

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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20 November 2022 - Christ the King (Year C)

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer 8:00am Mass 9:30am Mass 11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir 6:00pm Mass

6:00pm Youth-led Mass (3rd Sunday)

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer
6:30am Mass
11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)
Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon
12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer 8:00am Mass 8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am) 9:30am Mass (Old Rite)

5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation Tuesday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUPS

Last Tuesday of the month - Novena to Mary, Full of Grace

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 9:30am - 11:00am **Facebook:** Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

Credo Youth Ministries

Contact Fr Chris or find information on Facebook: credo.stpats Email: credo@stpatscathedral.com.au



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Our King is a Fighter

WARRIOR. MESSIAH. DEATH-DEFYING. HUMBLE KING. Which of these describe Jesus Christ as he hangs on the cross? Many wouldn't dare use the above terms. Some would argue 'defeated' and 'criminal' are more appropriate terms for the crucified Christ. Yet when one examines our readings for the Solemnity of Christ the King it is clear that our King is a fighter. When all seems lost the King of Kings has the final say.



To begin, we turn to our first reading from the Second Book of Samuel with the coronation of David as king of Israel. This account brings the civil war between the followers of Saul and David to a close as all the tribes of Israel swear allegiance to David. Interestingly there is no peace treaty signed between these former foes. David has earned their trust and fidelity as it was he who led the might of Israel against all neighbouring foes who sought to enslave the nation. David did not sit on the sidelines delegating soldiers here and there; rather, he led from the front in order to obtain peace for the nation. As stated, '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." The King of Israel is a fighter against all who would seek to enslave.

With this in mind we turn to the account of the crucifixion. In typology (a Christian form of biblical interpretation), David is understood as a type of Christ - he prefigures Jesus Christ in the Old Testament. Acclaiming David as the King who fights for his people translates to the person of Jesus Christ. On the cross of Christ, a war is being waged; a battle between good and evil. For a long time it seemed evil had the upper hand; the gates of heaven were closed and the Law of Moses restricted righteousness to the learned. Yet in Christ victory is made possible. Christ fights for his people not with handmade weapons, but with the Father's love and Divine Mercy. As St. Paul writes in our second reading: '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.' Our God, Jesus Christ, is the King who attained our freedom from sin and death through his conquest on the cross. In him salvation is possible.

Dear friends, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King may we recognise the works of God for our salvation. He has fought the good fight and paved the way for us. As we do battle against the forces of evil may we cling to him who is our King.

I'll end this reflection with the words of St. Paul, 'We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.'

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Chris

THE BULLETIN

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. Check for exceptions. Family members and guests are requested to be present at the Cathedral at least fifteen minutes before the usual commencement time of 12:45pm.

Weddings are by appointment only.

At least six months' notice is necessary. Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

First Eucharist and Confirmation Please contact the Parish Secretary.

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Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat by **12:00noon on Thursday**. Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!

World Youth Day 2023

The next international celebration of World Youth Day (WYD) will be held 01-06 August 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. WYD is the largest gathering of young Catholics from all over the world with the Pope.

As a parish, we have supported many of our young parishioners to make the pilgrimages to past World Youth Days. Many of these young people are proudly serving in various capacities in our parish, our diocese and at the national level of the Australian Catholic Church.

At a time when many are lamenting the absence of young people from the Sunday pews, we as a parish have always been blessed with young parishioners who not only attend church but also generously serve the parish community in whatever way they can. These young people testify to the transforming experience of gathering with other young people in events like WYD.

Here is a testimony from a past pilgrim to WYD:

It can be lonely to be "the religious one" at school. It was wonderful to meet other Catholics at WYD for whom faith is important to their lives. It affirms that I'm not alone. There are millions of people who share my belief.

Please support Kayleigh, Stacy and Caitlin in their pilgrimage to WYD 2023!

World Youth Day Barbecue and Raffle

This week we will introduce Caitlin, Kayleigh and Stacey, our WYD pilgrims. To help fund their trip, the girls will be joined by other young people from the parish who have been to WYD, to hold a barbecue fundraiser and sell raffle tickets. The girls have served the parish for at least eight years as altar servers and now add singing, reading, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist etc, to their volunteering roles.

Please support them as they look to learn more about their faith at WYD 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal.





Dear young people, now is the time to set out in haste towards concrete encounters, towards genuine acceptance of those different from ourselves. This was the case with the young Mary and the elderly Elizabeth. Only thus will we bridge distances between generations, social classes, ethnic and other groups and even put an end to wars.



Pope Francis: Rome, Saint John Lateran, 15 August 2022, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Advent Groups

Advent, the season of preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, begins on 27 November. Apart from decorating your homes, we encourage you to join an Advent group being organised in the parish to help prepare for this holy season.

Advent groups will be held on:

- Mondays, starting 21 November at 6.30pm
- Tuesdays, starting 22 November at 9:30am and
- Thursdays starting 24 November at 10:00am in the Presbytery meeting room.

Anyone wishing to organise another group is also welcomed.

This year we will be using the Diocese of Wollongong's Advent program. RSVP to the Cathedral Office.

Novena to Mary Full of Grace

Celebrating the coming Season of Advent...

Waiting and watching with Mary.

Date: Tuesday, 29 November

Time: **7:00pm**

Place: Blessed Sacrament Chapel

This will be the last Novena for the current year.

Come! Join us in welcoming the new Church Year and prepare for Christ's coming.

"O Mother of our Advent, be with us and see to it that he will remain with us in this difficult Advent of the struggles for truth and hope, for iustice and peace: He, alone, Emmanuel."

Enquiries: Silvana 0478510324

Mass for those grieving suicide victims

The Cathedral will be celebrating a Mass on Monday 28 November at 7:30pm for those people who are grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. This Mass is open to all people, family members, friends, work colleagues and so on, whether the loved one was lost to suicide recently or in the distant past. It is hoped that this Mass will bring some peace and comfort to those left behind after the tragedy of suicide.

Preserving Class

Are you interested in an introductory preserving lesson? There will be a free preserving class run in the presbytery kitchen on **Thursday 24 November from 5:00pm** onwards. No experience necessary! We'll be making a batch of preserves to give to Jesuit Refugee Services as part of the Advent parish foodbank drive.

Please RSVP to the parish office if you're interested in coming. If you have access to produce that could be used for the preserve class, please also get in touch.

Peace, Justice and Environment Group

The Peace, Justice and Environment Group met recently, and we were pleased to welcome a couple of new members. The main focus of this meeting was a visit from Zoe from the Jesuit Refugee Service who talked about the possibility of organising a community conversation with refugees and asylum seekers, which we hope to do in the new year as it takes quite a bit of planning. We also talked about running a bush care session, also in the new year. Should you be seeking a copy of the minutes of the meeting, please contact Fr Robert.

Diary Claimers

- 10 December: Advent Festival A Night of Carols and Festivities
- 13 December: Seniors' Ministry Christmas Lunch

Giftshop - Christmas Sale Up to 50% off!

The Giftshop is having its **Christmas Sale** from next weekend.

Visit the shop for quality gifts at a bargain price.

You can also browse for items via the giftshop website, Instagram and Facebook page. Scan the OR code on this page to connect.

The Sound(s) of Silence...

As well as being a hit Simon and Garfunkel song from the 1960s, this is something we should seek to maintain in our cathedral and chapel before and after Masses. Many people come to our parish to connect with our Lord in the silence that they crave. If you feel a need to converse, please do so outside the confines of the cathedral or chapel. Thank you!

JRS Christmas Food Drive

This, we are again holding a food drive for the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). During the first three weeks of Advent (until December 15) you can help refugees and people seeking asylum celebrate Christmas by donating non-perishable food items, toiletries and Coles or Woolworths gift cards. A list of items is available at the back of the church or in the narthex. Please drop off your donation under the Christmas tree which will be located in the Chapel from next week. Gift cards to the office, please!

Concert @ St Pat's Cathedral

After a two-year absence, the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra is returning to St Patrick's Cathedral for a Christmas Concert this year. The Noel! Noel! Christmas concert will be held in the Cathedral on **Monday 12 December at 7:00pm.**

Tickets available on https://www.brandenburg.com.au/live-concerts/Flyers are available at the entry to the church.

Sydney Alliance Assembly with NSW Treasurer Matt Kean

You are invited to join people from across the Diocese of Parramatta to participate in a Sydney Alliance Assembly. At this event, we will discuss the issues of housing, cost of living, energy, and climate change with NSW Treasurer Matt Kean.

- Wednesday 30 November
- 6:00pm 8:00pm (dinner provided)
- Parramatta Mission, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta
- Registration is essential: Please register at www.bit.ly/3hHJQNv
- Questions? Please contact Quyen Nguyen at gnguyen@sydneyalliance.org.au or call 0451 018 808





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Prayer Intentions

November Masses

November is the month in which we traditionally focus on praying in a particularly special way for our deceased relatives and friends. Envelopes for you to make an offering for deceased loved ones are available. All names will be published in the special Book of Remembrance on display in the Chapel throughout November.

Names of the deceased will not be published in the bulletin for the month of November.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Sacraments of Initiation

Reconciliation and Eucharist 2022-2023

Those children who have been preparing with their families for some time now, will receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Tuesday 22 November. Please pray for them and their families as they begin their journey to be fully initiated into the Church.



Bishop's Christmas Appeal

We will be taking up this collection on the first weekend next month, the weekend of **03/04 December.** More details next weekend.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Catholic Christian family, the Body of Christ, these children who have been baptised recently...



Kaitlyn Furlong Rylan Leonardi Gabriel Medel Ava Dibia

Please pray for these children and their families.

We pray for...

Sick: Maria Kipec, Mounira Epenian, Ian Gilbertson, William Peropert, John Fajarao, Diosdada Penollar, Flor Ocampo, Christie Penollar, Merle Bailie, Teresita Zafiro, Joshua Peric, Fatima, Lou & Sue Tantini, Miriam Jayatilaka, Joshua Peric, Sharon Webb, Maureen Sewell, James McMasters, Praxedes Torres, Pedro Romulo, Maria Vernich, Bp Kevin Manning, Tony Meldrum, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

Special Intentions: Luise, Napoleon & Patria Yanua, Habib Worait, Harry Perrottet, Fr Peter Henry, Lucia & Bonifacio, Allwyn Lobo, Finela & Reejem Gonzales, Holy Father, Jake & Emilia Smith, Mariam, Elizabeth, Elsa, So Tin Thio, Johnny Del Mar, Sidney & Fatima Rodricks, Stephen & Melorie Roth, George & Penny Roth, Ostelio Tantini, Poor & Homeless, Naleen, Tian & Raveen, Joseph, Angelo, Ankica S, Nikola & Marcia Senjak, Stephen Senjak & families

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November



Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Pope Francis' Words

From a Tweet dated 15 November "Goodness is hidden, silent; it requires slow and continuous excavation. Because God's style is discreet. He does not impose himself. He is like the air we breathe - we don't see it but it allows us to live, and we realise it only when it's missing."

Saint of the Week

25 November - St Catherine of Alexandria

Legends coming from a number of sources say that St Catherine was very outspoken at the time of the persecutions of Christians. She even protested openly to the emperor Maxentius who had her arrested, tortured on the wheel and decapitated in 305. St Catherine's courage is a great challenge to all African Christians in their struggle for justice and peace. The witness of her life and her readiness to die for the faith encourages us to be



brave witnesses to the Lord and to speak put on behalf of all those who suffer.

(Information taken from Universalis)

"Quote of the Week"

"It is clear... that when a man prays that God's kingdom may come, he is praying, as he should, for the kingdom of God which is within him, that it may rise, flourish and reach its full growth."



Origen of Alexandria (c.185 - c.253) Church Father On Prayer

ACT OF DEDICATION OF THE HUMAN RACE TO JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Today, solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the Church offers a plenary indulgence to the faithful who publicly recite the act of dedication of the human race to Christ the King found below (Jesu dulcissime, Redemptor).

It is highly encouraged to pray this beautiful prayer today!

Jesu dulcissime, Redemptor

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before you.

We are yours, and yours we wish to be; but to be more surely united with you,
behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to your Most Sacred Heart.

Many indeed have never known you; many, too, despising your precepts, have rejected you.
Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to your Sacred Heart. Be King,
O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken you, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned you;
grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbour of truth and the unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd.

Grant, O Lord, to your Church, assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give tranquillity of order to all nations; make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry:

Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honour for ever. Amen.

Did You Know...

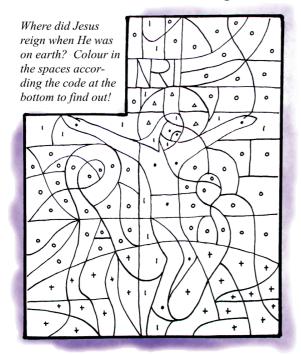
...that David, whom we hear about in our First Reading this weekend, had already been a king before being anointed king of Israel?

We need to remember that the modern state of Israel, formed in 1948, looks very different from the ancient land. In much of the Old Testament, Israel was the northern kingdom, separate from the southern kingdom of Judah, which had Jerusalem as its capital. David was king of Judah for seven years before becoming the king of a united Kingdom of Israel and Judah for a further thirty-three years. Not too long after David's son Solomon's death, the kingdom split into two.



The Kids' Bulletin

November 20th, 2022 Feast of Christ the King



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Luke 23:35-43

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Christ is the King!

Today is the feast of Christ the King. When Jesus was on earth, many of His followers thought that He was going to be a normal sort of king, with a kingdom and soldiers and everything. Is that what Jesus did?

Before He died, Jesus said that His kingdom was not in this world. Do you know where Jesus' kingdom is?

Did you know that the Kingdom of Heaven is not just in Heaven? It's in the soul of every person who follows Jesus. Do you try to be like Jesus? Is He your king?

Here is a little prayer you can say to Jesus any time you think of Him, maybe every time you see a picture of Him:

Jesus, you are my King and my God and I love you. Help my to be your good servant!

Make sure you do something special today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King!



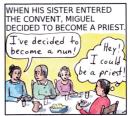
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Answer to Word-find puzzle: Jesus, you are my king!

Blessed Miguel Pro

















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BLESSED MIGUEL FORGAVE THE PEOPLE WHO KILLED HIM WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO BE SHOT HE SHOUTED, "VIVA CRISTO REY!" WHICH MEANS 'LONG LIVE CHRIST THE KING!' HE GIVES US A GREAT EXAMPLE OF USING OUR TALENTS FOR GOD AND FIGHTING TO THE END, EVEN UNDER PERSECUTION.

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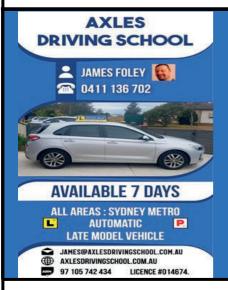
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