



**CHRIST THE KING
YEAR C**

20 November 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

Father all-powerful, God of love,
open our hearts,
free all the world to rejoice in Christ's peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love.
Bring all peoples together in Jesus Christ your Son,
whose kingdom is with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)

3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.
As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

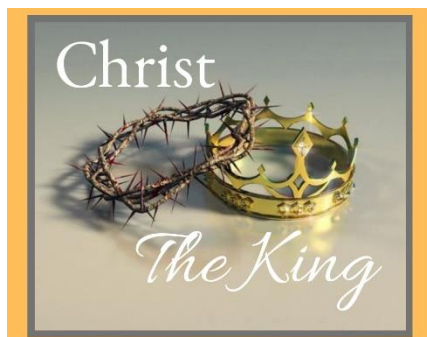
Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



Reflection on the Gospel of Luke 23:35-43 by Fr Michael Tate

The Power of Remembering

If you memorise a tune or your 'times tables', you are said to 'know it by heart'. The sort of person who will always remember me is someone who 'knows me by heart'.

Here, a tortured criminal starts his plea: 'Jesus . . .'. This is one of only two instances where Jesus is addressed by his name which means 'The Lord saves'. The good thief went on: 'remember me when you come into Your Kingdom'. Jesus 'knows him by heart' and promises that He will re-member him in Paradise.

This is an exercise of sovereignty which befits 'Christ the King'. This is all the Kingly power which you or I will ever need, but to confidently invoke it we need to position ourselves alongside Jesus,

like the 'good thief'. We do this by our practical concern for the poor and by coming to Mass which re-members the Body of Christ.

We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Jesus, remember me, know me by heart, for when you do I will be in Paradise.'

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Reader: That the Church bear witness to the coming of God's kingdom where faith, hope and love reign. (pause) In your love:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations will be drawn into the reconciling love of Jesus Christ, the Universal King. (pause) In your love:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the innocent and the outcast who stand condemned will find Christ's kingdom of justice and peace. (pause) In your love:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community will walk in the footsteps of Jesus on the path of obedient faith and self-sacrificing love. (pause) In your love:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are sick will find healing and strength in the suffering Christ, especially Michael Crosby as he undergoes surgery this week, Ann McDougall, Ross Lawless, , Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers. (pause) In your love:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will enter paradise with Christ who has conquered death for ever, especially Bob Haigh, Ray Bartley, Joseph Nocera recently deceased, those in our Book of Remembrance and those we remember especially in the month of November. (pause) In your love:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,
you gave us Christ, the King of all creation.
Help us to live by his gospel and bring us to the joy of his kingdom,
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm

Next weekend Mass time: 6pm in the church.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday at 10am, followed by Parish Gathering.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Social Justice Group: now Wednesdays. Next is 7 December at 9.30am, at the Presbytery Parish Gathering to discuss the proposed redevelopment of the Presbytery 22nd November immediately following the 10am Mass.

Dear Parishioners,

Confirmation will take place within the Mass this Saturday evening.

We have four children to be confirmed, Elsa Schmidt-Liermann, Stella Vardanega, Josh Clarke, Lewy Haraldson and one young man, Nicholas Ffrench, will also receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please come along and support these young people as they take the next step in their faith journey.

Book of Remembrance: names and offerings now being taken for our November Book of Remembrance. Offerings and names received are sent on to assist priests in poor or remote parishes in Australia, as well as being included in our Masses.

Parish Meeting to discuss the proposed redevelopment of the Presbytery will take place on Tuesday 22nd November, immediately following the 10am Mass. Please attend if you can.

Our Advent booklets have arrived and will be handed out at Masses during November. If you cannot attend Mass, but would like a copy, please call in to the parish office or Br Brian to collect one.

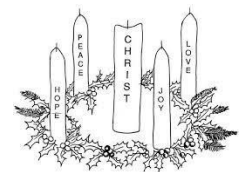
Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 1pm Saturday 26 November (Quilt weekend).

Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly Raffle – this month the raffle prize is a \$100 fuel voucher; Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table. Enquiries to Jenni Miller on 0436 339293 this month only. **Jenni is moving from Braidwood** so this will be her last markets that she will organise for us.

Archbishop lifts Mass exemption from 1st Sunday in Advent. The Archbishop has decided to reinstate the Sunday obligation now that Covid seems to have eased. However, please wear masks while attending Mass if you are more comfortable doing so.

Ecumenical Advent Breakfast for Braidwood women

St Bede's warmly invites all women to an Advent prayer Breakfast on Saturday 3rd December 2022 8-10am in St Bede's school hall, Park lane. Cost: \$10 in a marked envelope with your name to James' coffee window RSVP with money for catering purposes, by the 28th November (no refunds possible due to purchasing costs)



News from the pews: If you have any news or photos to share, please email me. Sharing our news (happy and sometimes sad) is part of "Walking Together" as a parish and community.

First Tuesdays Community Lunch has become First Thursdays as it seems to suit most people.

The next First Thursdays lunch is set for 1st December, commencing at 11.30am.

Choice of 5 dishes & dessert: \$10 per person

Bookings helpful but not essential

Contact the Club on 4842 2108 to book

Courtesy bus available - please book

Entertainment by the amazing MICHAEL SIMIC

Re-opening and Blessing Mass for Sts. Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral in Goulburn
commencing at 11am on Wednesday 30th November.

Readings for Mass: 1st: 2 Sam. 5:1-3. 2nd: Col. 1:12-20. G: Luke 23:35-43.

Readings for next week: 1st Sunday Advent: 1st: Isaiah 2:1-5. 2nd: Romans 13:11-14. Gospel: Matt. 24:37-44.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers
19 Nov	Felix	Cathy F	Wendy M-B/Ann (school staff may read)
26 Nov		Helen P	Michael/Cathy F
3 Dec	Felix	Cathy F	Bobbie/Tommy
10 Dec		Geraldine	Wendy H/Germaine

Ministries of service:	25 Nov	2 Dec	9 Dec	16 Dec	23 Dec
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Helen P	Cathy	Margaret	all please
Cleaning:	Bunny & Ella		Pauline & Wendy		Bronnie & Felix

Counters: 1st Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie. 2nd: Sunday: Wendy H
3rd Sunday: 4th: Phil Owen

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Take care of each other,
Helen Hart

