §2447.

• The church also identifies 'spiritual works of mercy' (see CCC, §2447) as 'instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently.'



Reminder to all Lav Ministers and Volunteers

As we resume with celebrating public masses, please make sure you have a valid Working With Children Check Card. Should you need any help in renewing your Card or have to apply for a new one, please see or call Fr Jan on 0400469540.

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

*Dhea Abenir, Anthony, Peter Bourke,
Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph,
Ray Mc Veigh, John Plum &
Bronislawa Slobodzian*

We Commemorate

*Marko & Jelica Kelara, Dobriroje, Stana &
Grozden Kolarevič, Cicilija Čimenzija,
Blaž Calenic, Rosa Bačić' and all deceased
members of the Ciavarella family.*

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.



Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment. Visit www.palms.org.au or talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

Safeguarding Committee Update

The Parish Safeguarding Committee must now review the compliance obligations that all Parishes are now required to adhere to. All policies, procedures and practices that influence the life of the Parish must be looked at in line with the 10 National Standards.

We invite new members who may already have some background in Professional Standards, to join the Committee. Anyone interested to serve the Parish on the Safeguarding Committee is most welcome. Please contact Fr Aloysius or Fr Jan.

Church Safety and Hygiene Regulations

As restrictions have started to ease in Metropolitan Melbourne, we are now able to gather in limited numbers to celebrate the Eucharist in church. I want to assure you that all measures to keep us safe have been put in place. Everyone is to wear a face mask throughout the Mass or other celebrations. All hygiene and distancing regulations are to be observed at all times. I kindly ask for your understanding and cooperation. Please note that you must register for Sunday Masses by calling Fr Jan on 0400469540. Thank you, Fr Jan

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