

Solemnity of Christ the King Sunday 21 November 2021

First reading **Daniel 7:13-14**

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 ever be destroyed.
The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second reading **Apocalypse 1:5-8**

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, 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
All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation:
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**

'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.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Yes, I am a king



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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm
12pm-for not fully vaccinated
Current restrictions allow 50 not fully vaccinated people at the 12pm Mass.

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Friday: 9.10am
Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of the month at 1.30pm
Next Healing Mass: 2 December

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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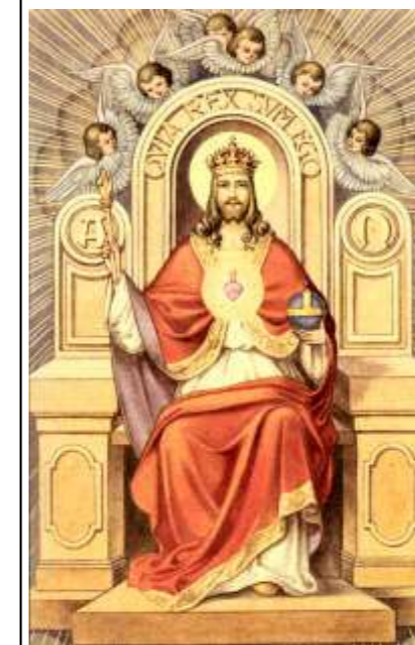
Solemnity of Christ the King

This Sunday, the end of liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. The readings tell us about the enthronement of the victorious Christ as King in Heaven in all His glory. Instituting this Feast of Christ the King in 1925, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "Pax Christi in Regno Christi" (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ). This means that we live in the peace of Christ when we surrender our lives to Him every day, accept Him as our God, Saviour and King and allow Him to rule our lives. Why is Christ our King? I believe calling and accepting Him as King is not without reason. Here are the main reasons. Firstly, Christ is God, the Creator of the universe. He wields a supreme power over all things. The Scripture says, "All things were created through Him". Secondly, Christ is our Redeemer for He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession. Thirdly, Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy." Last but not least, God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

How do we respond to His Kingship? Firstly, we need to accept and surrender our lives to Christ the King as our Lord, King, and Saviour. We surrender our lives to Jesus every day when we give priority to all Jesus taught; in our daily choices, especially in making moral decisions. We should not exclude Christ our King from any area of our personal or family lives. In other words, Christ must be in full charge of our lives, and we must give Christ sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our heart, and our will.

Secondly, we need to be serving disciples of a serving King. Jesus declared, "...whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mt 20:27-28), and later showed us the spirit of service by washing of the feet of the apostles. We become Jesus' followers when we recognize Jesus, present in everyone, especially the poor, the sick, the outcast, and the marginalized in society and render humble and loving service to Jesus in each of them.

Finally, we need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love. Jesus came to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God's love and salvation, gave us a "new commandment" of love: "Love one another as I have loved you," and demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus loves each of us, unconditionally, sacrificially, and with *agape* love. Fr. Anthony Kadavil



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.

Feast Days of the week:

Monday 22nd November St Cecilia
 Tuesday 23rd November St Clement 1 St Columban Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
 Thursday 25th November St Catherine of Alexandria

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Anthony, Peter Bourke, Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph Paige Lapenta, Bronislawa Slobodzian

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently

Lucia Lastrina (RIP 6/11)
 Marjorie Walshe (RIP 11/11)
 Bergita Daus (RIP 14/11 in Indonesia)
 Charles Psaila (RIP 14/11)
 Sr Stella Gleeson SGS (Past teacher at Sacred Heart school)

We Commemorate

Mercedes Calleja, Lawrence Ouna, Mario David Santeco, Domenico Quattrone. Quattrone & Montagnese family members.

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



Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome **Wan Dat Jonah Ng** into our Parish family

PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME

Roster for weekend of 27 & 28 November 2021		
	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	John Kmaid Terry Murphy	Volunteer
Sun 9am (Italian)	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sun 10.30am	Volunteers	Giovanna D' Intino
Sun 6.00pm	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Margaret Bannan

Cleaning Roster:
Saturday 27 November 2021
Volunteers
 Thank you for your hard work



#53 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne
 Information Updated: 18 November 2021, 5:00pm

As of 11.59pm Thursday 18 November 2021, the following measures will be applied to Masses at Sacred Heart Parish:

Face masks are still required to be worn at all Masses here at Sacred Heart. This is to ensure all are kept safe especially our aged parishioners and children under 12 years of age who are currently unvaccinated.

All regular weekday and weekend Masses will have no capacity limits or density limits for those who are **fully vaccinated**. To be eligible to attend Mass you must have your vaccination record loaded in your Service Victoria App, or those without a smartphone please bring your printed vaccination certificate with you to Mass.

An **additional Mass** on Sundays for **50** parishioners (including clergy) who are **not fully vaccinated** will be provided at 12:00pm (Midday).

PLEASE NOTE: at all Masses face masks are still required and you must check-in.

Please do not attend Mass if you are feeling unwell, have tested positive or are waiting for a Covid test result.

THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Dialogue between members of different religions does not take place simply for diplomacy, courtesy or tolerance. The goal of dialogue is to establish friendship, peace and harmony, to share spiritual and moral values and experiences in a spirit of truth and love.

ST Vinnies Op Shopping is back!



The Preston shop at 596-598 Plenty Rd, Preston is now opened from Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm

Donations of goods are welcome but due to a sudden surge, volunteers ask that generous donors phone the shop prior to delivering large amounts of goods. (ph. 9478 6845) We are looking for volunteers to assist especially on our new Sunday trading days. Contact the shop for more information.

Father's Day Appeal

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions and public Masses not being able to be said at Parishes on Father's day, please support the retired Priests of the Archdiocese by placing a donation in the envelopes found in the Church foyer.

Some statistics:

- Priests generally retire at 75 years of age.
- 96 Melbourne priests are currently retired: - 6 are in their 90's, 53 are in their 80's and 37 are aged between 75-80.
- There will be an average of 7 retirements per year.
- Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Please give generously

Last Week's Collection: 14/11/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$642
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$707
 Thank you for your kind generosity



LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



Deacon Hai is featured holding our Australian religious Response to Climate Change banner has been an inspiring member of the Sacred Heart Laudato Si' Circle. He is soon to leave us to take the Divine Word regarding caring for God's Earth to his new ministry after he is ordained this month. Deacon Hai has made a

joyful and fruitful contribution to the vision for our Laudato Si' parish. He will be greatly missed by us all. We wish him peace, joy, and happiness in his ministry as a priest for the people he serves. *Thank you so much Deacon Hai and we wish you every blessing as you go forward into a world that needs you so much.*

CATHOLICS AT COP26

Although Pope Francis did not attend COP26 he sent an envoy to speak on his behalf for the Catholic people of the world. On Wednesday, 10 November, Catholic leaders discussed the following:

- What is happening with God's creation and why is COP26 so important?
- What has happened so far at COP26 and what are the key demands of the Church?
- How can we ground creation care in our Catholic faith?
- What is next for Catholic engagement and action?

The Sacred Heart Laudato Si' Circle will also address these questions over time so that we can more fully embrace all our parishioners as Laudato Si' people of faith and mission. Let us continue to pray for the success of COP26.

Please God, bless all the leaders of the world and the Laudato Si' Movement; gather your people together to help restore the Earth, our common home. Amen

Sacred Heart Giving Tree



Both our Sacred Heart Community and School are continuing our Christmas appeal to support families and individuals who members of our St Vincent de Paul team have visited throughout the year and who continue to struggle with basic living costs.

As for last year we are once again asking for donations of Gift cards - \$10 or more from Coles or Woolworths etc for individuals, couples or families to be able to purchase their own food or other items to celebrate Christmas with their families.

Thanks to the easing of COVID restrictions, The Giving Tree will once again be in the Church foyer for the first 3 weeks of advent.

If attending Mass you are invited to:

- * Take a token from the tree,
 - * Purchase a Gift card or place cash in the token envelope OR
 - * Place a donation in an envelope labelled "Christmas Appeal Gift" with your contact details and
 - * Return the Gift card/envelope by Sunday 19 December.
 - * Either deliver your gift to the presbytery or alternatively contact Stephen Costello 0432 405 417 or Pauline O'Day 9484 2445 if you require us to collect your donation.
- With thanks
 Stephen Costello.
 St Vincent de Paul Conference



Advent 2021 with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy

You are invited to 'Expect the Unexpected' this Advent. Join me each day for a short, free Advent Daily Devotional Video that will guide you on a life-changing journey.



Starting 28 November you'll receive short inspirational videos each day from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be! Register now or for more information: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent/> Email: info@brucedownes.org *This is a free program and open to anyone.*

Job Vacancies -

Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part time work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across the Archdiocese. For all details visit, www.aidtochurch.org/work



Deacon Hai's Priestly Ordination

This Mass will be livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube: <https://youtu.be/FW5EvL0cwEk> <https://www.facebook.com/100029825526688/posts/627300058274173/?d=n>



There is a collection box in the foyer for Deacon Hai for those who would like to contribute to a money gift which will be given to him when he returns for his Thanksgiving Mass.

Deacon Hai's Thanksgiving Mass will be on Sunday 5 December at 10:30am here at Sacred Heart Church. We hope you can join us.

The Love of Christ urges us" - 2 Corinthians 5:14
 Please keep Deacon Hai in your prayers.

Joke Corner

Two elderly ladies had been friends for decades. During their long friendship they had shared many activities and adventures together. Of late, however, their activities had been limited to playing cards a few times a week where they reside at St Mary's retirement home. One day, one woman looked at her friend and said, "Now please be patient with me and don't get mad. I know we've been friends for a long time but for the life of me I can't remember your name. I've racked my brain and I have no clue what your name is." Her friend glared at for at least three minutes before finally replying. "How soon do you need to know?"