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## VERITAS



# CHRIST THE KING

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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  
4pm - 4.45pm

#### Adoration - Holy Hour

Friday's 6pm - 7pm

#### Pray the Rosary

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

ACU MASS - 12pm Wednesday

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon - Rv 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 - 2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel then 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 121(122):1-5

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

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.

Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.

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.

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - Colossians 1:12-20

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

Cont...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.

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 - Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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 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.'

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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## CHRIST THE KING

On 24 November the feast for Andrew Dung Lac and Companions commemorates more than 100 Catholic martyrs killed in Vietnam over a period of three centuries. The lives and deaths of the martyrs testify to the power and inspiration of Christ who submitted to death for our salvation. It is fitting this commemoration feast occurs close to the Feast of Christ the King, which does not shrink from bringing out the paradox involved in claiming the Crucified One as 'King'.

Luke's Gospel for the Feast of Christ the King (23:35-43) tells of the two criminals who are crucified on either side of Jesus. One abuses Christ while the other asks Jesus to 'remember me when you come into your kingdom'. Jesus' response to the penitent thief displays his kingship by shepherding the most marginalised one, 'assuring him of inclusion in the community of the saved. To do so, innocent though he is, Jesus has come down to this extraordinary degree of degradation and suffering in order to be truly alongside him.'

This week we pray in gratitude for Jesus' accompaniment on our journey to the Father.

## THE INCLUSIVE REIGN OF CHRIST

In the aftermath of Queen Elizabeth's departure from this life and the accession of Charles III as King of Great Britain the subject of monarchy has been very much on the minds of us all in these recent months.

For many the concept of monarchy seems quite natural but for others it is merely tyranny, how can all power be invested in one person? We in a more egalitarian and democratic Australia perhaps view monarchy with a healthy cynicism which indeed we also give to our politicians. But can we be so cynical about the kingship of Christ?

The short answer is, we cannot. Aside from all human methods of governance, God's method of governing is at once monarchical and far from democratic. There will be no parliament in heaven, there will be no voting, no politicians. God will be sovereign and that is simply a fact by virtue, not of arrogance, but by virtue of essence. Since God simply is all that is true, good, beautiful and just, there can be no equal; or can there be some kind of divine twist here?

Hidden within the kingship we celebrate today is the divine condescension. The lowering of the Godhead into the real milieu of the human. Christ is king of this world not simply as God but also by virtue of his human family. Jesus was born into the royal tribe of Judah, the tribe of King David, the man found to be after God's heart. Jesus' ancestry as mapped out by St Matthew in his impressive genealogy notes that Jesus' is a claimant to the Davidic throne. Indeed St Luke makes this an element of the angel's message to Our Lady when he says:

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 1:32-33 RSV

Again we see elsewhere in St Luke's gospel that Our Lady is referred to by her cousin Elizabeth with a strange title:

"And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

Luke 1:43 RSV

This title is charged with great queenly significance. In the royal court language of the ancient Near East, the title "Mother of my Lord" was used to address the queen mother of the reigning king (who himself was addressed as "my Lord"; cf., 2 Sam. 24:21). Thus with this title Elizabeth is recognizing the great dignity of Mary's role as the royal mother of the king, Jesus.

However when Jesus stands before Pilate a curious revelation is made concerning Christ's kingdom. Pilate is anxious to know who Jesus is and what he has done, even going so far as to find out whether indeed he was a king.

Are you the King of the Jews?"?...Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world." Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king."

John 18:33-37 RSV

Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not from the world. It is this curious revelation that unlocks our understanding of Christ's kingship. Rather than follow the traits of all

Cont...earthly kings, who've for the most part, lorded it over people, Christ's kingship paradoxically is non violent, certainly not militaristic and not interested in power. Rather justice, love, truth and peace are central to Jesus' regime. This is the first acme of Christ's kingship not being mundane.

The second marker of Christ's unworldly kingship is that it is remarkably inclusive. By virtue of our baptismal consecration each individual Christian is conformed to Christ as priest, prophet and king. This inclusion in Christ's kingship rests on us being co-heirs with Christ in all that Jesus has merited for us by his suffering, death and resurrection.

St Paul in his letter to the Romans writes:

And if we are children, then we are heirs: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ--if indeed we suffer with Him, so that we may also be glorified with Him.

Later on Paul teaches Timothy the fruits of this co-heirship

11 [This is a trustworthy saying: If we died with Him, we will also live with Him](#); 12 if we endure, we will also reign with Him; (2Tim 2:11)

This spiritual inheritance of co-reigning in Christ's kingdom is likewise corroborated in the Book of Revelation which teaches the following:

21 [To the one who overcomes, I will grant the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.](#)

As we ponder Christ's unique kingship, let us keep in mind that it is the throne of heaven to which all are invited. All of us are called to reign with Christ in his everlasting kingdom, each of us then are spiritual princes and princesses, but fundamentally it is our sonship of God that grants us these privileges. Today then by God's grace may we realise once more our supreme dignity through our baptism. May we be found worthy to enter fully into the kingship with which we were invested on the day of that baptism so we may indeed live and reign with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen

God love you all. You're all in my prayers.

Fr Mannes OP

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPER DONATIONS

The Parish Vinnies Conference is again seeking your support in putting together Christmas Hampers for local families in need. A box is available at the church entrance for donations. **We are looking for donations of:** Biscuits (tins are very popular) including shortbreads, chocolate and savoury biscuits; jellies, pudding mixes, cake mixes eg. cupcakes, muffins, pancake mixes and other desserts; lollies and snack food; jams and vegemite; pickles chutneys, tomato and other sauces; pasta and rice, packets of cereal; tea & coffee. **We cannot accept nuts or nut products for health and safety reasons.**

**We are not taking toy donations this year** and indeed we have only a few families with small children. Instead, we ask you to consider providing gift vouchers of between \$20 - \$50. These are more flexible and can be used for all ages. We need all donations by Sunday 4 December. As ever, your support is greatly appreciated.

## St Vincent de Paul CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Parish Vinnies Conference will hold its annual Christmas Appeal on the weekend of 3-4 December. Cash and electronic donations will be accepted and further information on donation methods will be available in the coming weeks. Vinnies looks forward to your support.

## REMOVING THE EXEMPTION

Dear friends in Christ,  
You will be aware that during the COVID-19 pandemic period this Archdiocese did not require us to attend Church. This was an extraordinary measure for our health and wellbeing. Given the facts of the new situation regarding the pandemic, I am lifting the exemption from obligation to worship God at Mass on Sundays from the First Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022.

Clearly, this obligation does not bind those who have serious health concerns, or who are physically or morally prevented from attending Mass.

Indeed, I ask you to remain at home, if you are feeling unwell, have cold or flu symptoms, or believe you pose a risk to the health of others.

As Catholics we believe that Jesus is present with us in a very special way when we gather as a community in prayer and action, walking together in our faith and celebration. We attend Mass because Jesus feeds us in Word and Sacrament. An obligation to attend Mass is present to support and encourage us all to gather for the Eucharist, "the source and summit" of our entire Christian lives. We need each other's prayers at Mass, especially to support those struggling in life.

We appear to be coming to an end of this long and, for so many, most terrifying time. We reflect on all we have experienced. We pray for each other, especially for those who continue to suffer in any way from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we prepare for the Christmas Season of joy, let us continue our "Walking Together" into this penitential season of ADVENT in repentant and joyful HOPE for the coming of the Saviour at Bethlehem.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

## BAPTISM

*Eden Lorna Wai Yun Lee*

will be baptised this weekend.

May her life be filled with God's peace,  
and her heart with God's love...  
on this Baptism day and always.



## SPECIAL OFFER

Special Offer! Free trial!  
Ultra low joining fee. No monthly payments.  
Where else could you get  
such an attractive offer?

Join the parish choir now and have the joy of singing Christmas music for one hour every Monday night until Christmas. For more information, phone Maureen 61617100. Or just come along to practice at 7.30 pm in the church Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

## CHRISTMAS STALL

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding its annual Christmas Stall on Wednesday 30 November and Thursday 1 December 2022, 8am-4pm both days, in the foyer of Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce.

## DONATIONS TO PARISH & PRIESTS

**Parish details** to contribute to the Planned Giving.  
Bank details – Account Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson  
BSB: 062786 - A/C : 000013341 - Reference: Name

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Details – Account Name: Dominican Fathers Watson  
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## PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Mary Martin, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Mimma Gia, Philip Bailey, Veronica Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Peter Catlin, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Elizabeth Webster, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Anthony Parsonage, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Alphonsa Bankovsky, Doug Gaudencio, Dennis McKeon, Gabe Savas, Michelle Brotohusodo, Una Ford, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.  
Rosa Ting Siew Ying, Peter Dingle, Malcolm Brown, Mary Phillips

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Vivian Lynda Ruiz

**BIBLE STUDY** Verbum: Bible study for Young Adults (18-35) Tuesday nights at 6.30pm in the Parish Office a group of young adults from around North Canberra come to study the scriptures and pray. **On break at the moment.**

**PRAY THE ROSARY** Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. Please join in.

**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays.

**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](http://www.wccm.org)

**WEEKLY READER FORMATION** - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday.

All parishioners are invited. – Meet in the church Office.

**HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE** WhatsApp Group.

By joining the group you can connect with women of all ages from the Blackfriars (Holy Rosary Church) Parish and School community and grow in fellowship within the Blackfriars community. Send me your mobile number to Emily 0422 815 680 to connect.

## ROSTER 26 / 27 November

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M. Tran  
Reader - P. Farrelly

**Sunday 8.00am** - Acolyte - K. Linard  
Reader - M. Donnelly, L. Smith  
D. P. - Clarke, Klekner

**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - L. Kim  
Reader - L. Fardell, A. O'Donnell  
D. P. - J. Cortese

**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - S. Sedgwick  
Reader - C. Paton, Catherine Paton  
D. P. - A. Parton

**SEEKING ASSISTANCE** in relation to cooking dinner meals twice a week for a family of four in Franklin. Meals can be cooked at the family home. All groceries will be provided. Payment can be negotiated with Karan Kaur on 0405 978 825.

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