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 “It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of King.” These are the words of Pope Pius XI who established this feast between two world wars, in the hope of counteracting the growing secularism “in public affairs and politics” and finding a way towards global peace. Peace would never be achieved, wrote Pius XI, until and unless individuals and nations accepted the “rule of our Saviour”.

For many peace-loving people, the rise of the so-called Islamic State marks a new low point in more than a century of violent and ongoing conflict which has claimed the lives of some 160 to 180 million people across the globe. Hope for the global reign of the Prince of Peace seems more remote than ever. From a Christian perspective, the world needs the sort of leadership that Jesus of Nazareth advocated in first century Palestine. The election of Pope Francis and his message of simplicity and mercy have restored some measure of hope to a world in deep conflict and economic disarray. Pope Francis has the potential to be a force for good in our world. He will suffer for the cause of justice as he identifies with the suffering of God’s people. He will only succeed in his call for a more mercy-filled and peaceful world if people and nations surrender their “heart of anger”-to borrow the words of NZ poet James K. Baxter.

Today’s gospel is about spiritual leadership. It presents Jesus as both shepherd and sheep, as judge and king on the one hand and as suffering humanity (“the least”) on the other. Works of mercy are the measure of justice or righteousness. Those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, and set the prisoners free are “the righteous/the sheep” who will inherit God’s empire or kingdom and enter eternal life. Those who fail in these respects are the unrighteous/the goats who fail to recognise the presence of the shepherd/king in suffering humanity. Why sheep and goats? While goats grazed with the sheep, they were never imaged as God’s people, somewhat unfairly, I suggest. “Sheep”, on the other hand, is a frequent biblical designation for the people of God’s fold. This story is replete with mixed metaphors.

The Feast of Christ the King brings the church year to a close. It invites us to consider the way to achieve the things that make for peace. Reflection on the factors that contributed to the rise of IS, including the experience of mass political and economic exclusion, may be a place to begin if we wish God’s reign of peace to be realised on planet Earth. ***An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson***

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**‘WEEKEND MASS TIMES’**

 **Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

 **Sunday: 10am (Children’s Liturgy)**

 **Talbingo Sunday: 8.00am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm**

**Wednesday: 10am (School Mass)**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight - Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy**

**Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am**

**Exposition at 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

 **‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2pm in Chapel**

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 **Feast of Christ the King**

 **Year A**

 **November 26th 2017**

***Gospel Acclamation***

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

 ***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.**

***Responsorial Psalm***

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

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 25th & 26th November   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anne Huebner |  Peter Malone |
| Reader |  School Mass |  Mark Hogan |
| Commentator |  School Mass  |  Trish Matthews |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Caitlin Larter |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn  |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers |  Jessica & Emily Kelly | Jude Moreno & Hunter Styles |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Jo Little |  Group 1: Claire, Anne Hickson, Maureen & Bev |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 2nd & 3rd December  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  John Hickson  |  Mark Hogan |
| Reader |  Rick Hargreaves |  Kath Rosetta |
| Commentator |  Mary Kelly |  Patricia Wilks |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Pat Spannagle |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica |  Marueen Norman  |
| Altar Servers |  New Servers | Abby Crampton & Olivia Dean |
| Church Care |  ------------------------------ |

 Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy Father’s Da**

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 **Feast Day: 30th November: Saint Andrew**

**International Nativities Expo – 8th to 10th December –** This exhibition of 350 Nativities is an entrée to family discussion on the true meaning of Christmas. From some 80 countries, they present the diverse cultures that embrace the Christian story. For more information please read flyer on notice board regarding venue and contact. **FOR SALE – 2018 Daily Mass books $22.00@ and Columban Calendars $8.20@**

 **~PARISH NEWS~**

**ENTRANCE CHURCH WORKS** have or will be completed:- removal of tree, old path garden edging and soil. New path, edging and grass. New church sign. Church fundraising and Ball Committee to cover these costs. **CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 2017** thank you to our generous community, we will be forwarding $185.00 to help assist the Health Centre in Uganda. **NCLS RESEARCH** our Church’s final comprehensive profile for 2016 is ready to view go to www.2016ncls.org.au/profile-number/select-profile?pn=Q8WLXQ **TUMUT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON** Preparations are happening for this event, and the working group is looking for additional volunteers to help on the day, and/or as a lead up to Christmas. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Patricia on 0401472161. **ST.VINCENT DE PAUL –** ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL your support would be most appreciated. **MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES** are available for your November Mass requests, please take one. **MANY THANKS** this weekend to McAuley school students for presenting the Vigil Mass.

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Harry, Philomena, Florence & John Otten, Florence & Robert Perkins, William Simpson, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Hargreaves family, Family members & relatives of Tran family, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, James Kelly, Harry & Muriel Nancarrow, Harry & Pat Nancarrow, Christine Welsh, Allison Brady, Scott Payne, Ben Roddy, Paul & Nick Young, Robert Longford, Julie, Jack & Thelma Cobden, Jamie Nixon, Mark Ross, Stan Kenny, Marzol family members, members of Young, Egan, Breward & Van de Brug families, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Hector, Annie & Kevin Turner, Jean Kelly, Margaret McMahon, Veronica Tiernan, Mollie Fuller, Joan Malone, Ken & Brian Gee & family members, Rudi & Filomena Comai, Marallo & Comai families, Celia Mullaly, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Gus & Kath Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Ina Clout, Timothy Blakeney, Madeling Fenn, Jan Salan, Chris Ballard, Maude Kelly, Lois Shallow, Helen Corbett, Frank, Eileen & Marie Malone, Edward, Marcy & Clem Malone, Frank Stanfield, John Callister, Imelda, Bede & Francis McInerney, Teresa Butler, Joan Stockwell, Emmet Donovan, Leo & Elvie Holt, Lionel & Tereasa Holt, Hugh Oliver, Pat Malone, Jim Whitaker, Matt & Edith Downing, Con & Ennis Twomey, Pauline Shedden, John Hourigan, Tom & Dorothy French.

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