



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Yr B

November 20th/21st 2021

Christ the King

This should be a big celebration, the culmination of all liturgical celebrations we have had for the whole liturgical year which ends precisely with the Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The occasion should remind us that what we begin we should end well, on this occasion ending well ultimately means making Christ our king, the “all in all” in us, the be-all and end-all of our life, and that the way to achieve it is to learn to love the way Christ has loved us and continues to love us.

Learning the art of ending things in general well is not a matter of solving all our problems and perfectly achieving all the earthly goals we have set for ourselves. That will never happen. When we die, there will still be unfinished businesses, let alone, problems unsolved, challenges not yet tackled.

Rather, ending things well is a matter of reconciling ourselves with God and with everybody else. Thus, every day, before we go to bed, we should make sure that we ask forgiveness from God for any weakness, fault or sin we may have committed during the day, as well as asking forgiveness from anyone whom we may have wronged in some way.

We should also be forgiving of anyone who may also have done us some wrong. That way, we would be at peace with everyone as we take our daily rest at night that should somehow be an image of our eternal rest with God in heaven for all eternity. Yes, we should be doing this even if there are still things to be done, fixed and improved. This is how we should end the day until the end of our life comes.

We have to remind ourselves that in the end, it is Christ who will fix everything. Ours is simply to go along with his will and ways as best that we can, knowing that our best can never be enough or that our best can always be made better.

Now, if we want Christ to be our everything, our king in the fullest sense of the word, then we should follow as closely as possible the new or the last commandment that he told us. It's the commandment that summarizes all the other previous commandments told to us. And that is to love one another as he, Christ, has loved us and continues to do so.

It's a love that knows no bounds, that always takes the initiative. It's freely given even if it is not properly reciprocated. We should see to it that everything that we do here on earth, or that we get involved in, no matter how mundane, technical, insignificant human speaking, should redound to the development and growth of love that is a participation of the love Christ himself has lived and commanded us to have.



Readings: 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

First Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

Second Reading

Apocalypse 1:5-8

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.

Gospel Acclamation

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

'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.'

Parish Diary

Monday, November 22nd

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, November 24th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, November 25th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, November 26th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, November 27th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, November 27th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, November 28th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Prayer to St Joseph

You were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, and the head of the Holy Family. We ask your intercession...

Protect our Pope and all who labour for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ.

Protect us from every disease present in our world.

Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector and guide in the way of salvation.

Amen

PARISH NEWS

WE REJOICE

With the Muneretto and Gemgemi families, and the Jager family as they celebrate the baptism of Raphael and Robert in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS

A 28 prayer and reflection resource for Advent (or anytime of the year) prepared by Shane Dwyer of Evangelisation Brisbane. Available in the churches this weekend for \$5.

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

Readers if you have not already done so please collect your copy of Break Open the Word from the sacristy this weekend. It commences next Sunday.

ADVENT PRAYER AND CHRISTMAS DRINKS

Our annual Advent Prayer with Penitential Rite will be on Monday, December 13th commencing 6:30pm in St Agnes' Church. This will be followed by supper and Christmas drinks. All parishioners are invited.

VINNIES VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Do you have any spare time? Would you like to make new friends, learn new skills and have fun while helping your local community? Vinnies Centre of Charity on Logan Road, Mt Gravatt is in need of volunteers. The centre is open Monday – Saturday. If you think you can help please contact Eliza at Elisa.govi@svdpqld.org.au or 0457 878 969.

NOVEMBER MASSES

November Mass Envelopes are available from the table in the Church. PLEASE PRINT the names of those who you wish to be remembered and either give to Fr Joson or place it in the collection plate.

You are welcome to write the names of your deceased ones in a Remembrance Book in the churches. The church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Both Scripture and Tradition remind us to pray for the dead that they may be loosened from their sins and enter the joy of Heaven. Offering Masses therefore is the greatest gift we can give to them. Masses can be offered for those we knew and loved, or for the souls that have nobody to pray for them.



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS IDEAS FOR KIDS

The Children and Families' team at Evangelisation Brisbane has developed some resources, including a free advent calendar and Christmas story booklet with puppets to make. Just head to our online store to download the free resources:

https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/free-resources/?mc_cid=fb46e9ce27&mc_eid=13b5147ab4



COMMUNITY NEWS

INFORMATION DAY FOR CATHEDRAL GUIDES AND WELCOMERS

You are invited to attend an Information Day on becoming a tour guide and/or a welcomer at the Cathedral on Saturday, 27th November in the Francis Rush Centre, St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct from 10 am to 2pm. Refreshments provided. Discover how you can be a part of the team. Your training will cover the architecture, the history, the unique and beautiful stained glass windows and their significance and you'll learn how to share this knowledge with all the many visitors and tour groups who come to the Cathedral. The Information day is open to anyone. Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office on 07 3324 3006 or by emailing deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au

ST GERARD'S CHRISTMAS SHOP

Brimming with beautiful Nativity Sets, Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards and so much more, you must come and see for yourself. The shop is located at St Gerard Majella's Church, 146 Maundrell Tce, Chermerside West. Open Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm. Weekends before and after Mass. It will also be open Saturday, December 4 from 8am-12noon. EFTPOS available.

CHRISTMAS BY THE LAKE

Moogerah Passion Play Association is presenting Christmas by the Lake on Saturday, November 27th commencing 3:00pm at The Lake Theatre, Moogerah Dam. Adults: \$10, Children under 18 free. The evening will comprise carols, nativity play, food and drinks, live music, stalls and free rides. For more information go to <https://moogerahpassinplay.org.au> or Facebook.

HEALING MASS

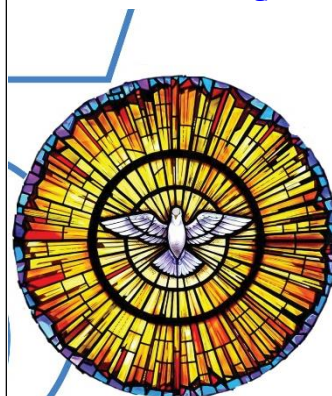
Are you in need of healing? Come to the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, 24 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 3rd December, 2021, at 7.30pm. Fr. Tom Kessy, CSSp, PP, St. Michael's, Dorrington, will be the celebrant. Prayer for healing and the release of the Holy Spirit will be offered during Mass. COVID requirements will be followed. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

'That Catholic Shop' stocks a great supply of Christmas items to decorate your house or to gift to family and friends. The proceeds of your purchases go to support persecuted and suffering Christians throughout the world! Visit: www.thatcatholicshop.com/christmas.

JOB VACANCIES – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part time work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across the Archdiocese. For all details visit, www.aidtochurch.org/work



In its 50th Anniversary year
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**Handel's
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Advent Concert Series

Advent is the season of hope, of expectation, and of joy. Come along each Sunday afternoon throughout Advent at 5pm to enjoy glorious music of the season performed by the talented musicians of our Cathedral Music Department!

These are 4 concerts you will not want to miss.

Admission: \$30/\$25 at the door

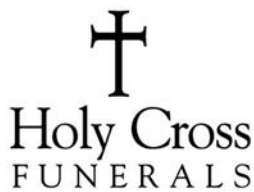
November 28 – The Cathedral Schola

December 5 - Dominic Perissinotto – (Cathedral Organist)

December 12 – Anika Hinrichs, soprano and guest artists

Dec 19 – Christoipher Trikilis (Director of Music)

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The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.