



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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24 November 2024 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year B)

Mass Schedule

WEEKEND

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

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

MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 7:00pm in Chapel
True Life in God: Last Friday @ 6:00pm in the Cloister Cafe

OTHER GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 10:00am - 11:30am
Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

Credo Youth Ministries

Contact the office or find information on
Facebook: credo.stpats
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Christ the King

THERE CAN BE A DANGER in life of "one dimensionalising" a person, as though they are captured by just one aspect of their life or personality. This person is "this", or this person is "that". Whereas the reality is that each person has lots of dimensions to them depending on who it is that is relating to them. In my case, to my mum, I will always be her young son David - when I was 50 she was still asking me if I was eating enough, or did I not have a warmer jacket to wear. To my kids, I am Dad, the taxi driver, and now the banker. To my employees I am David the businessman, and in the Cathedral, I am Deacon Dave. Depending on what their relationship is to me, I am different things to different people. All of us are.



Jesus is just the same - based on their background and their experiences Jesus means different things to different people. To some people, Jesus is the shepherd with the lost sheep on his shoulders, or the father of the prodigal son. To some, he is the serving Jesus, kneeling and washing the feet of his disciples. To some he is the suffering Saviour dying for our sins. To some, he is the Risen Lord, full of grace and spirit. And Jesus is all of these.

Today, we celebrate another dimension of Jesus: Christ the King. The king of the universe. The Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. In today's gospel Jesus claims his kingship, and despite the fact that He knows he is on trial for His life, He claims his kingship with the strength and dignity of a true king: "Yes, I am a king. I was born for this. I came into the world for this."

How blessed are we! What an incredible king we have. If you think about all the leaders we see in the world today - how poor are they? They focus on themselves, their power, their interests. They are proud and egotistical. They are morally weak and they lack wisdom and compassion. And if we look back at history it has seldom, if ever, been very different. But just look at our king - a king who is gentle, compassionate, and humble. A king who is strong, courageous, and wise. A king who loves his people enough to die for them. How blessed are we!

Today Jesus tells us he came to bear witness to the truth. Our king is a king of truth and justice. A king who will bring love, peace and joy to the world. Today we celebrate that this king will come again into our world and bring God's reign to its fulfillment. Thanks to Him, one day the world will be exactly as it ought to be.

Today when we watch the priest lift up the Eucharist, the true presence of Jesus Christ, let us forget all the other images we have of Him, and today just focus on, and celebrate, Jesus Christ the king.

If you were told that an important person was going to visit your home, how would you prepare? The more important the person, the more time and care you would put into preparing to receive them. Today, as we approach the Eucharist let us prepare our hearts to receive a king, and not just any king, Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Deacon David

THE BULLETIN

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Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays after the 11:00am Solemn Mass. 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 Wednesday**. 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!

Volunteers Thank You Night



Last Friday, our parish gathered for a special evening to celebrate and honour the heart of our community - our extraordinary volunteers. Hosted by Fr Robert and the parish staff, the Volunteers Thank You Night brought together 144 dedicated individuals, from our youngest altar servers to our most seasoned volunteers in their 80s. This year, the bell ringers group joined us for the first time.

Each of these remarkable people contributes to the vibrancy and strength - of our parish family. Whether their efforts are seen or quietly carried out behind the scenes, their time, energy, and talents are invaluable. Over recent weeks, our Parish Finance Committee has highlighted the stewardship of our parish, emphasising how vital financial giving is to our mission. However, our volunteers' generosity - offered through acts of service - stands as an equally immeasurable gift. Their dedication and love are the very foundation of our community, and for this, we are deeply grateful.

This special evening was also an opportunity to recognise and bid farewell to several long-serving volunteers who are stepping back after many years of devoted service:

- Joanne and Bob Edgar: After over 40 years of service across numerous ministries - including Hospitality, Music, Parish Pastoral Council, Friends of St Patrick's Cemetery, Mahjong, Social Justice, and parish events - Joanne and Bob are relocating to the Southern Highlands. Their contributions have profoundly enriched our community, and we send them with our prayers and blessings as they begin this new chapter.
- Cathy Dearie: For 15 years, Cathy has faithfully served on the Parish Finance Committee and 30 years as a Reader, and as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. As she prepares to leave the parish in the new year, we offer our heartfelt thanks for her service and wish her every success and happiness in her new journey.
- Marian Polizzi: Marian's legacy in our parish is immense. As the founder of St Pat's Matters magazine in the early 1990s, she has shaped and told the story of our parish for decades. With the support of her husband Baldo, she produced and printed the magazine from her home until its production moved to the parish office in 2010. While Marian is stepping back from St Pat's Matters and SRE ministry, she will continue to serve as a reader, Eucharistic Minister, and coordinator of our Hospitality group. Her passion and dedication have inspired so many, and we are blessed to have her remain a vital part of our community.

To all our volunteers - thank you for embodying the love of Christ in your service. Your devotion and selflessness allow us to fulfill our mission as a parish and bring God's light into the lives of so many.

Let us pray for all our volunteers, asking God to bless them abundantly and to continue guiding their service.

"Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:21)

PARISH NOTICES

Vinnies Christmas Food Bank Drive

The St Vincent de Paul Society is once again calling on our parish's generosity this Advent season to help bring the spirit of Christmas to many families and individuals in our community. We welcome your donations:



Festive Food Items: Small Christmas puddings, mince pies, long-life custard, and other holiday-specific treats to add a touch of festivity to our hampers.

Non-Perishable Foodstuffs: Help stock our pantry with canned goods, breakfast cereals, fruit drinks, dry foods, and other essentials that can sustain families over the holidays.

Toiletries & Bathroom Items: Donations of soaps, shampoos, conditioners, toothpaste, and toothbrushes are essential for personal care and dignity.

Cleaning Supplies: Kitchen cleaners, washing up liquids, and laundry powders are vital for maintaining clean and healthy homes.

Gifts for Children: Bring smiles to young faces with toys and books suitable for ages 5-10 years, making their Christmas truly special.

It may seem early but we need all donations by **15 December**. This allows for packing and distribution to people's homes before Christmas.

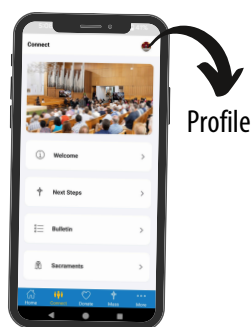
Every item you donate contributes to a brighter Christmas for an individual or family in need. Let's share the warmth and love of the season through our collective efforts.

Donations can be placed in the stable in the chapel.

Weekly Update on our Parish App

- What happens when I can see my group and serving on the App ?

If you have downloaded the App and for some reason you are unable to access your roster via the My Group and Serving section of the App, it could be that you need to re-sync your profile with ParishStaq.



Here's how to do this.

- Go to the profile icon as indicated on the photo above.
- Re-enter your telephone number and follow the prompts.
- Once this is done, go to Connect > My Group and Serving > Serving (Roster).

Barbecue & Bazaar

This Sunday is your last opportunity for 2024 to visit our mini bazaar. Incorporating the usual plants, books, and cake delights, we will have a range of giftshop items dramatically reduced - some up to 90%. Real bargains to be had on this day. An opportunity for some early Christmas shopping.

The barbecue will be sizzling, and our hospitality team will be ready to serve tea and coffee – not to mention an array of delicious cakes.

On that note, if you enjoy baking and feel inspired to contribute, just drop them off at the cake stall on your way to Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council update

"Lift up your hearts!" This month we finalised the wording of our vision and mission statement. We believe it captures our desire that the parish becomes a stronger catalyst for transformation in both church and world. The statement will be a touchstone against which our efforts can be judged.

We also made an important decision to run a pilot Alpha program to train group facilitators in early 2025, with the intention of making Alpha available in the parish following Pentecost. Among other benefits, we believe Alpha can be a wonderful formation opportunity. Deacon Dave will be leading this initiative.

Other ideas are simmering. If you would like to contribute or ask a question, please get in touch with any of us in person or through the email address ppc@stpatscathedral.com.au. And once again, please continue to pray for us.

Kerry Giumelli (Chair), Claire Pospischil (Deputy Chair), Aileen Bernardo, Martin Graham (Secretary), Susanna Loto'aniu, Helena Roumanus, Anne Stanton, John Starkey, with (ex officio) Fr Robert, Fr Tom, Dcn Dave and Mili Lee.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2025

Registration for:

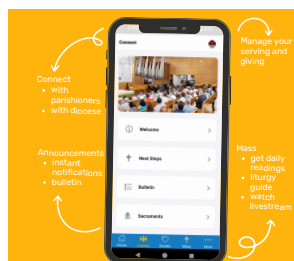
- Ministers of the Word;
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion;
- Communion to the Sick & Dying and
- Ministers at the Altar

are now open.

Forms are available from the narthex (entry to the chapel).

Forms need to be submitted by 28 January and will need your parish priest's signature.

For further information email: lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org



How to Download the App

1. Scan QR Code to go to Google Play Store or Apple App Store on your mobile device.
2. Tap the "Install" button to download and install the app.
3. Once installed, open the app and finish setting up your profile.

PARISH NOTICES

Congratulations to Fr Menard Gaspi



We congratulate Fr Menard Gaspi on his ordination to the priesthood, celebrated last Thursday evening in our Cathedral by Bishop Vincent.

Fr Menard was born and raised in Western Sydney and began his formation for the priesthood in 2021 at the Diocese's Holy Spirit Seminary. His journey of discernment and preparation included a year serving at Sacred Heart Parish in Luddenham-Warragamba. Since February 2024, he has served as Deacon at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens.

Before entering the seminary, Fr. Menard spent 14 years in missionary work, responding to a deep call to serve God's people - a call that has now borne fruit in his ordination.

We thank God for Fr Menard's "yes" to the priesthood and his willingness to serve. Let us keep him in our prayers as he begins his ministry as a priest, and may God continue to bless and guide him abundantly in his service to the Church.

Congratulations, Fr Menard!

Holy Hour for Vocations

Every fourth Friday of the month the Diocese of Parramatta hosts Holy Hour in St. Patrick's Cathedral to pray for Vocations. This is a time of prayer and reflection in front of the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration and concluding with Benediction. All are welcome to join.

When: 6:30pm every fourth Friday of the Month

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Next weekend, our Parish is proud to support Parramatta Catholic Foundation's Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Your generosity will enable Catholic Care's Houses to Homes to support homeless mothers and children with a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives. The horror of domestic, family, and sexual violence, compounded by the rising cost of living, is pushing mothers and their children into homelessness; and they need our help. Your life-changing gift this Christmas can provide them with secure shelter, nourishing food, and the support they need to build a strong family life and a hopeful future.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via the giving envelope that will be on the pews next weekend or by using the QR code provided, via the Cathedral App or at the parish website <https://stpatrcathedral.com.au/donation/> by selecting 'Donate' and choosing the fund 'Bishop's Christmas Appeal'.

Are You Hearing God's Call to the Priesthood?

The priesthood is one of the most profound and vital vocations in the life of the Church. Priests are called to be shepherds of God's people, instruments of his grace, and living signs of Christ's presence in the world. They bring the Eucharist to the faithful, offer forgiveness through reconciliation, and guide the Church community in love and truth.

To be a priest is not simply to take on a role or career—it is a vocation, a deep and sacred calling from God. It is a life of service, prayer, and self-giving, rooted in the love of Christ and sustained by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Through their "yes," priests dedicate their lives to leading others closer to God and building God's kingdom on earth.

If you feel that God may be calling you to this extraordinary life of service, or if you are simply curious and want to explore the possibility of a priestly vocation, we invite you to take a courageous step forward. Speak with **Fr Robert** or **Fr Tom**, who will guide you and walk with you in the early stages of your discernment. The next step will then be to speak with the Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Parramatta.

Discerning the call to priesthood is a journey that requires prayer, trust, and an open heart. It is a response to God's invitation to serve in a way that transforms not only the lives of others but also your own.

May the Holy Spirit inspire and guide those in our community who are hearing the Lord's voice, calling them to this sacred mission. If you feel the stirrings of a vocation, trust in God's plan for you—he will give you all you need to follow him.

Congratulations - Deacon Dave

We are pleased to announce that Deacon David Dowling has been appointed as the Diaconate Vocations Director for a three-year term, beginning 18 March 2025. This is a significant responsibility, and we congratulate Deacon David on this important role in guiding and nurturing those discerning a call to the diaconate.

If you feel that God may be calling you to explore this unique and profound vocation, we encourage you to speak with Deacon David.

Let us keep Deacon David in our prayers as he undertakes this vital ministry, and let us also pray for all those discerning a vocation to the diaconate.



PARISH NOTICES

The Jubilee Year 2025 – A Time of Grace and Renewal

Pope Francis has announced the celebration of a Jubilee Year in 2025, inviting the entire Church to a time of spiritual renewal and hope. The Jubilee, which begins in Advent 2024, is themed “Pilgrims of Hope” and offers a sacred opportunity to deepen our faith, encounter God’s mercy, and respond to His call in our lives.

Jubilee Years hold great significance in the Church. Rooted in biblical tradition, they are times of forgiveness, reconciliation, and renewal—a chance to reflect on our relationship with God and our neighbors. These special years inspire us to embark on a spiritual pilgrimage, not only to holy places but also within our hearts, seeking God’s love and purpose.

As we approach this extraordinary time, we encourage all parishioners to begin their personal preparation. Reflect on how God is calling you during this Jubilee:

- Where do you need His mercy and healing?
- How can you grow closer to Him through prayer, the sacraments, and acts of service?
- How will you live as a “Pilgrim of Hope,” sharing Christ’s love with others?

Stay tuned for updates on parish and diocesan events planned to help us celebrate this Jubilee Year together. Let us pray that this sacred time will be a source of profound grace for our parish, our Church, and our world.

Let us prepare our hearts and listen to the voice of God, calling us to embrace this Jubilee with faith, hope, and joy.

Giftshop Christmas Sale

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, why not bring the true meaning of Christmas into your home or share it with loved ones through a beautiful Nativity set? A Nativity set serves as a powerful reminder of the holy night when Jesus was born—a moment of hope, love, and peace that changed the world forever.

This week and for the first week in Advent, our Giftshop is offering:

- 20% off all Nativity sets
- 15% off all other Christmas gifts

Whether you're looking for a small Nativity for a mantle or a larger set for a family centerpiece, we have a wide selection to suit every budget.

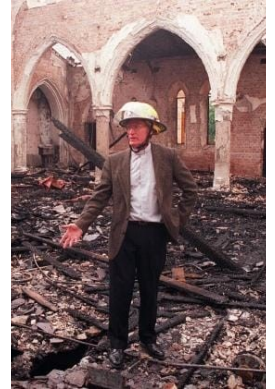
Why not give a Nativity set this Christmas and help loved ones focus on the joy of Christ’s birth? Visit the Giftshop today to find the perfect gift that will inspire faith and joy this season.

Hurry—don’t miss out on these great savings!

21st Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral - 29 November

Next Friday, 29th November, we will celebrate the 21st Anniversary of the Dedication of our Cathedral. This is a significant milestone in the life of our parish and Diocese.

The present Cathedral, rebuilt in 2003 after a devastating fire, stands as a powerful symbol of faith, hope, and renewal. It is not merely a building but a sacred space where God’s people gather to worship, celebrate, and grow in faith.



To commemorate this special occasion:

- 12:30 PM Mass: A sung Mass led by the cantor will give thanks for the gift of our Cathedral and all it represents.
- 6:00 PM Bellringing: The Cathedral bellringers will attempt the first full peal on the Cathedral bells.

A full peal is a continuous, set piece of ringing, comprising thousands of changes and typically lasting about three hours. This ancient tradition is both a feat of skill and endurance and a joyful proclamation of celebration. The ringing of a full peal marks significant events and milestones, and what could be more fitting than honoring the dedication of the Cathedral—a place that calls us to God with the sound of its bells.

Let us come together to give thanks for our Cathedral, a house of prayer and beacon of faith for 21 years. All are welcome to join these celebrations!



ADVENT NOTICES

Join an Advent Reflection Group

Advent is a sacred season of preparation—a time to quiet our hearts, reflect on God's promises, and prepare to welcome Christ into our lives anew. As we journey toward Christmas, Advent invites us to deepen our faith, embrace hope, and rediscover the joy of God's presence in our everyday lives.

This year, we invite you to join one of our Advent Reflection Groups, where we will journey together in prayer, Scripture, and shared reflection. These groups provide an opportunity to pause amidst the busyness of life, connect with others in faith, and prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ.

Session times:

- Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM in-person at the parish meeting room. (first session - 4 December)
- Monday evenings at 8:00 PM via Zoom for those who prefer an online option. (first session - 2 December)

Whether you are new to faith or have been on the journey for years, these groups are for everyone. Come and be part of this meaningful preparation for Christmas as we grow together in faith and anticipation of the Lord's coming.

To register or find out more, contact the parish office. Let us embrace this season of Advent as a time to truly prepare our hearts to receive Christ with joy!

Andy's Christmas Lights for...

Kids with Cancer foundation

01 - 31 December
45 Grassmere Ave, Northmead

Join Andy & Carmen in spreading joy and making a difference this Christmas season. Visit their magical Christmas lights display and support the Kids with Cancer Foundation by purchasing a raffle ticket or making a donation. Every ticket you buy goes directly to helping families with children facing cancer and you'll get a chance to be in the draw with incredible prizes.

Raffle drawn 31 December.



Advent Carol Service - mark your calendar!

Advent is a time of joyful preparation, leading us towards the celebration of Christ's birth.

To embrace this special season, we invite you to join us for an evening of caroling and biblical readings at our **Advent Carol Festival on Friday, 13 December at 7:00pm**. Together, we'll sing traditional carols and listen to readings that highlight the hope, peace, joy, and love of Advent.



Everyone is welcome, and we're excited to announce a visit from Santa, bringing extra cheer for the little ones! We're also in need of volunteers to assist with the barbecue and food serving on the day. If you can bake a treat to share on the night, it would be a wonderful addition to our celebration.

Come along, invite friends, and let's celebrate Advent together!

Noel! Noel! Christmas Concert

The Australian Brandenburg Orchestra will return to St Patrick's Cathedral this year for their annual Noel! Noel! Christmas concert on Tuesday 17 December. Tickets are selling fast at: <https://www.brandenburg.com.au/live-concerts/events/noel-noel-2024/>



Save the Date - Seniors' Christmas Lunch

Attention all seniors in our parish aged 65 and over! Our next event and last for the year, will be our Seniors' Christmas Lunch.

Date: Wednesday, 11 December

Location: Cloister Function Room

This is always a wonderful occasion to connect with friends and enjoy a delicious meal together. An official invitation will be sent out via the parish app this week. Please note that RSVP is essential, so be sure to respond once you receive the invitation.

Mark the date in your diaries now, and we look forward to celebrating with you! For any inquiries, please contact the parish office.

Our Commitment to Safeguarding

At St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, we are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way."

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to...

- Act with justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person;
- Act with justice, and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Interfaith Commission

This year's Scanlon report on social cohesion shows decreasing trust of all religions in Australia compared to 2023. At a time when many are wanting peace, unity and social cohesion, Bishop Vincent calls for anyone interested in this area to apply. "The only qualification is the Gospel commitment to love your neighbour, who in this instance, belongs to another religion," the Bishop said. Apply at <https://parracatholic.org/contribute/governance/>.

Divine Retreat Centre offerings: 2024/2025

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a variety of single-day and weekend residential retreats throughout 2024 and 2025. All are welcome, no bookings required. For more information, please visit www.divineretreatcentre.org or contact (02) 4372 1598.

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal Office

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or feel free to send an email to tribunal@parracatholic.org.

Parish Team Employment 2025 – Greystanes

Faith Enrichment Role

For a suitably qualified and experienced person 16 hrs/wk onsite in faith enrichment:

- Facilitating/resourcing parents as they guide their children in sacraments/faith
- Liaising with key faith enrichment ministries
- Assisting opportunities for faith inquiry and for parishioners' enrichment
- Sharing in relevant admin and tech tasks with the team

For more information about the role and details for making application, please contact: parishoffice@olqp.org.au

PJE Table Talk "Disability – Unemployment – Seeking Asylum: Navigating Multiple Challenges in Australia"

Please join us for our final diocesan table talk to hear and discuss powerful stories from people affected by overlapping challenges. Participate in meaningful small group conversations and learn how you can play a part in creating positive change: **28 November, 6:00pm – 8:30pm**, Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light dinner will be served on arrival. Find our more and register at parracatholic.org/pjetabletalk



Diocesan Advent Week Scripture Reflection Evening

In what way would you say I'm 'awaiting' God's presence this Advent? How do I see myself in Advent Scripture stories this year? Register for the Diocesan Advent Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Michele Connolly RSJ on **Tuesday 26 November from 6:30pm to 8:30pm**. RSVP via met@parracatholic.org

Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00am to 2:00pm during school terms.



Calix Society: 12 Step Recovery and Catholic Spirituality

Are you or a loved one troubled by addiction or alcoholism? The Calix Society is a way to recovery that incorporates 12 Step recovery and Catholic Spirituality. Sydney Unit meets Monthly at St Joseph, Enfield. Mass (5:30pm) and "About Calix" talk (6:30 - 7:30pm). We also meet weekly via zoom and have an annual retreat. Contact: Tim 0401 600 422 or Kevin 0435 668 382 or calixsydney@outlook.com. See: <https://www.calixsociety.org/>



Epiphany Pilgrimage and Fiesta

Commit the first fruits of your new year to Christ with the 2025 Epiphany Pilgrimage (02-09 January). Enjoy seven days of bushwalking, fellowship and prayer as we journey from Emu Plains to the top of the Blue Mountains, experiencing the wonderful hospitality of parish communities along the way. Day 1 is a family-friendly day, with the option for a children's pilgrimage finishing with the Finnies Fiesta at St Finbars, Glenbrook. For more information and to register for all or part of the journey, visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

RCIA team and candidates

Children preparing for their First Reconciliation

Sick: Sam Galea, AJ Thomas, Apo Policarpio, Michael Lilley, Fred Harb, Shirley, Patrick Slatter, Felicitas Appathurai, William Lelyveld, Chris Doughty, Antoinette Burchdan, Ramza Ibrahim, Frank Davino, Fr Bob Bossini, Fatima Rodricks, Ray Love, Vicky Chow Wing Ki, Nasr Nasr, Mark Slee, Maria Llave, John Wright, Rohan Rodricks, Joey S Bugo

Special Intentions: Nikola Senjak, Stephen Senjak, Ankica Senjak, Mara Senjak & family, Zayne Bumactao, Amarra Bumactao, Viva Velasco, Katrina Dela Cruz Velasco, Cherie, Pancho, Victor, Justin, Leo, Levi, Jasmine, Garth, Leonardo Close, Michael Perez, Mary Tito, Franz Tito, Carmelita Perez, Servia, Agnes Patacsil, Naleen, Tian & Raveen, Allwyn & Jasmine, Bartolome Cabezas Sr, Esther Lee, Sr Tian, Miguel Custodio, Senjak family, Paul Peters, Melissa & Glenda Carter, EJ, Kaysie Elliott, Robert Sabbagh, Marie & Norbert Saldanha, Fatima Rodricks, Viva J Policarpio, Cenacle Group

Book of Remembrance

The month of November is traditionally a month with a special focus on prayers for the faithful departed.

Each year a Book of Remembrance is displayed in the Chapel. If you would like to have your deceased family and friends included, please fill in a November Mass Offering envelope and either leave on the collection plate or hand in at the office. We will update the Book of Remembrance regularly to reflect new names that are requested for inclusion.

Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.



BAPTISMS



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

**Sophie Sia
Delle Cariaga**

WEDDINGS



We also pray for the following couple recently married here...

Caroline & David Orah

POPE FRANCIS'

Prayer Intention for November



For anyone who has lost a child

"We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet
dated
17 November*

"I pose a question that each of us can ask ourselves: Do I deprive myself of something to give to the poor? When I give alms, do I touch the hand of the poor and look them in the eye? Brothers and sisters, let us not forget that the poor cannot wait!"

Saint of the Week

26 November - St John Berchmans (1599-1621)

John Berchmans was born in Diest, Belgium. He joined the Jesuit novitiate when he was seventeen. Sent to Rome to study philosophy at the Roman College in 1619, he surprised both masters and classmates: he joined an exquisite charity and friendliness to a brilliant intelligence and great emotional maturity. His spiritual diary also reveals the depth of his interior life, which bespeaks a true mystical union with God. His health suffered from the effort he put into studying for his final examination, and he became steadily weaker as he prepared for the disputation. On 08 July 1621, he passed his final examination brilliantly, but soon after he fell seriously ill with dysentery and died on 13 August 1621.



Information: Universalis

“Quote of the Week”

“The faithful do not reap a quick harvest: they have to wait for it to ripen slowly because if God rewarded them quickly religion would be a career and not the worship of God. It would consist in the pursuit of self-interest, not piety.”



Anonymous
second-century author

Did You Know...?

...that the Feast of Christ the King is a relatively recent addition to the Catholic liturgical calendar?

Wikipedia notes that this feast was “instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI for the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church. In 1970, its Roman Rite observance was moved from October to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and thus to the end of the liturgical year. The earliest date on which the Feast of Christ the King can occur is 20 November and the latest is 26 November.”



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The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of Christ the King
Sunday, November 24th, 2024*



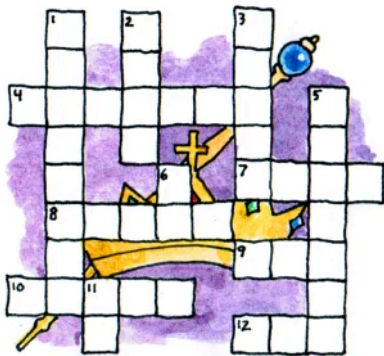
Jesus is Our King!

Today we celebrate Jesus as the great Lord and King of Heaven and earth.

The crown is a symbol of Jesus' kingship.

Christ the King Crossword

Revelation 1:5-7



Here is a part of today's second reading. Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks and the puzzle.

*D=down
A=across.*

(3D) _____ Christ is the (1D) _____
 (4A) _____, the firstborn (11D) _____
 the dead and ruler of the (2D) _____ s of
 the earth. To (12A) _____ who loves us and
 has (8A) _____ us from our (7A) _____
 by his blood, who has made us into a
 (5D) _____, priests for his (9A) _____ and
 Father, to him (6D) _____ (10A) _____
 and power forever and ever. Amen.

**OF GLORY BE HIM WITNESS
 GOD FAITHFUL SINS KING
 FREED KINGDOM JESUS**

Christ is the King!

Every year on the last Sunday before Advent, we celebrate the feast day of Christ the King.

Jesus is a good king who loves His people so much that He died so we could go to Heaven.

What can you do to show Jesus that He is the king of your life? What can you do to show other people that Jesus is your king?

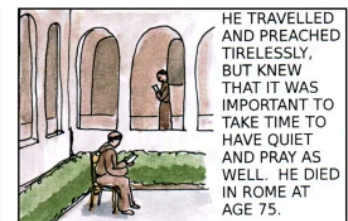
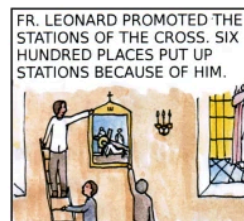
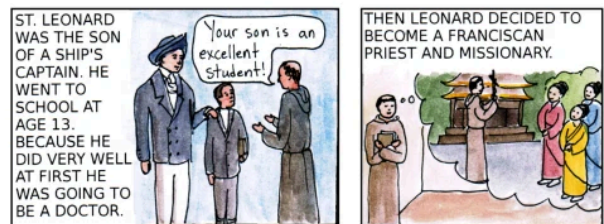
What is something special that you can do today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King?



Answers to the crossword puzzle:
 Down: 1.faithful, 2.king, 3.Jesus, 5.kingdom, 6.be, 11.of
 Across: 4.witness, 7.sins, 8.freed, 9.God, 10.glory, 12.him

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Saint Leonard of Port Maurice November 26



SAINT LEONARD PREACHED TO OTHER PEOPLE TO DRAW THEM TO JESUS AND BROUGHT HIMSELF CLOSER TO JESUS BY TAKING TIME TO BE QUIET AND PRAY. WE CAN GROW CLOSER TO JESUS BY PRAYING TOO. TAKE SOME TIME EVERY DAY TO THINK ABOUT JESUS ON THE CROSS AND TALK TO HIM!

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