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Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE Year C November 19th/20th, 2022

The King of the Universe

Today is the Feast of Christ the King. What image comes to your mind when someone mentions the word 'King'? For me, I think of crowns and rich robes, attendants and regal surroundings, soldiers and subjects. He has a staff in his hand. Many servants and other people are there to minister to him. I think of worldly power, a strong fighting force and a man who must constantly be watchful of others in his kingdom who might hope to replace him. If that is the common perception of a "king" then Jesus Christ hardly qualifies because all of these could not be found with this King, we are talking about today.

He was a man with no jewelled garment, no worldly power, no army and a man who trusted everyone. Today our King is hanging on the cross with two thieves and it raises an interesting point on how we live our lives. The first thief just wants Jesus to get him off the cross, do something for me. The second thief wants Jesus to remember him.

Pope Pius XI instituted the Solemnity of Christ the King on December 11, 1925 in his encyclical Quas Primas. At that time, he saw the rise of atheistic communism and secularism as a direct result of man's turning away from Christ's sovereignty, and man's denying of the authority of Christ's Church. This result was "disorder" or a move away from the Divine Order. The Feast of Christ the King was set on the last Sunday in October. After the Second Vatican Council, the calendar reforms of 1969 moved the date of the Feast of Christ the King to the last Sunday before the next liturgical year's Advent (Advent marking the start of the liturgical year and beginning four Sundays before Christmas Day).

The Gospel of Luke has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Saviour of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all.

Every blessings

Joson MCBS

Readings: 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

READINGS FOR FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

1st Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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.

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

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.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:12-20

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.

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

Luke 23:35-43

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.'

Parish Diary

Monday, November 21st

Mass **Cancelled**

Wednesday, November 23rd

Mass **Cancelled**

Thursday, November 24th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, November 25th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, November 26th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 26th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, November 27th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes
Multicultural Mass

No 6:00PM Mass

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Jesus, King of flesh and blood,
teach us what it means to be human,
to find divine life
in our own lives of flesh and blood.
Help us to see you,
to be moved by you,
to give our lives
to the only King worthy of them,
for you are Lord.
Amen.

**PRAY
DISCERN
LIVE**



The Church needs shepherds. Pray that the bishops will lead us well and rely on the power of God. (2 Samuel 5:1-3)

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Ian Bone and Vince Lloyd. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the McCormack and Iglesias families as they celebrate the baptism of Lucas in the parish this weekend.

MASSES CANCELLED

There will be **NO** masses this Monday and Wednesday. Fr Joson will be away at a MCBS gathering.

There will be **NO 6:00pm Mass next Sunday evening** at St Agnes'.

COUNTERS

Cheryl's team.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Primary school children are invited to attend CLOW at St Agnes' Church - Sunday, November 27th at 9:00am Mass.

Children are encouraged to wear National Dress of their heritage as this will be held in conjunction with our Multicultural Mass.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS – HEART OF THE DISCIPLE

A 28 day Prayer and Reflection resource for Advent is now available in the churches. \$5.

GOD'S WORD 2023

God's Word is available in the churches or Parish Office from this weekend. Cost \$15

DATE CLAIMER

Advent Prayer and Christmas Drinks – Monday, December 12th



**2022 ANNUAL
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"THANK YOU to you and your parishioners for their generosity and support of

the recent Catholic Campaign. Times are hard for so many, and our agencies have seen an increasing number of individuals and families experiencing severe hardship. With your support, and through funds raised through the Campaign, these agencies continue reaching out to serve those in need, bringing hope, and showing the love of Christ.

This year, your parish raised **\$1,135.00** to support the Campaign – a tremendous contribution, received with absolute gratitude for your kindness and care."

COMMUNITY NEWS

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace invites you to attend a special on-line event to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on Friday, November 25th from 2:00pm – 4:00pm (Qld time).

Keynote speakers will be Bishop Vincent Long, Chair, Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, and Michael Jeh, Ambassador, Small Steps 4 Hannah. Sr. Christine Caralan from Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) and Shatha Jago from Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) will also present information on the resources and campaigns their organisations have developed for the 16 Days of Activism on Gender Based Violence which begins on 25 November. This event will draw further attention to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's 2022 – 2023 Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*. Please register for the event at the following link: <https://bit.ly/25NovSJS>

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC LITURGICAL ART

A work of the National Liturgical Architecture and Art Council it has just had five new articles posted. The website now boasts over 50 illustrated articles on liturgical art and architecture. This website is produced to inspire and inform you. Browse at www.art.catholic.org.au



MULTICULTURAL MASS

Sunday, November 27th 2022

9:00am Mass - St Agnes Church

President: Bishop Tim Norton SVD

Mass will be followed by morning tea

Parishioners, you are invited and encouraged to consider attending this multicultural celebration even though it may not be your regular mass time.

Please wear the national dress of your ancestors and to bring a plate of traditional food to share.

If you are able to provide a plate please let the office know on 3349 2280 or hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE
**Refugee
Sponsorship
Initiative**

INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, 30 November from 6:00-8:30pm (dinner included) at the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane Refugee Sponsorship Initiative arises from a key relationship with Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia an organisation tasked by the Australian Government to oversee grassroots community support of refugee families. This initiative provides a way for parishes and communities to connect with and support refugee families as they settle and find a sense of home in Australia. For more information go to: [Refugee Sponsorship Initiative - Evangelisation Brisbane](http://RefugeeSponsorshipInitiative-EvangelisationBrisbane). RSVP: Friday, 25 November 2022

If you have already registered or are interested in going can you please let the office now.

THE CATHEDRAL SEMINARS WITH SHANE DWYER

Thursday 24 November with a 6.30pm arrival for a 7pm start - 8:30pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct. These seminars will help you grow in understanding of not just what the Church teaches but how to incorporate it into your lived experience. Join us for this fourth seminar where we explore what it means to have a heart of a disciple as we await the coming of Christ throughout the period of Advent.

Cost: \$10pp in-person or recording. Register at https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/CathedralSeminar-November?mc_cid=ee9ddba3c8&mc_eid=13b5147ab4

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE

Enrolments are closing soon for Year 7, 2026. Visit lhc@qld.edu.au for further details.

BRISBANE FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, Nov 26, 8am – 7pm and Sunday, November 27, 8am – 3pm at the Western Stand of the Queensland Sports and Athletic Centre, Cnr Kessels and Mains Roads, Nathan.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER AND CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

Latest editions of both are available in the churches this weekend.

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Catholic Magazine - Free



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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.