GOSPEL Jn 18:33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

You say that I am a king.

'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.



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# Breaking Open the Word

#### **'BORN FOR THIS'**

The apocalyptic messages of the last weeks now arrive at the climax of our liturgical year: it is the end! In the first reading Daniel regales us with the vision of 'one like the son of man' coming on the clouds of heaven. Our psalm response chants, 'The Lord is 'King'.

We are taken to the passion narrative of John's Gospel: 'Are you the King of the Jews?' It is Pilate who asks. In this moment Jesus speaks with the clarity of the truth: 'My kingdom is not from this world'. Questioned further, he declares, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This short passage confirms what we already know that Jesus the Christ is 'the Word' who 'became flesh and lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.' (1:14). The 'I Am' statements in John's Gospel proclaim Jesus as 'the bread that came down from heaven' (6:41), 'the bread of life' (6:48), 'the living bread' (6:51), 'the light of the world' (8:12), 'the gate for the sheep' (10:7), 'the good shepherd' who lays his life down for his sheep (10:11), 'the resurrection and the life' (11:25), 'the way, the truth and the life' (14:6), 'the true vine' (15:1), 'the vine, and you are the branches' (15:5). This litany reveals the One in whom we believe and to whose voice we listen. Today we celebrate the One who was born for this.

### **Dr Rosemary Canavan**

# THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / B

24 NOVEMBER 2024

#### FIRST READING

Dan 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel *His sovereignty is eternal.* 

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.

#### **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**

Apoc 1:5-8

A reading from the book of Apocalypse
The ruler of the kings of the earth . . . made us a
line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the Firstborn 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.

#### **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!

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# ST PATRICK'S PARISH FAMILY



Baptisms are celebrated Sunday 10am Mass
Baptism-Request Forms can be found online
<a href="http://cg.org.au/cooma/ApplicationForms.aspx">http://cg.org.au/cooma/ApplicationForms.aspx</a>
thank you, Fr Mark

#### St Patrick's Cooma Mass Mass Sunday's at 10am

Cooma Reconciliation available as requested following Mass

Adoration - Fridays 5.30-6.30pm

St Patrick's Weekday

Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am
Except Third Friday of Month for
Nursing Home Masses 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

9.30am Yallambee Lodge 11am Sir William Hudson

Adaminaby -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday month

Next date = 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9am

Nimmitabel

Mass 3<sup>rd & 5th</sup> Sunday \*5pm Sat Vigil Mass 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>,4<sup>th</sup> Sun-LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla

Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at **5.00pm** LITURGY 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday **5.00pm** 

Berridale

Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month Vigil Mass Saturday's at 3.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy of the Word 10am Sunday

Jindabyne

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th = Vigil Mass 5pm Sat 5th Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

Roster	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1st Dec 1st Sunday Advent /C
Acolyte	Richard Cmunt	Darren Steinke
Usher	Joan Simpson	Terri Rick
Reader / Commentator	Belinda Wilkins	Heather Collin
	(volunteer)	Mike Introna
Special Minister	Susan McPhie	Colin Tighe
Mass Servers		
Children's Liturgy	Suja Tessy	Joan Simpson
Altar Linen	Gaie Mooney	volunteer
Church Care- reminder (always shown week in advance)	1 <sup>st</sup> Shane Bilish &	8 <sup>th</sup> Blyton Barrett
	family	family
Hospital	Joan Simpson	Margaret Quodling

Flowers: Claire Neumeyer and Maria Bacsko

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Next weekend Readings

First Sunday of Adent / C

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 2nd Reading: 1 Ths 3: 12-4:2 Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



We extend a very warm Welcome to New parishioners of our Parish, we kindly invite you to complete an introduction form with your family details. Forms can be located in the Church entry.



The Catholic Church dedicates November, starting with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, as the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory—those who died in grace but have yet to atone for all their sins. This reflects the Church's belief in the communion of saints, uniting us with those in heaven, purgatory and on earth. In November, Catholics are encouraged to pray for deceased loved ones and those who have no one to pray for them, reinforcing our unity in Christ. Pope Saint John XXIII expressed this beautifully, calling devotion to the dead "one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit".

November Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of our departed family and friends: John Rudd, Darcy Stewart.

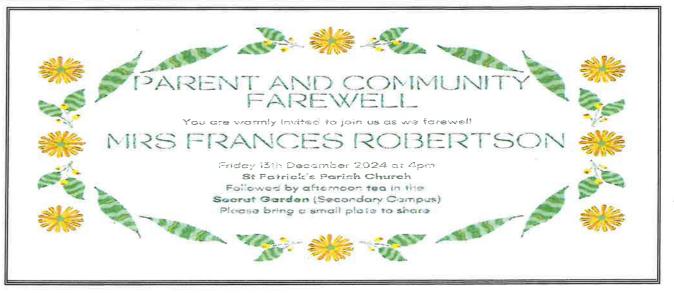
Prayers for our Sick: "We pray for all who are sick: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence": Colin McMillan

10 December 2024 | Last call for Marriage Preparation before mid-February 2025 Engaged couples marrying before mid-February 2025 should register now for one of the following courses: FOCCUS - More information and registrations: www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463

## BAPTISM: 24th November 2024

We congratulate Milled L Carissa Issa nee Griffin on the Baptism of their daughter 'Hannah Joy Issa' sister to Amelia and Tyler. We welcome Hannah into our St Patrick's Parish family, may the Holy Spirit always guide you and light your path in life.





# \*\* DEAR PARISH VOLUNTEERS- ALL Volunteers - anyone with a role in the Church.

We require A Child Protection Code of Conduct form every 3 years for <u>ALL volunteers of our Church</u> Please see Fr. Mark to sign an updated Acknowledgement form, if in doubt please check with us, thank you.\*

**#Advent Books** have arrived and few spare copies are still available at \$5 - Advent begins 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024/ C **#Josephite Calendars 2025** have arrived for those who ordered and a few spare copies are available at \$11

#### Fr. Mark Joke: Somnambulist or Methodist?

"Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake," Jesus commands. The signs-of-the-times are such that, clearly, this is no time for somnambulists. A somnambulist, as you know, is a person who walks in his sleep. On the eve of his wedding, a young man decided to confess all to his fiancée. He went to her and said, "My love, there is something I feel I must tell you before we are married; something you must know. It may make a difference in your feeling toward me. You see, I am a somnambulist." The young lady thought for a moment, then replied, "Oh that's all right. There's no problem. I was raised a Methodist. We can go to your Church one Sunday and to mine the next."