

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 24 Nov 2024

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B

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 Revelation 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.

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### 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 John 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 Tate 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 other-worldly 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 non-violence.

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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### Jesus Christ, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Year B



### CHURCH EVENTS

**Choir Practice**  
1PM Every second and fourth Monday

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am**  
Fridays after Mass

**Wrap With Love End of Year Afternoon Tea**  
Wednesday 27th  
November 1pm CMR

**Advent Discussion Group**  
Wednesdays Nov 27th,  
Dec 4th, 11th & 18th @  
9.30am after Mass in  
CMR

**Craft Group 10am**  
Thursdays Church  
Meeting Room

**ADORATION**  
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

**COFFEE CLUB**  
Thursdays after Mass  
Venue: Corrigan's  
Cove

### IS CHRIST YOUR KING?

Jesus told Pilate: 'My kingdom is not of this world' So what does that mean? If we look at the monarchies that still exist, they range from figure heads to total autocrats. In Daniel's vision 7:14: *And He was given dominion, glory, and kingship, that the people of every nation and language should serve Him.* In other words, He is King of Kings and we are to honour and obey Him.

He is supreme king over all peoples and nations but his kingship is not coercive as worldly kingdoms are. We have free will and can accept or reject Him as our King. So, though He has no army to keep us in line, what is it that He requires from us?

Again unlike worldly kings – we are invited to have a personal relationship with Him. Our personal relationship requires several things:

- \* Obedience to His commandments, which are formed to help us get the most out of life, to be at peace, not to restrict us.
- \* To have a personal relationship with Him through daily prayer, Mass and sacraments
- \* Honouring His name and person – we should not take His name in vain nor use it as an exclamation. We should also give Him the reverence of His kingship – bow/genuflect when we enter and leave the church and bow before His presence when we approach the altar to receive Him in the Eucharist. We give this honour to worldly kings – how much more should we give it to Jesus?

In Pius XI's encyclical on Christ the King, he explains clearly *"that as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations."* History has proved the reality of that statement.

We may not be able to influence the world but in our homes and workplaces we can easily influence those around us by showing our respect for our king by following His simple guidelines: Love God and Love one another. Treat Jesus and all others with respect.

As a child I learnt from the old green catechism that my job was 'To know, love and serve Him here on earth and to see and enjoy Him forever in heaven.'

Our challenge: Can we truly allow Christ to be our King and rule our space on this planet?

Do we honour Him with the bow to royalty when we enter church or receive His Body & Blood?

Deidre Herring



Mass Schedule

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Monday 25th Nov—1st Dec**

- Monday 25th** NO MASS
- Tuesday 26th:** Adoration 4pm  
Mass 5pm
- Wednesday 27th:** Mass 9am
- Thursday 28th:** Mass 9am
- Friday 29th:** Mass 9am
- Saturday 30th** Mass 5pm  
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30
- Sunday 1st:** Mass 9am

**Masses in Aged Care Facilities**

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha

Welcome back Fr Loi!! We hope you had a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you in the Parish once again.

**ROSTERS**

**23/24 NOVEMBER**

**Cleaning**  
25-29 R & K Ison

**5.00PM MASS**  
Welcomer Volunteer  
Commentator J Quigley  
Reader P O'Kelly  
Eucharistic Ministers  
J Wain  
Computer Screen  
K Conway

**9.00 AM MASS:**  
Welcomer M deSmet  
Commentator N Beatty  
Reader: J Whiteford  
Eucharistic Ministers  
L Stevens B Maynard  
Computer Screen Terry Jones

**MORNING TEA:**

**COUNTERS:**  
D & L May

**30th NOVEMBER/  
1st DECEMBER**

**Cleaning**  
2-6/12Favetta/O'Neill/  
Nugent

**5.00PM MASS**  
Welcomer K Conway  
Commentator M Weatherall  
Reader S Ebejer  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Volunteer  
Computer Screen  
M O'Neill

**9.00 AM MASS:**  
Welcomer K Evenden  
Commentator L Page  
Reader: N Beatty  
Eucharistic Ministers  
M & C Lowe  
Computer Screen D May

**MORNING TEA:**  
J Barroman/G Berryman

**COUNTERS:**  
T Priest/J Whiteford

**ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL  
2024**

Will take place this weekend Nov 23/24 and Nov 30/ Dec 1

We are packing 100 Christmas Hampers and providing at least 112 gifts for children under 14. You can help us by making a **\$ donation after Mass**—receipt available if needed **and/or take a tag from the Christmas tree and buy a Kmart Gift Card for a child or make a \$ donation in the envelope provided.**

Please place you donation in the SVDP Christmas Appeal Box near the Christmas Tree.

For security reasons the Christmas donation box is emptied out after the Weekend and Weekday Masses only. Donations help us pay for the family Christmas Hampers and/or gifts for the children.

**All donations need to be in by Dec 14/15.** Thank you for your generous help—**note** we are not asking for tinned food or toys. Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

**All Pastoral Care Team members** are invited to attend our **Thanksgiving Liturgy and Shared Morning Tea** in the Church Meeting Room on Tuesday November 25 at 10am.

A time to gather and give thanks for our year of ministry before Christmas.  
**All welcome!**

**Why not join our Advent Discussion Group and spiritually prepare for Christmas?**

Each Wednesday after 9am Mass in the Church Meeting Room on Nov 27, Dec 4, 11 & 18.

Cost = FREE. A time to slow down, reflect on the Advent Gospel and pray.

**Facilitators:** Carolyn, Marie, Helen and Ken.  
**Enquiries:** Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

**REMINDER:** If you're looking for Christmas gifts this year, the Parish Piety Shop has a selection of Christmas cards and calendars for purchase.

For information call Carol Schor on 0450 775 067

**Immaculata Mission School January 2025**

**What is it?** A wonderful opportunity to go deeper in faith through fantastic Catholic speakers, daily Mass, Adoration and times of prayer, share groups, fun activities, friendship and lots more. The theme is "Mercy" - join us and go deeper in God's love!

**When is it?** 1-10 Jan for youth and young adults (14 years and up); 8-10 Jan for married couples (including children's ministry)

**Where is it?** Armidale, NSW

**Registrations close 15th Dec, early bird price finishes 30th Nov**  
For more information or to register visit [www.immaculata.org.au/ims](http://www.immaculata.org.au/ims)

**PRAYER  
FOR VOCATIONS**

**Lord of the Harvest, help men and women to hear the call and to serve in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.**

**Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.**

**Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.**

**Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.**

**We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen**

**Our Lady, Help of Christians Pray for us**

**St Joseph Pray for us**

**St John Vianney Pray for us**

**St Mary of the Cross Pray for us**

**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

**Remembering the Sick:**

Margaret Priest, Chris Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, 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:** Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre

**Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions**

**For anyone who has lost a child**

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

<p><b>BATEMANS BAY &amp; MORUYA DISTRICT FUNERALS</b></p> <p>Caring for Eurobodalla shire families for over 50 years Batemans Bay 44728886 Moruya 4474 3555 Narooma 4476 3888</p>	<p><b>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS</b></p> <p>1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay</p> <p>Buy fuel any time</p> <p>EFFIOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD</p>
<p><b>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</b></p> <p>Fish &amp; Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches &amp; Coffee</p> <p><b>100% BEEF BURGER</b></p> <p>248 Beach Road Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p> <p><b>02 4472 1802</b></p>	<p><b>MAYDAY Plumbing And Gas</b></p> <p>Fully licensed Plumber and Gas Fitter</p> <p>Gutter Cleaning General Maintenance</p> <p>RHYS MAY</p> <p><b>0427 373 826</b></p>

<p>Clinical Psychologist</p> <p><b>Patrick Fleming</b></p> <p>Batemans Bay Medical Centre <b>Ph: 0412 295 394</b></p> <p>Medicare Rebates Available</p>	<p><b>excell</b> Ideaspeople — with a passion for print</p> <p>P 4472 1599 E: batemansbay@excellprint.com.au www.excellprint.com.au</p> <p>Shop 1/25, Old Princes Hwy Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p>
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