LITURGY OF THE WORD Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B

First Reading Dn 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 be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord R. Thanks be to God

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
- 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.
- 3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time (R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading Rv 1:5-8 A reading from the book of the 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 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

R. Thanks be to God

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!

Gospel *Jn 18:33-37* 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 R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael

Not from, but for, the World

What are we to make of the famous reply of Jesus to Pilate: 'My kingdom is not of this world? Left there, it sounds as though Jesus is talking about a realm which is far removed from terrestrial concerns. Perhaps our task as his followers is to meditate into a blissful nothingness, to live otherworldy lives.

It is a poor translation, and it should read: 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would have fought to stop my being handed over.' Of all the ways in which our Lord could have contrasted his realm with all the other ways in which societies are ruled, he chose a contrast about the use of force. Rather, his reign springs

from his Father's will that humanity should live together in a realm of nonviolence.

We can easily criticise ISIL's blasphemous use of barbaric violence in the supposed service of religion. It is the most extreme opposite of Our Lord's teaching which He embodied in his practice. But, even for us, the challenge is there to restrain too-ready resort to armed violence and to humanely moderate its exercise where it is used to protect the innocent.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the coming of the Kingdom, not as an 'out of this world' experience, but in the words of the Our Father: 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

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2021 YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

"I have a great love for St. Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table, I have an image of St. Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church! Yes! We know that he can do that. So when I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath St. Joseph, so that he can dream about it! In other words, I tell him: 'Pray for this problem!"

- Pope Francis



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 22nd - St Cecilia, virgin & martyr

Tuesday 21st - St Clement I, pope & martyr, St Columban, abbot

Wednesday 24th - St Andrew Dung-Lac priest, & companions, martyrs

Thursday 25th- St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr

Saturday 27th -Saturday Mass of the Virgin Mary





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Church/Online: Cenacle Prayer Tues at 4.45pm



Adoration: Friday at 5:30pm



Bench Ministry By Request

Craft Group every Thursday @ 10 am

Wrap with Love Gathering & Afternoon Tea Wed 24th Nov 1-3pm

Coffee Club Thursday 18h After Mass @ Corrigan's Cove

First Eucharist Mass Saturday 20th @ 5pm

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop Tuesday 23rd 10am @ Phil Billington's house 0428 593 191

PPC Meeting Wednesday 24th @ 5pm Meeting Room

Pastoral Care Meeting Tues 30th 9.30-11.30 **Shared Morning Tea** Meeting Room

Bereavement Team Meeting Saturday Dec 4 9.30-11.30am Shared Morning Tea Parish Office

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING YEAR B

"King" as a word and as an ideal has had 🛭 a bad time of it since 1925 when the Feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI. Some of you may remember the 1950s when the title King was applied liberally to almost any individual considered peerless in his field. For example, Elvis Presley was the King of Rock 'n'



When Jesus stood as a prisoner before Pilate, abandoned by his disciples, cast aside by his fellow citizens, He said to Pilate, "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." (John 18:36)

Jesus made it clear to Caesar's representative that Rome had nothing to fear from the alleged King of the Jews. Israel's dreams of a triumphant Messiah were fantasy. Indeed, as St Augustine wrote, Jesus is not a king who levies tribute, marshals mighty armies, or puts his enemies to the sword; He is a King who reigns in people's hearts, who promises eternal goods, who will lead into the Kingdom of heaven all who believe, who hope & who love.

Pius XI may have been over optimistic when he wrote the following in his Encyclical Quas Primas (11 December 1925) instituting the Feast of Christ the King. "Nations will be reminded by the annual celebration of this feast that not only private individuals but also rulers and princes are bound to give public honour & obedience to Christ. It will call to their minds the thought of the Last Judgment, wherein Christ who has been cast out of public life, despised, neglected & ignored. will most severely avenge these insults; for his kingly dignity demands that the State should take account of the commandments of God and of Christian principles, both in making laws and in administering justice, and also in providing for the young a sound moral education." His Holiness expects the world to see Jesus as a triumphant King.

Ninety -five years after His encyclical, indeed after two millennia of Christianity, there is still much opposition to the Kingdom which Jesus came to establish. And yet there never was a King for whom so many loyal subjects sought to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the four corners of the globe. Countless people have renounced all things to follow Him and to establish His Kingdom. Their name is legion - the men, women & children who have shown Him their love by dying for Him.

The Kingdom of God is both a present reality and a future promise. That present reality was initiated by Jesus Christ, True God & True Man. He founded a Church to continue His work; a work carried on with the help of the Holy Spirit. There will be periods of doubt, failure, pain, humiliation, persecution and other tribulations - just as Jesus suffered. But we can also look forward with blessed hope (Titus 2:13) to the end times when the Risen Christ will bring the Kingdom of the Triune God to its consummation.

Lord Jesus, may the Church be truly Your collective body in the world today. May it be infused with Your Spirit - loving and serving others. As You did when You lived among us. Come, Lord Jesus, come! We need Your help. Amen

Joe Quialev

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions November

People Who Suffer from **Depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 23rd: 5.30pm Mass Wed 24th: 9am Mass Thurs 25th: 9.00 am Mass Fri 26th: 9.15 am Mass Sat 27th: 9am Mass/Rosary 9.30am Reconciliation 6pm Mass Sunday 28th: 9am Mass

5pm Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS 20/21 November **Church Cleaning** M deSmet, J Maher & N Spaven (22-26) Commentator 5pm First Eucharist 9am B Basevi 5pm N Beatty **Readers:** 5pm First Eucharist 9am A Skinner 5pm S Ebejer **Eucharistic Ministers** 5pm J Wain, Y Oerder 9am L Stevens 5pm B Maynard **Computer Screen** 5pm First Eucharist 9am D May 5pm M O'Neill REGISTRARS 5pm G & M Weatherall

9am B Basevi/M Lowe

5pm. M Devine 27/28 November **Church Cleaning** Coffey/Paine (29-3Dec) Commentator 6pm M Weatherall 9am Sr Marie 5pm A Horsfall Readers: 6pm P Nolan 9am A Brown 5pm M Devine **Eucharistic Ministers** 6pm M Bridges 9am C Schor 5pm B Maynard Computer Screen 6pm K Conway 9am T Priest 5pm J O'Sullivan **REGISTRARS** 6pm P Jobes 9am M & S Beashel 5pm. M deSmet

PARISH DAILY LIVESTREAM MASS

Sunday 9am Mass: https://www.facebook.com/ StBernardBatemansbaychurch/live videos/ **Tuesday to Saturday:**

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89462634718? pwd=UGhwWFhlWkZUQWZ0bmhRMUZYYU

St Vincent de Paul Conference **Christmas Appeal** Will be held next

weekend, November



27/28th. Can you help spread some kindness this Christmas by making a \$ donation if you are able, to our Christmas Box or take a tag from the Christmas tree and provide a \$ donation for that particular child. Tax deductible receipts are available. NOTE: We are not collecting tinned food or toys. Appeal end December 19th.

Advent Reflection Group

will take place after the Wednesday Masses beginning Wed November 24 for 4 weeks. Theme: 'New Life in Christ' will be facilitated by Sr. Marie and Marie Weatherall. Advent Resource Booklet supplied. All Welcome.

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES Starting January 2022, Mass on Saturdays will be held @ 5pm

The rosary will be prayed every Sunday of the month at 12 midday come rain or sunshine. Bring umbrellas and a chair

NOVEMBER CEMETERY

ROSARY

SUNDAY 21/11- Mogo Cemetery, Jeramadra SUNDAY 28/11 - Nelligen Cemetery

From Monday November 1st, you are Invited to write the names of loved ones who have died since last November on the cards provided. You are invited to place them on the November Prayer Focus at the front of the Lectern.

We will pray together throughout the month with rosary at the cemeteries each Sunday and other rituals.



Wrap with Love will hold a gathering & Afternoon Tea on Tues 24th Nov @ 1- 3 pm Call Jenny for enquiries 0414 664 077





After the 2020 bushfires

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PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows: Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786 Bank Acc: 000012939

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ROSTERS

are being prepared for December if you would like to be on the roster or learn more about being part of the Ministries at Mass please message Anne on 0429 659862 or email the Parish Office.

LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



LOOKING BACK > LOOKING FORWARD

As we gather to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we are also celebrating the end of the Church's Year B.

As we reflect on Year B certainly the pandemic and its re-emergence is large in our minds and hearts - we didn't expect to be battling Covid in 2021 but then we did! However, through the challenge, anxiety and uncertainty how are we transformed? As we have all said in many conversations - 'it'll never again be life as usual'. How have our priorities changed? Where and with whom do we put our energy?

The Gospel of John this weekend gives us inspiration. This feast is not about the glory and power of kingship but it is about challenging our understanding about being a king – a leader, a person who has the opportunity to lead – we all have this opportunity in our everyday lives - in our families, in our parish, in our sporting clubs and for some professionally. As we reflect on Year B let us be guided by the reply of Jesus to Pilate: 'yes I am a king...I came into the world to bear witness to the truth and all who are on the side of truth, listen to my voice'.

How will we be witnesses to the truth? How will we work together to create a different world in which all are welcomed and respected - in small as well as bigger ways?

We pray for the courage to be witnesses to the truth in our everyday lives - to live out God's reign in our world.





Congratulations Eden Langlands on his Diaconate Ordination Friday 19th November, 2021



celebrated their First Eucharist Saturday 20th November. May God guide and protect you always.

boys and

girls

Death Anniversaries: Brian Jose, Colin Elizabeth Gallagher, Raymond Brendan Hill, Terence Buckley, Marie Shooks, Helen Price, George Unitt

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Joan Herne, Dr Bryan Chester, Lorraine Grace, Waine Williamson, Pa cooper, Theresa Humphrey, Linda Weatherall, John Mula, Eva Maria Easton, Allan Mitchell Margaret Harris, Wayne O'Toole, George Fitzgerald, Robyn Lynette Mundy, Lorna Gunn, velyn Young, Isobel latton, Ingeborg Fissler

Remembering the Sick:

r Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Eileen Hogg, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor dith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced Remember those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors Remember those most vulnerable. May we who have the luxury of working from home Remember those who must choose Between preserving their health or making their rent. May we who have to cancel our trips

Remember those that have no safe place to May we who are losing our margin money

in the tumult of the economic market Remember those who have no margin at all. May we who settle in for a quarantine at home Remember those who have no home. As fear grips our country. Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen.

Ursuline Sisters of Louisville Prayer: Historic Saint Paul Catholic Church



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