

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Bert and Clare Broekhuysen celebrate their 64th Wedding Anniversary on 23 November. Bert and Clare were married at St Luke's, Revesby in 1957, and were the first couple to be married in the newly built Parish church by Father Jaquimine, the Dutch migrant Franciscan Fryer. Congratulations Bert and Clare!



ART FOR LEISURE: The "Art for LEISURE" group, formed as a recreational and social interaction group, had its start earlier this year and we would like to report its success. Although attended by about 8 participants, it has shown to be very fruitful and pleasant for all concerned, including the visitors we had to see how we were going. All were welcome and joined in a cuppa with the group. So, if you like to just drop in without any obligation and just have a chat, **YOU ARE WELCOME** - Bert Broekhuysen

VINNIES CONFERENCE UPDATE: What a difficult time it has been for everyone during our recent lockdown. There was still a need for us to support people in the community who were struggling to make ends meet and as an essential service we managed to do food drops to a number of households.

A recent grant from local Clubs has enabled our Conference to purchase some swags and sleeping bags to assist those who are homeless in our area. With a severe shortage of rental accommodation the number of people sleeping rough or in their cars is on the increase. It has also been recognised that there are people who are unable to access hot showers and clothes washing facilities and a task force consisting of local charities and the Eurobodalla Council has been set up here in Moruya to look at ways to try and address this need. In our next update we will be talking about our preparations for Christmas so please keep your eye out for this in the coming weeks.

First Holy Communion Day—14 November 2021

Special thanks to Marg Croese from St Mary's School, Fr George and parents for preparing the children for their First Holy Communion last Sunday. It was indeed a lovely celebration and we sincerely thank parents and parishioners for providing and serving the lovely morning tea after mass.



SACRED HEART PARISH MORUYA



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Parish Office hours: Wed: and Fri: 9am—2pm

Mass Times:

Moruya: Sat: Vigil 6.00pm Sun: 10.00am

Tue: 5.30pm, Wed, Thu & Fri: 9.15am

Sat: Reconciliation: 10—10.30am

Tuross Mass: Sun: 8am Bodalla: Mass: 2nd Thursday of the month 9.15am and Fourth Sunday of the month 3pm

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Devotions: Daily Rosary before/after Mass. Adoration & Benediction Fridays: 9.45—10.45am



LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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November 20 & 21 2021

Jesus Christ, The King of the Universe

“Yes, I am a King. I was born for this ...”

The Church's liturgical year concludes with this feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to celebrate the Jubilee year and the 16th Centenary of the Council of Nicaea. Instituting this feast, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: *“Pax Christi in regno Christi”* (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ). This feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government and to remind Christians of the fidelity and loyalty they owed to Christ who by his Incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross had made them adopted children of God, and future citizens and heirs of the kingdom of heaven. Although emperors and kings with real ruling power exist today only in history books, we nevertheless honour Christ the King of the Universe and the King of our hearts by allowing him to take control of our lives. In thousands of human hearts all over the world, Jesus still reigns as King. The Cross is his throne and the Sermon on the Mount, his rule of law. His citizens need obey only one major law: *“Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you”*. His love is selfless, compassionate, forgiving and unconditional. He is a king with a saving and liberating mission: freeing us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance in the eternal life of heaven. This Sunday, at the end of the Church's liturgical year, the readings describe enthronement of the victorious Christ as the king in heaven in all his glory.

Jesus asserts before Pilate that he is king and clarifies that his kingdom *“does not belong to this world.”* He rules as king by serving others rather than by dominating them; his authority is rooted in truth, not in physical force, and his kingdom, the reign of God, is based on the beatitudes.

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Prayer after Communion: Lord, we thank you for coming into our hearts in Communion. We believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. You are our life and our hope. Draw us more deeply to yourself and transform our hearts through your abiding love. May we come to know Sunday as a special day of faith, the day of our Risen Lord. May our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday consecrate this day to you. **O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All Thanksgiving be every moment thine.**



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

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 be-
came his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92:1-2. 5.

R.v.1

**(R.) The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **(R.)**
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;

your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **(R.)**
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rv 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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.

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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

Jn 18:33-37

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John

All: Glory to you O Lord

'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 an-
swered, '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 Pi-
late. '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



THE WORD AND LIFE this week

1) We need to assess our commitment to Christ the King today. As we celebrate the kingship of Christ today, let us remember the truth that he is not our King if we do not listen to him, love him, and follow him. We belong to his Kingdom only when we try to walk with him, when we try to live our lives fully in the spirit of the Gospel and when that Gospel spirit penetrates every facet of our living. If Christ is really King of my life, he must be King of every part of my life and I must let him reign in all parts of my life. We become Christ the King's subjects when we sincerely respond to his loving invitation: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart" (Matthew 11:20). By cultivating in our lives the gentle and humble mind of Christ, we show others that Jesus Christ is indeed our king and that he is in charge of our lives.

2) We need to give Jesus control over our lives. Today's feast of Christ the King reminds us of the great truth Christ must be in charge of our lives, that we must give him sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our heart and our will. In every moral decision we face, there is a choice between Christ the King and Barabbas, and the one who seeks to live in his kingdom is the one who says, "*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*". Let us ask ourselves the question, "What does Jesus, my King, want me to do or say in this situation?" Are we praying each day that he will give us the right words to say to the people we meet that day, words that will make us true ambassadors of Jesus? Does our home life as well as the way we conduct ourselves with our friends come under the Kingship of Jesus? Or do we try to please ourselves rather than him?

3) We need to follow Christ the King's lesson of humble service to the truth. Christ has come to serve and to be of service to others. Hence, we are called to his service—service to the truth. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus saying that the reason for his coming—the reason that he was born—was to be of service to the truth. The truth Jesus teaches us is that God his Father is also our loving and forgiving Father, so we are all His children, forming one body. Hence, whatever we do for His children, and our sisters and brothers, we do for Him. We are called to be a people who reach out to embrace the enemy and the stranger, a people called to glory in diversity, a people who will endlessly forgive, a people who will reach out in compassion to the poor and to the marginalised sectors of our society, a people who will support one another in prayer, a people who realise that we are called not to be served, but to serve. In other words, servant-leadership is the model that Christ the King has given us.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: We continue to pray and extend our support to those at Banksia Village, IRT Moruya; and the sick members of our Parish: Cath Hulse, John Gerber, Ben Pollock, Kathleen Ebbelaar, Gerry Ebbelaar, Kylie Leplaw, Monique Driver, Andy McCosker, Paul Croese, Clare Broekhuysen, Trish Tarlinton, Anthony Morris, Pat Morris, Julie and John Kay, Lee Maat, Paul Rummery Jnr, Sandra Spellacy, Kirk Dowling, Rosemary Patyus, Kay Morton and Rod McDonald.

BIRTHDAYS: Fr Paul Bateman turned 95 on 17 November and Indi Turnbull celebrates her Birthday on 20 November. Happy Birthday to Fr Paul and Indi!

WORLD YOUTH DAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2021: World Youth Day (WYD) is an event for young people organized by the Catholic Church that was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1985. "***Stand up! I appoint you as witnesses of what you have seen.***" (Acts 26:16)

2021 CATECHIST RETREAT: Inviting all Catechists and those involved in any Childrens Ministry to a **Morning Retreat with Archbishop Christopher Prowse on Saturday, 27 November**, 9:45-1:00pm at Co-bargo School of the Arts Hall, 20 Cobargo Bermagui Road, Cobargo * concluding with Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish at 12pm. This is a free event and participants for this event need to be fully vaccinated. More info: catechists@cg.org.au or phone 02 6239 982

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH: Members of our Parish are invited to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Cobargo Church at 12pm on **Saturday, 27 November**. **Archbishop Christopher Prowse** will officiate at the Mass followed by a picnic lunch. Weather permitting, Mass will be celebrated at the Grotto. Please bring your lunch and chair to sit on.

WALKING TOGETHER ADVENT PROGRAM: Parishes and individuals can now register their interest for the family-themed *Walking Together* Advent program produced by the local Archdiocese at: **bit.ly/WalkingTogether_Advent** The short videos and discussion questions will be available for download week by week starting Sunday 21st November to be used in small discussion groups. Enquiries: lara.kirk@cg.org.au or call 0429 192 869.