

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: 'Jesus came to bear witness to the truth.' We have listened to God's Word and now turn to God with confidence for all our needs.

Reader: For an acceptance of God's providence. (pause)

All: Sovereignty has been promised to God's holy one whom we proclaim as the Christ of God. May we be consoled by God's providence, living as God's providence, living as God's servants in a reign that lasts for ever.

Reader: For the gift of service. (pause)

All: Christ is the first born of the dead, the One who was and is and is to come. May we witness to our faith in his glory by lives of service in the church and in the community.

Reader: For an acceptance of Jesus our king. (pause)

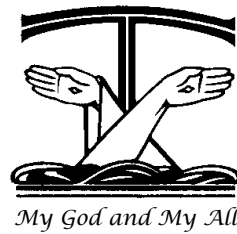
All: Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. May we be true subjects of Jesus our king avoiding violence, promoting gentleness, working for justice, seeking reconciliation and living by the light of the gospel.

Reader: For a desire to witness to the truth. (pause)

All: May we follow the example of Jesus our king, listening to his teaching in every generation; and may we be known as people of the truth bearing witness to the message of the gospel in what we profess and how we live.

Presider: Lord of the universe, your son Jesus established a kingdom of justice, love and peace. Help us to live according to his teaching for he is Lord for ever and ever

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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21st November 2021: Christ the King Sunday -Year B

Christ the King Sunday – Year B

“...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” (Jn 18,37)

Dear Parishioners,

The solemnity of Christ the King this weekend marks the end of our Liturgical Year (Year B) and next weekend the First Sunday of Advent, we start a new Liturgical Year – Year C.

We celebrate the kingship of Jesus with John's Gospel account of what is perhaps Jesus' most humiliating moment: his appearance before Pilate. Perhaps Pilate has no idea what Jesus is talking about when He speaks about “the truth.” Jesus proclaims himself ruler of a kingdom built of compassion, humility, love and truth – power that Pilate cannot comprehend in his small, narrow view of the world.

Jesus came to testify to the truth, and those who belong to Him will listen to His voice. As professed Christians, our vocation is to accept this truth, which will transform our lives so we can recognize Jesus' voice. In other words, our task is to be "enlightened" and Jesus is the source of our "enlightenment."

Fr Anthoni, Fr Francisco and myself are very grateful for your support shown towards us and your faithful commitment to our Parish community throughout this liturgical year 2020-2021 especially during the hard times of Covid restrictions. Let's pray for a better year ahead and pray that each one of us continues to be “faithful gospel and truth bearers” of our Lord, the King of compassion and mercy. Have a blessed weekend

Fr Joseph Nguyen ofm

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

This November, we will make available a Book of Remembrance. It will be placed near the altar throughout the month, to view, to remember, and to pray for those whose names are inscribed. You are invited to add the name of your deceased loved ones.

CANA Christmas Sale !
13th, 14th, 20th, 21st November

To support those who live on the margins, many who have spent years on the streets and in institutions.

Support CANA and buy some lovely products!

Credit card and cash accepted.

Please note Cana goods will **not** be for sale at St Joseph church this weekend but will be back on sale there Sunday, 28th November.

CFW (Charitable Works Fund) Appeal envelopes available in the church.

Next RCIA Meeting, on Thursdays
25th November, 7pm for 7.30pm start

2021 CONFIRMATION Saturday 20th November—3pm

Congratulations to the thirty-three children from our two parishes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Thank you to parents for supporting your children in preparing and completing the sacraments of initiation. I take this opportunity to thank all those who have assisted in Christian formation of our children. Parents, catechists, and staff of St Francis of Assisi Regional Primary School, all who have contributed to faith development of our children. Faith of each person is part of the whole Church's response to God's self-revelation. Faith of the community is exemplified in the lives of believers.

A special thank you to Louise O'Brien, James Robinson (RE), Bernice Wong, Joseph McPhee, Hayley de Vries, Claire Pecker and Alanna Sparks for working closely with parish and families in preparation of candidates and liturgy for this year's celebration of the sacrament. Your cooperation, hard work, patience and understanding are appreciated and valued.

Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM

WELCOME

New to the parish? Please come and meet one of the Parish Team after mass to introduce yourself and find out more about our community. We also welcome you to contact our Parish Office.

OUR PARISH

Anthoni Selvaraj ofm - Parish Administrator
Francisco Basnayake ofm & Joseph Nguyen ofm - Assistant Priests
Alanna Sparks, Cate Stivala, Celia Olazabal - Parish Secretary
Tanith Bryce - Cantor, Edgecliff
Noel Debien & Bransby Byrne - Music Dir. & Organist Paddington
Nicole Smeulders - Cantor Paddington
Emma-Gai Gold & Alanna Sparks - Safeguarding Support Officers
Louise O'Brien - Principal, St Francis of Assisi Primary School

WEEKLY SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS

No Bookings required. check-in is required as well as mask to be worn.

St Joseph, Edgecliff

Monday to Friday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 11:00am & 5:30pm
Reconciliation prior to the Friday evening Mass (from 5pm).

St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:30am & 10:00am
Reconciliation from 5pm Saturday prior to Vigil Mass.

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We remember those in need of our prayers: our deceased, those in hospital, nursing homes, and the homebound.

Recently Deceased:

Bishop William (Bill) Wright – Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle, Patricia McAlary, Benjamin Barillas, Geoffrey Dominic McAlary, Sue Coorey, Chew Shia Hoong, Patricia Mary Brett, June Fabbro, Doug Malouf, Ciro Gallifuco, Michael Gearin, Otilia Batisita, John Henry Jones, Margaret Hunsiecker, Sheila Freckmann-Dillon, Peter John Little, Angela Catherine Egan, Marcia Jackson (Nee Keenan) Kevin Finegan, Mike Bailey, Vittoria Sora Borgese Sr Margaret Mines rsc, Sr Marguerite Maloney rsc, Sr Mark Lehmann and Sr Judith Clark rsc and Holy Souls.

Mass Intentions:

Mrs Hirma O'Sullivan, Lita Dimatata,, Elle Margaret Paton, Kerina Kwong Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, Lica Bailey, the Kelly family, Frank Kaine, Paula Margaret Norsa, Rev. Dr Michael Giffinis, Eileen & James Hoare, Anthony McDonald, Dr George & Anne Duncan, George Anthony Duncan, Hector Barbara, Debbie Hope, Elizabeth Considine Conley, Catherine Wu-Hutchings, Pat and Ned Theodore and daughter Virginia Ross, deceased relatives of Orly-Soto-Carriel, Patricia Ann Dillon, Ron Sang, Jim Evans, Keith Steele, Andrew Georgiou, Hector Destro, Giuliano family, Denisse & Xavier Miss Pep & Rocco and Holy Souls.

The parish is advertising two positions Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper. If interested please contact the parish office.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, contact the police. You can also contact the *Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office*: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or on 93905810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



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Our faith community demands that the Christian Churches including the Catholic Church provide full and meaningful reparation for those who have suffered clerical and institutional sexual abuse.

2021 FIRST RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 30th November -6pm (Public schools)
Wednesday 1st December-6pm (Public schools)

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is planned for early next year.



Our faith community acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we worship, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

'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.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
 P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
 P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.
All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
 P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
 P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

WITNESSING TO THE TRUTH

In the ancient world, the monarchy was understood as a sacred institution. The ruler was appointed, sustained, and legitimated by the gods. The king was understood to rule with the blessing of the gods and acted on their behalf in the human sphere. Notwithstanding this perception of the dignity of the monarchy, Israel's experience of this institution was a mixed one – not all rulers exhibited the qualities which the psalms and prophets spoke of as desirable and necessary in a monarch.

Today's readings invite us at the end of the Church's year to ponder anew the nature of Jesus' kingship and the royal dignity each of us shares by virtue of our baptism. Pilate was confronted with the problem of determining Jesus' identity and whether he was guilty of the crime of sedition. After some questioning, Jesus' identity as a king emerges, but in an unexpected manner. As king, Jesus' role is not that of earthly rule but of bearing witness to the truth about the God who sent him into the world.

The kingship of Jesus is proclaimed in the reading from the Apocalypse but in such a way that the reader never loses sight of the manner in which it was most clearly given expression. Jesus' death on the cross is the means by which we are once again reconciled to God and is the source of the dignity of all those who are baptised. It is by witnessing to the truth that we exercise the dignity which has been given to us in baptism.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / B

21 NOVEMBER 2021

BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH. Jesus Christ is the faithful witness. His role as king is to bear witness to the truth that God is love (1 Jn 4:8, 16). He does this through his words but most especially through his death on the cross. By listening to his voice and participating in the Eucharistic banquet we are drawn closer to him. Then, as sharers in his kingship, we are commissioned to go out and promote the kingdom of God in our world.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Apoc 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
 P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Dan 7:13-14

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

SECOND READING

Apoc 1:5-8

A reading from the book of 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 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

Jn 18:33-37

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

You say that I am a king.