

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A  
First Reading Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel  
*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.  
*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm  
Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1  
**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.  
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.  
**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Second Reading  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*  
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so

all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

*The Word of the Lord*  
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Gospel Acclamation  
Mark 11:9-10  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil

and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*  
**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**  
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Necessities of [Eternal] Life

The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners). Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is *completely* incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'. We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way. We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

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Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

Upcoming  
Events

Choir Practice  
1PM Mondays

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

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS  
Resumes 2024

Wrap With Love End of Year  
Celebration Wednesday 29th  
November 1PM  
CMR

Croatian Mass Saturday 2nd  
December 11am

St Bernard's Graduation Mass  
and Awards 9.15-10.15am  
Thursday December 7th

Candle Ceremony 1.45-2.15pm  
Friday 8th December

Kinder Nativity and Christmas  
Giving Tree Wednesday 13th  
December

Craft Group Thursdays 10am

ADORATION TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after  
Mass  
Venue: Corrigan's Cove  
(breaks for 2023 on 7/12)  
All are welcome

The many disguises of my  
neighbour!

Joyce Rupp in her book 'Boundless Compassion' speaks of **compassion as a way of life** – an inner posture of how to be with suffering, both our own and others, and a desire to move that attitude into action ... a radical change unfolds in us when compassion becomes a way of life. [Rupp, pg 12]

**Today's Gospel Matthew 25: 31-46**, reminds me of the vocation of being a Vincentian. Our Conference is invited, each time we meet with companions, 'to provide any assistance and specifically to seek out those who experience exclusion or adversity and seeing Christ in them.' [Rule of St Vincent de Paul 1: 3 - 4, 8.]

St Ignatius teaches us to see God in all things as does our Catholic Social teaching which emphasises **to look for Christ in every person.**

Mary Cresp rsj in reflecting on the life of Mary MacKillop states: 'Once Mary recognised an old acquaintance at Circular Quay, whom she immediately engaged. As the encounter unfolds we discover that this person was a dirty, alcoholic homeless person. Mary recognised him from a prior life - he was the schoolmaster whose cheating had lead to Mary's disgrace in Portland. For this man **Mary sold her watch so that she could give him a suit of clothes and care.** Mary lived today's Gospel throughout her life ...she saw Christ in every person even those who had wounded her. [Mary Cresp: 'Reflections on Beatification' Jan 25, 1995] Given God's expertise in disguise it is so easy to forget that it is Jesus who is coming to us for assistance.

We are called to help others in simple ways

Today's Gospel is one of the most vivid parables which Jesus ever spoke and its lesson is crystal clear – God will judge us in accordance with our reaction to human need. As William Barclay points out: 'God's judgement does not depend on the knowledge we have amassed, or the fame that we have acquired, or the fortune that we've gained, but on the help that we have given. **But it must be help in simple ways.** The things that Jesus picks out include **giving a hungry person a meal, or a thirsty person a drink, welcoming a stranger, being present to the sick, visiting the prisoner- all things that anyone can do.**' [W. Barclay: The Gospel of Matthew, 2, pg 359] As St John of the Cross] points out" 'In the evening of life we will be judged on love.'



Marie Weatherall





## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Monday 27th November**

**Sunday 3rd December**

**Monday 27th:** No Mass

**Tuesday 28th:** Mass 5pm

Adoration 4pm

**Wednesday 29th:** Mass 9am

**Thursday 30th:** Mass 9am

**Friday 1st:** Mass 9am

**Saturday 2nd:** Mass 6pm

Croatian Mass 11am

Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm

**Sunday 3rd:** Mass 9am

## PASTORAL CARE TEAM THANK YOU LITURGY FOR 2023

& Cuppa will take place on Tuesday November 28th  
@ 10am  
in the Church Meeting Room.

BYO Shared Morning Tea.

*All are Welcome*

## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: 'Grant a Wish for a family'

We are having our Christmas Appeal on the  
weekend of Nov 25/26 after Mass.

If you are able, could you make **\$ donation after mass** [receipt supplied if needed]  
for Christmas food Hampers we have ordered from  
Food Bank NSW.

or you may wish to take a tag from the tree and help a child receive a gift.

Place in the envelope chosen a **\$ donation or buy a K Mart Gift card for that child**  
and place in the SVDP Christmas Box near the tree.

**All Donations in by Dec 10 please.**

We **thank you** for your continued and faithful support of St Vincent de Paul Conference

**Note:** we are not collecting tin food or toys.

**Israel & Gaza Service of Solidarity Webinar with Archbishop Mark Coleridge**  
**Monday 27 November**  
**4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT**

Everyone is welcome. Please register in advance  
[https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zq](https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zq)

*A time to come together in love, prayer, support and hope*

## ZOOM ROSARY

You are invited to join us  
for an ongoing  
Rosary via Zoom.

**TO JOIN:**

**Meeting No:** 697 896 1059  
**Password:** 8Py80J

Every Wednesday &  
Friday @ 4pm  
Every night @ 8.30pm

## Advent program for 2023

The first session of the Advent program will begin on Wednesday 29th November and will run for the following three  
Wednesdays—6th, 13th, 20th December.

9.30-11am in the Church Meeting Room.

**Facilitated by:** Marie Weatherall

**For info ph:** 0405 028 057

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



**Sunday 24th December**  
**Christmas Eve – 6pm & 8pm**

**Monday 25th December**  
**Christmas Day- 10am**

## COMBINED CHURCHES CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

@ Salvation Army and Anglican Church

A community event for those who are alone, or in need

**Please call** 02 4472 9644

Numbers are limited. Due to Covid19 restrictions, bookings by 18th December are essential

## 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:

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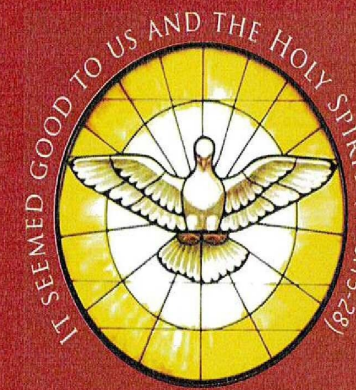
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## Remembering the Sick:

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**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:** Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, M aree O'Brien, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick,



## YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT  
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light  
of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts  
of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same  
Holy Spirit we may be  
truly wise and ever rejoice in his  
consolations.  
Through the same  
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

## December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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