



# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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**26 November 2023 - Christ the King (Year A)**

## Mass Schedule

### SUNDAY

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

7:30am Morning Prayer

8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir

6:00pm Mass

### 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 (September - April)

Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

### MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

### OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

**Playgroup:** Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm

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## Seeing Christ in all

HAVE YOU EVER met a celebrity? A sports star, a music star? It's special, isn't it? I mean it's inevitable, we treat them differently. And what if one came to your house – that would be a huge deal wouldn't it? You would sit them down, bring them beautiful food and drink – really look after them.

What if the Bishop visited your house? That would be big. Or the Pope? That would be huge! Now, think about how you would be if Jesus himself came to your house. How well would you treat him? Off the charts, I reckon.

Jesus is loved by so many people, and there are of course many, many reasons to love him but the biggest reason of all, is that he loved us first. There is no greater love that one person can show for another than to give up their life for them, and Jesus gave up his life, his beautiful, beautiful life, for us.

But his love did not begin and end there. All through his life he had described his love and shown his love for people, and the people he loved most were the people least loved by everyone else – the poor, the sick, the marginalised, the prisoners.

Jesus never wanted special treatment for himself, he was entirely humble. When the inhabitants of Jerusalem tried to treat him as a king when he entered Jerusalem, he insisted on riding on a donkey. At the Last Supper he insisted on washing his disciples' feet. He was very humble but equally he was entirely aware that people would want to treat him in a special way. So, in another remarkable act of love he was prepared to switch places with those "least loved" people.

He told his disciples in today's Gospel, and he tells us today: "Every poor person, every homeless person, every refugee, every marginalised person, every mentally or physically ill person, every prisoner you come across, is me. You must see me in them and treat them the way you would treat me if you found me in that situation."

Anyone who has become a parent, or has taken a parentlike role in someone's life, knows that it changes you, it changes your perspectives. I care more about how people treat my children than I care about how they treat me. I feel so grateful for every act of kindness towards them, and I feel a deep, deep pain from every act of unkindness or cruelty towards them. In this context, we should consider every person as a child of God, a child of Jesus, and remember that when one of his children suffers, he feels deeply their pain. With this in mind, it is not enough that we love and care for the "least loved" people of our society that come our way; each of us should make it part of our life's mission to seek them out, and show our love for Jesus, by how much we love and care for them.

Let us see Christ in others, and who knows, if we love them well enough, perhaps they may see Christ in us...

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead,*

*Deacon David*



# LITURGY GUIDE

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Procession Crown him with many crowns

1. Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his  
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and  
3. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the  
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of

1. throne; hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all  
2. side, those wounds yet vi - si - ble a - bove in  
3. grave, and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for  
4. time, cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in -

1. mu - sic but its own; a - wake, my soul, and  
2. beau - ty glo - ri - fied: no an - gel in the  
3. those he came to save: his glo - ries now we  
4. ef - fa - bly sub - lime: all hail, Re - deem - er,

1. sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy  
2. sky can ful - ly bear that sight, but down - ward bends his  
3. sing who died, and rose on high; who died e - ter - nal  
4. hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall ne - ver,

1. cho - sen king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
2. burn - ing eye at mys - te - ries so bright.  
3. life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
4. ne - ver fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Tune: DIADEMATA 66.86D  
Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-94 and Godfrey Thring 1823-1903 (Selected verses)

## Introit 11am

Dignus est Agnus

*At the Solemn Mass, the introit is sung by the cathedral choir during the incensing of the Altar.*

The Lamb who has been slain is worthy to receive power, and divinity, and wisdom, and strength, and honour; let glory and dominion be his for ever and ever.

V.. Endow the King with your judgment, O God, and the King's son with your righteousness.

## Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*(all strike their breast, three times)*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## SOLEMNITY OF

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Focusing the Word



### Key words and phrases

- When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory.
- For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink.
- I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.
- I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.
- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
- I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

### to the point

The gospel for this festival honouring Christ the King presents him enthroned in glory, judging the nations. The one who has shepherded us toward the day of judgment (see first reading) demands only that we have also shepherded one another. Thus, ultimately, judgment is based on whether we have lived as Christ.

### Connecting the Gospel

#### • to the last two Sundays

What in the gospel is presented as a financial transaction ('entrusted his possessions') is, in the first reading, presented more intimately as a spousal relationship - the husband is 'entrusting his heart' to his wife (compare this with the parable of the bridegroom from last Sunday).

#### • to culture

We don't like being judged, but we tend to be quick to judge others. How different our judgments would be if we always realise that we are looking upon the face of Christ in the other!

# LITURGY GUIDE

Kyrie Mass Shalom C.D.Smith

*The cantor intones each petition; All repeat.*



Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.

Kyrie 11:00am Missa Rigensis U. Praulins

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria Mass Shalom Smith/Mason

*Refrain (All)*



R. Glo - ry to — God in the high - est,



and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

*The choir sings:*

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

*R. Glory to God.....*

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.

*R. Glory to God.....*

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.

*R. Glory to God.....*



A - - - men.

Gloria 11am Missa Rigensis U. Praulins

*The Gloria is sung by the cathedral choir. All SIT*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.  
we adore you, we glorify you  
Gratias agimus tibi  
we give you thanks  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
for your great glory,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
O God almighty Father.  
Domine fili, unigenite, Jesu Christe.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
Qui tollis peccata mundi:  
you take away the sins of the world,  
miserere nobis.  
have mercy on us;  
Qui tollis peccata mundi:  
You take away the sins of the world,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
receive our prayer;  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris:  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
miserere nobis.  
have mercy on us.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
Tu solus Dominus.  
you alone are the Lord,  
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
Cum Sancto Spiritu,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Collect

Let us pray.

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

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel  
(34:11-12, 15-17)**

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

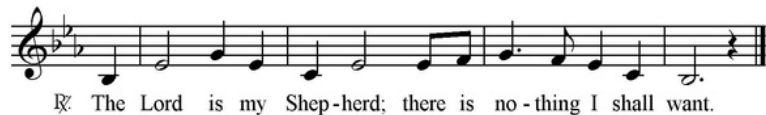
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6



## Second Reading

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
(15:20-26, 28)**

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in the proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

*The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat*



**Cantor** Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
✠ Alleluia.

11:00am

Chant Mode 2



## Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
(25:31-46)**

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Homily

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man',  
all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third  
day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## Universal Prayer

## PREPARATION OF GIFTS

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## Offertory Motet 11:00am

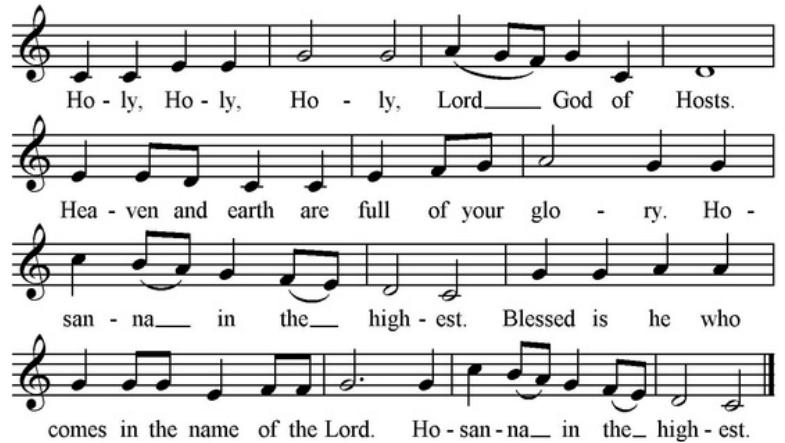
O God, the King of Glory P.Stopford

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thy only son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven;  
we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless,  
but send to us thine Holy Ghost, to comfort us,  
and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ  
is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee  
and the Holy Ghost, one God,  
world without end. Amen.

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Mass Shalom

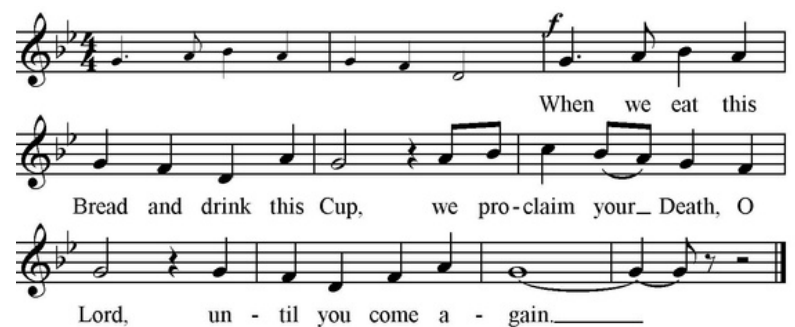
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## Mystery of Faith

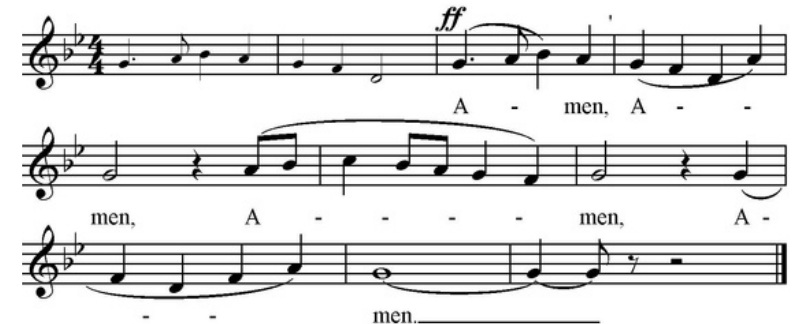
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## Amen

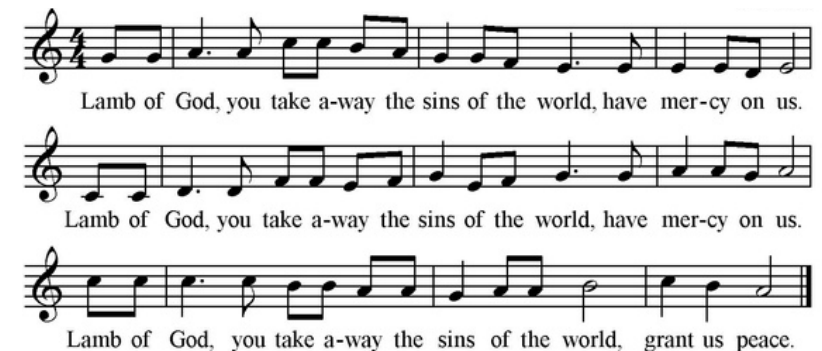
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## Agnus Dei

Mass Shalom

C.D.Smith



## Agnus Dei 11:00am

Missa Rigensis

U. Praulins

## Communion Antiphon

Amen, dico vobis

(Mt 25:40,34)

"Amen I say to you: in as much as you have done it to one of the least of these,  
my brethren, you have done it to me. Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the  
kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Communion Hymn

## Hail, Redeemer King divine



1. Hail, Re - deem - er, King di - vine! Priest and Lamb, the  
2. King, whose name cre - a - tion thrills, rule our minds, our  
3. King most ho - ly, King of truth, guide the low - ly  
4. Shep - herd - King, from moun - tains steep, home - ward bring the

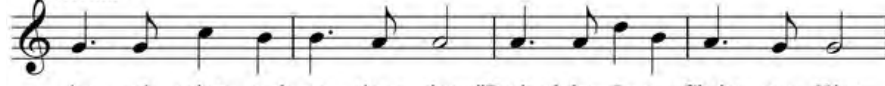


1. throne is thine, King, whose reign shall nev - er cease,  
2. hearts, our wills, till in peace each na - tion rings  
3. guide the youth; Christ, thou King of glo - ry bright,  
4. wan - d'ring sheep; shel - ter in one roy - al fold



1. Prince of ev - er - last - ing peace.  
2. with thy prais - es, King of kings.  
3. be to us e - ter - nal light.  
4. states and na - tions, new and old.

### Refrain



An - gels, saints and na - tions, sing: "Praised be Je - sus Christ, our King;



Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of love on Cal - va - ry."

Text: Patrick Brennan CSsR 1877-1952, © Search Press; alt.  
Tune: REX 77,77D, William Henry Grafton Flood 1859-1928.

## Thanksgiving 11am

## Jubilate Deo

## G.Gabrieli

### Sung by the choir.

Let every land praise God, as one who fears the Lord is blessed.  
May the God of Israel bind you together and himself be with you,  
may he send you help from his holiness and watch over you from Zion.  
The Lord blessed you out of Zion, he who made heaven and earth.

Serve the Lord with joy!

(Based on Psalm 100)

### Prayer after Communion

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.**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8: Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.  
Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19: R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1 Cor 1:3-9: The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mk 13:33-37: Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

## 8:00am Mass Propers

### Entrance Antiphon

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.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

**R** The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. R.

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. R.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow  
me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. R.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

**R Alleluia.**

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.



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## SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. Contact the parish office to book or fill out the form on the website.

**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.

## Hiring of Rooms

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

## 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!

## A Festival of Advent Carols - Friday 01 December

Join us for a luminous evening of song and spirituality at our "Awaiting the Light: A Festival of Advent Carols." As the days shorten and we edge closer to the celebration of Christmas, this festival offers a moment of communal reflection, joy, and anticipation through the power of music.

**Date:** Friday 01 December

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Cathedral, followed by festivity in the cloister

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This year's program will feature a selection of classic Advent carols and contemporary hymns, interwoven with readings and meditations that echo the themes of waiting, hope, and the coming of the Light of the World.

We encourage families, friends, and individuals of all ages to come together for this special event. Let us raise our voices in celebration and "Await the Light" as one parish family.



## Advent Giving Tree

We kindly ask those who are able to bring along non-perishable food items to support the St Vincent de Paul food bank appeal.

We look forward to sharing this beautiful Advent tradition with you.

## Bishop's Christmas Appeal - This weekend

This weekend, our parish community is invited to support the Catholic Care chaplaincy services. The fifteen chaplains play a crucial role, ministering to the sick in public hospitals and visiting individuals in prisons across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, offering comfort to those feeling isolated and seriously ill.

Bernard Ellis, Catholic Care Chaplaincy Coordinator, highlights the vital role of chaplains in providing support and companionship. Your prayers and support for our Bishop's Christmas Appeal are crucial in helping them bring light and love to those in dark times.

We appreciate your generosity towards the Parramatta Catholic Foundation. Your contributions foster faith, hope, and charity across our community.

Please give generously!

## Update on Fr Bob Bossini's Health

Fr Bob Bossini has begun treatment and will continue for the next few months. He has expressed his gratitude to everyone who is praying for him during this time. We wish him every success and pray for God's blessings for his recovery.

# PARISH and DIOCESAN NOTICES

## Weekly Advent Reflection Group

To deepen the understanding of Advent and to foster a communal spirit through, weekly guided discussions focused on the themes of the season will be conducted.

The groups will meet weekly:

- Tuesdays at 9:30am, beginning **28 November**
- Wednesdays at 7:00pm, beginning **29 November**

Please register with the Cathedral office to ensure that we have sufficient resources.

## Youth Carols at Arcare Aged Care Facility, Oatlands

Friends, we're looking for parishioners aged 16-35 to join a Carolling Group to provide an afternoon of carols for the residents at Arcare Aged Care Facility, Oatlands, on **Saturday 16 December** from 1:30pm to 2:30pm.

You don't need to be an amazing singer, just someone who is ready to spread the joy of Christmas with the elderly in our community.

To sign up or for more details, please contact Pat on 8839 8412 or email [secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au)

## Mass - Monday 04 December

Bishop Vincent will celebrate a special Mass here at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Monday, 04 December** at **7:30pm** to mark the 60th anniversary of the promulgation of the landmark Vatican II document, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.

This Mass is open to everyone, of course, but will be of particular interest to all those in the parish, and around the Diocese, who assist at the Mass and other liturgical celebrations, be it as readers, musicians, ministers at the altar, extraordinary ministers of communion, and so on. Refreshments in the hall to follow the Mass.

RSVP to 0460 037 795 or [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org).

## Two Concerts for your diary

The Australian Brandenburg Orchestra will be with us once again for their popular Noel! Noel! concert: **Tuesday 12 December** at **7:30pm**. Go to their website for tickets.

River City Voices will celebrate the "Blue Sky Country Christmas" concert here on **Friday 08 December** at **7:30pm**. See the flyer in the Cloister Cafe for details and tickets.

## "St Pat's Matters"

All going well, Issue 118 of our parish magazine will be out about mid-December.

If you wish to write an article for the magazine email submissions to M Polizzi — [balmap5@bigpond.com](mailto:balmap5@bigpond.com) or leave at the parish office marked for *St Pat's Matters*. Deadline for submissions is the **end of November**.

## The Friends of St Patrick's Cemetery

Welcome new members! The next Meeting will be held in the Cloister Café at 7:00pm on Wednesday 06 December.

## Thank You Dinner Appreciation

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the wonderful volunteers who graced us with their presence at last Friday's Thank You Dinner. Your presence made the evening truly special, and your commitment to our parish in the various ministries you serve in is deeply appreciated. The success of our community is a testament to your dedication, hard work, and unwavering support. Your contributions enrich the lives of many, and we are thankful for your selflessness.

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to the Dean of the Cathedral and the dedicated Cathedral staff who graciously hosted the dinner. Their efforts in organising this event allowed us to come together as a parish family to celebrate and honour our incredible volunteers.

As we move forward into the year ahead, let us continue to work together, inspired by the sense of community and shared purpose that was evident at the Thank You Dinner. Your commitment is the foundation of our parish's strength, and we look forward to the blessings that 2024 will bring as we journey together in faith and service.

## Caritas Australia - Global Gifts Collection



Each year many of us spend a lot of money buying gifts for others who usually have plenty of material wealth and will often not make good use of whatever we give. Indeed, we are often scratching our heads trying to determine what we can buy them!

Why not consider this wonderful idea that Caritas Australia, and other agencies, operate whereby you purchase a Global Gift card for a loved one for an amount ranging from \$10 to \$600. This card is sent either physically or via email but the funds go to support a specific development venture for a community served by Caritas Australia. You can, for example, pay \$10 to buy a chicken for a family in Zimbabwe, or \$65 for a handwashing station for sanitation purposes in rural Malawi. The list goes on and on. Your funds go to directly support those in need, with 83% of funds being used for these purposes.

To find out more about Caritas Australia's Global Gifts collection, go to [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au). You will find there a link for Global Gifts with plenty of information, FAQs, and so on.

Let's try to avoid the rampant spending that often characterises Christmas, ridding it of its true meaning and seek to make manifest the love that we are called to share with those in need.



## Credo Youth

The next meeting of our young people for Credo Youth will be on **Friday 08 December** from **5:00pm**. This will be our last meeting of the year but we look forward to a bigger and better year ahead in 2024!



# 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. 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, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## We also pray for...

**Sick:** Tony Chang, Baldo Polizzi, Francisca Olay, Maximilian Epondulan, Vasvi V Arcot, Nasr Nasr, Stephen Borg, Nicole Slatter, Leonardo Perez Close, Vic Moran, Christopher Doughty, Fr Bob Bossini, Seini Loto'aniu, Joseph Lin, Hildegard Schulz, Fr Peter Zytka, Leonardo Close, Pina Ferrero, James Vargas, Rachael Sumagui, Fred & Odette Harb, Jenny Cheung, Hilgerdaro Schole, Finn McConnor, Jenny Cheung, Debra Thomas, Ashley Brown, Michael D'Penha, Serg M., Habib Nohra, Sharon Webb

**Special Intentions:** BVM & Infant Jesus, Rachel & Kathleen, Tracy, Deborah L John, N.N, Michelle Travis, Leonardo P Close, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Napoleon, Agnes & John Patacsil, Naveen, Tian, Raveen, Harry Perrottet, Dra Julie Lee, Nima, Jorge & Lyn Vargas Patacsil, Franz Tito, Santiago & Antonio Tito, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Terry Joseph, Michael Perez, Tian, Kumaran Gunasagaran, Amarro Bumactao, Raveen, Jewel Peterson, Joe Suttie, Bartolome Cabezas, Amarra Bumaciao, Isabella Suttie, Zoe, Harriet, John, Charles & Ignatius Perrottet, Patrick & Stephen, Katie, Judy, John R Casimiro

## Noel! Noel! Concert - 12 December



Reel in the festive season with the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra and Choir on **Tuesday 12 December, 7:30pm**, here at St Patrick's Cathedral for their annual Christmas concert, Noë! Noë! Gather your loved ones and join us for this beloved festive tradition, as the Brandenburg perform stunning choral works and Christmas classics, conducted by Artistic Director Paul Dyer.

**SPECIAL OFFER:** Get four tickets for just \$149. Head to [brandenburg.com.au](http://brandenburg.com.au) or call 1300 782 856 to book your tickets now!

## BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children who were recently baptised here...

**Kristina Behan**

**Elena Marciani**

## WEDDINGS



We also pray for the following couples who were recently married here...

**Adelin Bayeh & Marc Ishac**

**Amanda Robertson & Mitchell Sancandi**

**Esther Egbo & Chibuike Duru**

## POPE FRANCIS'

### Prayer Intention for November



### *For the Pope*

"We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet  
dated 22 November*

"The Palestinian people and the people of Israel have the right to live in peace: two fraternal peoples. Let us pray together for peace in the Holy Land, so that disputes may be resolved through dialogue and negotiations, and not with a mountain of dead of each side."

## Saint of the Week

30 November - St Andrew, Apostle

He was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, and worked as a fisherman. He may have been a disciple of St John the Baptist. He became one of the first to follow Jesus and introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to him. As one of the twelve Apostles he was widely venerated in ancient times, and became patron saint of Scotland because according to legend some of his bones were brought there and buried at the place where the town of St Andrew's now stands.



Information: Universalis

## "Quote of the Week"

"It was striking how, in all parts of the world, whether for lack of vocations or lack of resources, the emergent Church now looks in many ways like the early missionary era of Christianity, when faith was transmitted more by

witness and encounter than through culture and law and strong institutions...the old clerical European-US model, with a priest in every parish, is fading fast. What comes now will look very different. And synodality is how we get there."



Austen Ivereigh in "The Tablet"  
British Catholic Weekly Magazine  
11 November 2023

## Did You Know...?

**...that the Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925?**

Of course, the idea of Christ as Universal King goes back to the early centuries of Christianity. St Cyril of Alexandria (early fifth century) spoke of Christ in this way, speaking of Christ's dominion over all of creation by his very nature. Pope Pius XI established the feast by virtue of his encyclical Quas primas ("In the first") of 1925. It was very much a move aimed at countering the growing secularism of the time.



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# The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of Christ the King  
November 26th, 2023



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What does God say about His people in the first reading?  
Use the code to find out some of what He said.

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## Gospel Match-Up

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the people how they will be judged. What did the righteous people do when they found people in need?

See if you can match up the needs on the left with the help on the right!

1. I was hungry and •

• you welcomed me,

2. I was thirsty and •

• you clothed me,

3. a stranger and •

• you gave me drink,

4. naked and •

• you cared for me,

5. ill and •

• you visited me.

6. in prison and •

• you gave me food,



## Whatever you do to others...

Jesus is a fair king. In today's Gospel reading, He tells us how He will judge people at the end of time. Those who were good to God will be saved, and those who were not good to Him will be condemned. Whoever is good to others is good to God, and whoever is unkind to others is unkind to God.



Our Lord cares so much about His people that He will judge us according to how we treat each other. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the King, and He cares about every one of us specially. Imagine a king who came to see every one of his subjects to make sure that they were doing okay. Well, Jesus does more than that- He died for us on the cross! He looks after us all the time, and He says that anyone who is unkind to us will be judged as being unkind to Him.

Christ the King is the just judge. How do you think you will be judged when you die, or at the end of time? Are you kind to others? Do you ever think about how you would treat Jesus if He were here? Do you treat other people the way you would treat Jesus?



Answers to match-up puzzle: 1. you gave me food, 2. you gave me drink, 3. you welcomed me, 4. you clothed me, 5. you cared for me, 6. you visited me.

Answer to front page: I myself will pasture them.  
[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

## Saint Charles de Foucauld December 1

CHARLES WAS BORN IN FRANCE IN 1858. HIS PARENTS DIED WHEN HE WAS SIX, SO HE AND HIS SISTER WERE RAISED BY THEIR GRANDFATHER.

Come along, Mass is in ten minutes!

WHEN HE WAS A TEENAGER HE LOST HIS FAITH. HE JOINED THE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION.

This should be a great adventure

WHILE IN NORTH AFRICA HE BECAME INTERESTED IN THE MUSLIM FAITH.

These people really believe in a god...

My God, if you exist, let me come to know You!

WHEN HE RETURNED TO FRANCE HE PRAYED TO GOD TO GIVE HIM FAITH.

CHARLES CAME BACK TO THE FAITH AND BECAME A RELIGIOUS BROTHER.

AFTER LIVING IN SEVERAL MONASTERIES CHARLES WAS ORDAINED AND WENT TO THE SAHARA DESERT.



What do you want?



HE LIVED NEAR A MUSLIM TRIBE AND LEARNED THEIR LANGUAGE. AFTER SPENDING 15 YEARS PRAYING AND WORKING HE WAS MURDERED BY ENEMY TRIBESMEN.

WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, SAINT CHARLES CARED ONLY ABOUT HAVING FUN. BUT GOD PUT IN HIS HEART A DESIRE TO KNOW HIM. THEN WHEN CHARLES PRAYED, GOD GAVE HIM THE GIFT OF FAITH. DO YOU KNOW PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW GOD? CAN YOU PRAY AND DO A SACRIFICE FOR THEM TODAY?



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