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HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am

Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

Pray the Rosary

First Saturday each month 3.30pm

**If you are in Urgent need of a Priest
out of office hours call - 6248 8253**

Christ



The King

**Face Masks are not mandatory,
but encouraged for those 12 years and over.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon – Revelations 5: 12; 1: 6

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.

FIRST READING

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 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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 92(93):1-2,5

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

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

Second reading - Apocalypse 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - Mark 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

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon - Ps 28: 10-11

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

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MASS BOOKINGS

YOU WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO BOOK FOR WEEKEND MASS.

You will no longer be required to book for weekend Mass. It is still a requirement to scan the CBR APP on entering the church. If you DO NOT have the CBR APP you will be required to leave your name, telephone number and sign the register.

If a Welcome Minister is available to scan your CBR APP Card you do not need to leave your details.

MASS CANCELLATION

**Friday 26 November Mass will be cancelled.
Yr 6 students at Rosary School will be receiving the
Sacrament of Confirmation at 6.00pm.**

COMMENTARY

Today the Church's liturgical year comes to a close with the feast of Christ the King – for many, doubtless, an anachronistic and alien image.

The early generations of believers probably faced much the same problem. The idea of Christ as King, which was inevitably bound up with recognition of him as the Jewish Messiah, had overtones of power and domination that must have seemed incongruous in view of what they believed concerning Jesus. They too had to reclaim and re-mint the idea of kingship before it could be appropriately applied to him. This is in fact what we see happening in the extract from the Fourth Gospel's presentation of the trial before Pilate, which forms the Gospel for today.

Jesus' whole life has been a revelation, defence and witness to 'truth' in this sense. Now he is on trial for it – as countless others, down to and including our time, will be on trial in the same cause. Pilate may have the physical power of Rome behind him. Jesus has the allegiance of all who seek the truth. They will suffer for bearing witness to it, as he did. Today's feast asserts that they who have shared his witness will share his victory as well.

AN UNEARTHLY KING

Man has always tried to build utopia; heaven on earth. Whether it be through the class warfare and revolution of the Socialist, or the dream life founded on the gamble of the stock market - that sacrament of Capitalism, humanity has desperately grasped for Eden.

The issue at stake is when one jettisons God as the foundation of all human activity, an inevitable vacuum ensues and it is these rather shoddy substitutes that seem to fill the void.

There is only one society for which all human persons are made and that is the kingdom of Christ. From the very moment of his conception Jesus Christ was proclaimed a king. When the angel announced his coming to the Blessed Virgin he pronounced the following:

And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call him Jesus... the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David...; his kingdom shall never have an end. (Luke 1:31-33)

Yet Jesus was no earthly king. Despite his assumption of David's throne this empire was not to be circumscribed by borders, patrolled by armies or developed by conquest. Rather this empire is one which is found within the hearts and minds of its subjects, those stamped with the name of Christian.

When asked by the crowds where the kingdom of God was Jesus taught:

"The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Lo, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you." (Luke 17:20-21)

In theology-speak it is Jesus who is the kingdom, and it is through baptism, and the participation in the other sacraments, primarily the sacrament of the Eucharist, that Jesus establishes his kingdom. The Kingdom of God is among us here today!!!

As members of his kingdom however we are commissioned to be its agents too, that is, to remind men that there is only one ruler of society and that is Jesus Christ. The Church founded by Christ then is called to act as the agent of Christ's empire and to enter into the secular realm, the public square. *Lumen Gentium*, the Vatican II document on the Church, teaches this mindset when it says particularly of the laity:

They live in the world... in the ordinary circumstances of family and social life, from which the very web of their existence is woven. They are called there by God that by exercising their proper function and led by the spirit of the Gospel they may work for the sanctification of the world ...In this way they may make Christ known to others (Lumen Gentium #31)

The furthering of Christ's kingdom in part depends on all of us, if we indeed are truly convinced as subjects of



Cont... Christ. This then is the point of our feast, a rededication to Christ's kingdom. We need to remind ourselves daily of the kingdom's etiquette. In this examination of conscience, do we see ourselves as conforming to the world and its delights, its easiness, its path away from the true and the good or do we **"put on the put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation"** (1 Thessalonians 5:7-8).

A constant reminder for us is Jesus' final dialogue with Pilate. When asked whether he was a king Jesus replied "my kingdom is not of this world" (Jn 18:36) The kingdom of Christ is an altogether different regime from the dominions of men and we need to be familiar with it so as to be its agents. The preface of our Mass today sums up this otherworldly kingdom:

**a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace**

The kingdom of Christ is a kingdom of holiness. Are we striving for holiness in our daily life? The Kingdom of Christ concerns grace - do we seek out the graces God can give us through the sacraments and prayer, do we notice those moments of grace that are offered to us but we have refused? These graces may be the opportunity for a daily Mass or some time offered for prayer or an opportunity to assist someone in need.

If we are to be agents of Christ's kingdom let us first seek whether his Kingdom is in us so that then when we are convinced of our own subjection to Christ we can then spread his kingdom to those who need it most. Only then can we, by God's grace, achieve the Utopia for which we truly desire - the Kingdom of God.

God love you. Fr Mannes OP

A DEEP TRUTH ABOUT OUR LIVES

'In the meeting of Pilate and Jesus, we have the encounter of the representative of Imperial Rome with Christ the Universal King. To speak of Christ as Universal King is, among many other things, to be reminded that while there is a kind of kingship that is built on power and domination, true kingship, that of Christ, is not like that.

'So the Feast of Christ as Universal King is a reminder of a deep truth about our lives, about where true happiness is to be found and where it is not to be found. When Christ says that his kingdom is not of this world, he is not only telling us that to put our trust in power and domination is emptiness and folly, he is also presenting us with an alternative. The alternative is love.

'If we reflect on what true victory and power really are, as revealed in the loving Kingship of Christ, we can see that there is a kind of victory that makes such complete sense that we might well wonder why we so often fail to see it.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr John O'Connor OP

RULERS OF THE KINGS OF THE EARTH

'Jesus does not deny being a king but this designation is not enough. He does not want to be limited to a kingship of this world. This is the sort of kingship seen throughout world history; it thrives on self-serving ambition, despises weakness and exalts the power of the nationalistic superman.

"Yes I am a king, I was born for this to bear witness to

Cont...the truth and all who are on the side of truth listen to my word." But Pilate refuses this truth. With the high priests he embodies the corruption of worldly government.

'In the midst of this hostile world Jesus bears witness to God's kingdom. And what do we see? A man mocked as a king, crowned with thorns, arrayed in a purple cloak and then finally lifted up on to the throne of the cross. The pretensions of worldly kingship are mocked but as the crucified Christ reigns from the cross he reveals the self-giving love of God and it possesses a power which can draw all men and women into his kingdom. In fact, on the cross his kingship is universally proclaimed in Hebrew, Latin and Greek.'

Excerpt from a commentary by Fr David Sanders OP

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our young School of Religion parishioners who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday.

We pray that they will always welcome Jesus into their hearts as their strong, true and gentle friend.

We might pray the children's prayer for them and with them.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Vinnies will hold a Christmas Appeal at masses next weekend - 27 and 28 November. Donation buckets and an epos machine will be available for your donations. If you are unable to donate at masses on that weekend, we will provide you with advice on other ways to donate in future bulletins. 25% of the proceeds collected from our parish in this appeal will go towards covering pre-made Christmas hamper costs and for assisting Vinnies work overseas. We are doing this because the COVID closedowns have prevented us from organising our usual hamper collection through the school and our usual Ozanam Twinning appeal in October.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Vinnies is organising pre-made hampers for our hamper families this year. We are required to supplement those hampers with treat items and gifts. We are seeking your assistance with these things.

We need small and larger Christmas puddings and Christmas cakes, biscuits, lollies, chips (but NOT nuts or nut products), small tins of hot chocolate, milo or quick, gravy or gravox, bottles of long-life juice, custard, pancake mix, jelly and bonbons.

We don't need many gifts. A small number of toys for children under 10 and some gift cards for teenagers. Cards should be between \$20-50 in value.

A box has been placed at the rear of the church for these donations. Please provide gift cards to a Vinnies conference member or to the Parish office.

ADVENT PROGRAM

Four week Advent Program run by the Archdiocese of Canberra / Goulburn, resources and registrations: <https://cgatholic.org.au/walking-together/> or register on the sheets in the foyer, or just turn up. The Program starts this Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre for four weeks. Everyone welcome.

The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose.

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Carol Hallam, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, June Pollard, Anne Corver, Ursula Ramsay, Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Bob Hackett, Joe Schimizzi, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Una Bell, Peter Catlin Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Terry Stephens, Bernard Druett, Denis Lawrence, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Patricia Zorzi

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.— Fred Farlow

In Loving Memory - Joyce & Erwin Schwinghamer

ARCHBISHOP'S DAY - Come back to the Father!

Archbishop's Day of Teaching - Saturday 11 December 2021 - 9:30am to 4:30pm - St Peter Chanel's Yarralumla. to book, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BUTGN>. Or text Maida 0423 658 326.

CATHEDRAL SECRETARY POSITION — Parish Secretary. Position requires applicants to be available from Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 4.00pm. Starting date, December 1, 2021. If you would like more information please inquire at the parish office via email cathedral@cg.org.au or phone (02) 6239 9846 (bh).

CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH SECRETARY POSITION — This is a part-time permanent position (10-12 hours per week). Salary will be subject to equivalent Clerk Award Level 4 rates. Please email emil.milat@cg.org.au or phone Fr Emil 0414523036 for a copy of the duty statement & selection criteria, closes 7 December.

PRAY THE ROSARY On Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. You are most welcome to join in.

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre every Wednesday.

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - www.wccm.org

WEEKLY READER FORMATION - Formation sessions have are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. - Meet at the door of the office at 7.30pm OR join us online using Zoom. Zoom details are - <https://zoom.us/j/91493407836>

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The Meeting ID is 983 138 1937 and the passcode is 815443.

ROSTER 27 / 28 November 2021

Saturday 5pm

Acolyte - I. Buckley, Reader - Sr Veronica & M. Dawes, Welcome - K. Murphy, A. Moore

Sunday 8am

Acolyte - K. Linard, Reader - E. Smith & J. Smith

Sunday 10.00am

Acolyte - H. Beasley, Reader - L. Fardell & A. O'Donnell, Welcome - K. O'Brien, C. Bergin

Sunday 5.00pm

Acolyte - L. Kim, Reader - J. Schwinghamer & T. Malone, Data Projector - J. Kim

Counters - J. Smith

Be watchful and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.