

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

First Reading 2 Sm 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

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.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) 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.

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

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

Second Reading Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

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.

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 Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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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-memembers 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.'

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If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

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For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist

Upcoming Events

Choir Practice Monday @ 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays after Mass, and 1st Saturday of the month @ 9.30am

Wrap With Love Luncheon 30th November tba

Craft Group - 10am Thursdays

Adoration Tuesday @ 8am

COFFEE CLUB Venue: Corrigan's Cove All Welcome COFFEE N CHAT

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE -YEAR C

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Monday 21st -Sunday 27th November

Monday 21st: Mass 9am—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

Tuesday 22nd: Adoration 8am, Mass 9am—St Cecilia

Wednesday 23rd: Mass 9am

Thursday 24th: Mass 9am—St Andrew Dung-Lac

Friday 25th: Mass 9am

Saturday 26th: Reconciliation 9.30am, Vigil 6pm

Sunday 27th: Mass 9am

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, 27th 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.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

ST BERNARD'S PARISH has a new Parish Priest who commences here on 10th January, 2023.

He is **Fr Loi Viovicente** who is presently Parish Priest of North Belconnen in Canberra.

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The Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour "new wine into fresh wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Arch-diocese in the years ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. All Saints of God, who name and sanctify our parishes, pray for us. *Amen*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

will take place after the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass on November 26 & 27.

There will be a collection after mass and/or you may like to take a tag from the Christmas Tree and provide a \$ donation or buy a K-Mart Gift Card for a gift for your particular child. Place donations or K-Mart Cards in the SVdP Christmas donation Box after Sunday or weekday mass located in the foyer of the church.

If you need a receipt let us know.

Many thanks for your continued support of our families in need.

ADVENT SEASON

In the lead up to Christmas, Advent commences on the weekend of 26th –27th November. During this time there will be another **2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Tuesday 13th December @ 6pm at St Bernards.**

Advent Reflection Group

will take place after Wednesday Weekday Mass beginning Wednesday Nov 23, 9-30am – 11 am in the Church Meeting Room. A booklet will be supplied for those attending the 4 sessions. *All are welcome*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



will be advertised in the next couple of weeks after discussion with The Liturgy Committee

Fr Tom and Fr Eden will have their final week end masses in Batemans Bay and Moruya on the weekend of 31st December and 1st January, as they take up their next postings on the 7th & 8th January, 2023.

SOUTH COAST COMMUNITY KITCHEN OUTREACH

If you have a couple of hours on a Friday afternoon and could deliver food parcels in the Batemans Bay, Catalina and Denhams Beach area, then this is the volunteer job for you.

How often depends on you. Ring Lisa 0475 267 711 for further information.

Join the Pastoral Care Team going to the residents at the Glen.

We have 7 Catholic Residents at the Glen who look forward to a visit and HC.

We need one person to join our team and to go once a month to the Glen.

Orientation to the Glen, 1:1 training provided and all resources. Phone Carolyn 0400 021 119 or Marie W 0405 028 057

Early next year Australia and indeed the world, will witness the crowning of King Charles the Third amid much pomp, pageantry and celebration. He will be the latest King in many centuries of Monarchs through the world where the position is now more ceremonial, more a figurehead, a sign of national unity and a reminder of history.

On this Sunday, we celebrate the role in our lives of another King! This King is Jesus!

What do we know, call to mind or reflect on His Reign or His expectations of His people? How does His reign affect us or should affect us? How is His reign relevant to our lives?



Unlike Kings throughout time, Jesus, our King, was not born into power, wealth or of a particular class. He was born in a stable and into a Kingdom totally at odds with any display of power or majesty that the word King may conjure up in our mind.

On this Feast day we are reminded of the sovereignty of Jesus in our life. It frees us from the worldly notion that we are answerable only to ourselves for our actions, thoughts and values. His Kingdom is at odds with the power and glory we associate with the Kingdoms of past history. Jesus confronts us with the knowledge of temptations of worldly ideals and he calls us to abandon them and calls on us to use our power to build up a more just society. In today's Gospel we hear Jesus talking with the thief who asks Jesus to "remember me when you come into your kingdom". Jesus' positive acceptance and response is an example to us.

This day reminds us that Jesus, by His sacrificial death, has made us heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. To inherit the Kingdom of God we are not called on to fight battles but to embrace our brothers and sisters. The Kingdom of God is within us both personally and collectively. We can declare our loyalty to the King by the quality of our Christian commitment.

How then, can we as members of St Bernard's Parish embrace the call of the King to help those nominated by Him, the hungry,homeless,sad, needy /poor marginalised?

Whilst there is an incredible number of hours providing impressive and high quality service by many volunteers in the Parish, there is always room for more volunteers to take up the call remembering "the harvest is large but the labourers are few." Like the thief on the cross beside Jesus, we, one day will be with Him in His Kingdom.

Ken Evenden

Remembering the Sick:

Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evenden, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Flavia Clyburn, Nita Gorzalka, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White, Vincent Corbin, Pero Simic, Michael McNamara

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions November

For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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ROSTERS

19/20 NOVEMBER

Church Cleaning
R & K Ison (21-25)

6.00PM MASS
Welcomer: J Anderson
Commentator M Weatherall
Reader J Quigley
Eucharistic Ministers
K Lovering,, A Rogers
Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer C Connell
Commentator C Lowe
Reader: M Lowe
Eucharistic Ministers
C Schor A Scicluna
Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA:
J Barroman & T van den Broek

26/27 NOVEMBER

Church Cleaning
Favetta O'Neill Nugent
(28 Nov-2Dec)

6.00PM MASS
Welcomer: K Conway
Commentator M Bridges
Reader S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
M Devine M Weatherall
Computer Screen M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer M deSmet
Commentator N Beatty
Reader: A Skinner
Eucharistic Ministers
M Lowe L Rodwell
Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA:
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