



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – Year B Saturday 24 November/Sunday 25 November 2018

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14 – *His sovereignty is eternal.*
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty! [Psalm 92]
Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8 – *The ruler of the kings of the earth...made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.*
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!
Gospel: John 18:33-37 – *You say that I am a king.*

Kings and Kingdoms

After three centuries of persecution the early Christians breathed a deep sigh of relief when the Roman Emperor, Constantine, became a Christian himself. But that really was a mixed blessing! Becoming a Christian and conforming to Christian values and ways of behaving gradually became the expected thing, often imposed by the authorities. The early centuries images and preferred description of Jesus as the Good Shepherd were replaced by images of Jesus as a Ruler and King, clothed in purple, often seated on a throne. Leaders within the Christian communities were drawn into dressing and living as rulers and lords. The vast majority of Christian people through many centuries saw themselves simply as servants called to obey the voices of authority, and leadership was often exercised through oppression and punishment. Many of the leaders, thank God, did read and reflect on the words and actions of Jesus and offered leadership in a very different way. The secular world, in the main, followed the way of the Roman Empire [and the Greeks, Egyptians and Persians before them] by imposing law and order, using authority, power and punishment to control society.

There is something in our human nature that looks for that way of living; we tend to operate that way if we're "in charge"; we expect, sometimes at least, to be told what to think, what to do when we're not "in charge". In more recent times, I suggest since the invention of printing, and the resultant increased opportunities for education, people have the ability to think for themselves. History recognises the "Age of Enlightenment", a movement within the western world at least that lessened the ability of the powerful people in Church and State to impose their way on ordinary people. And, of course, the coming of the digital age with its explosion of information has further diluted the authority and power of the few to control the rest. Nevertheless Kings and Emperors continued to impose their authority and rule. In recent centuries there have been revolutions and violent suppressions from Paris in the 1790s through to our own time. There aren't many ruling kings enforcing their will on their subjects in today's world...but there is a movement across the world that reminds us that there are some leaders who prefer to lead by imposing law and order, using power and punishment to control people, by reducing complex human issues to simple "dos and don'ts". Many millions of people accept/prefer leadership in the style of Vladimir Putin, Donald Trump, and in the last few weeks the newly elected Jair Messias Bolsonaro in Brazil [a former parachute regiment captain].

In the face of confusion, the constant battle for loyalty and faithfulness, but mainly as a call to see the world and our lives and families within that world in a very different way, Pope Pius XI established in 1925 the Feast we celebrate today – Christ the King! Initially the Feast was celebrated, I think, with mixed messages. Jesus was presented as the alternative king to all the other rulers of history and modern times, but often presented just as a new ruler to be honoured and obeyed, ruling from on high, with all of us just called to be loyal subjects. But the words of Jesus Himself are crystal clear "I am a King said Jesus, but not of this world!"

Jesus as shepherd is indeed the true way in which he comes to us as king. He is one who cares for us rather than rules us, He lifts us up and carries us rather than being carried about, He seeks us when we are lost rather than commands us to obey, He lays down his life to protect us rather than order us fight for Him. We have a king who did not wave to adoring crowds but stretched out his arms on a cross. We have a king who did not seek our adulation and who did not dress in fine clothes but who was stripped naked, spat upon, beaten and abused. Jesus is a king because of love, because of forgiveness, because of mercy, because of peace, because of outreach. He is a king because of his suffering and death, because of his faithfulness, because of his total commitment to the Father, because of the fullness of the Spirit within him, a spirit he shares with all of us.



Father Hal

We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently: Margaret Missen, Barbara Hickey, Thomas Lavel. *May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them, May They Rest in Peace.*

We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bernard Hegarty.

For all those who are ill in our community, especially Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Mr Rene Perla, Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Robert Badger, Stephanie Shine, Susie Rolls, Andrew Supple (Robina), Mary-Ann Hine, Antony Dunbarr, Kathy Allan, Bernadette Gobbert, Freda Coorey, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Matthew Dwyer, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Charles Walker, Celie Brosnan, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Michael O'Malley.

Congratulations to these newly weds: *May the Holy Spirit bless their lives together.*

For all those recently baptised: **Joel Facer** son of Daniel and Carmel, **Charlotte Keller** daughter of Paul and Arete, **Joshua Murphy** son of Anthony and Samantha, **Camille Braithwaite** daughter of Andrew and Andrea. *May the gift of the Holy Spirit grow throughout their lives.*

Reconciliation: 1st Rite available every Saturday, 9.00am – 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral.

*Just a reminder for those wanting to attend the 'Thank You' dinner on Monday 3 December, please RSVP to 4637 1500 **before 30th November** or as soon as possible. See you there!*

New Ministers' Roster is available in Sacristy. Please take home this weekend.

MINISTERS' ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS: To help with the preparation of the Christmas Roster there are blank sheets in the Sacristy and at both doors of the Cathedral. Please indicate if you are available to be an Altar Server, Communion Minister, Reader, Welcomer or Money Collector at the Christmas Masses. Please let us know if you will be away over Christmas/January. Sheets will be in the sacristy for the next few weekends.

Adoration - each Wednesday during Advent from 5.00pm – 6.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please mark these dates on your calendar and make a prayerful commitment to spend a little quiet time reflecting on life and God's presence in your Advent journey. Dates: 5/12, 12/12, 19/12

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019: Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist will be celebrated in the first two terms of the school year, 2019. Our program begins with Enrolment Masses and Parent Information Sessions outlining the structure and background of the Sacraments. The parish will require a copy of your child's baptism certificate. The Reconciliation program [Term 1] will begin with a Parent Information Session on **Tuesday 12 February 2019** at 7pm in the **Cathedral Centre**. Child minding for this session [approx. 30 mins] will be provided if you are unable to organise other arrangements for your children. Sacramental Enrolment Forms are available from the Parish Office. Please contact the Parish Office on 4637 1500 or St Saviour's Primary School Office on 4637 1555 [**before school finishes, 7 December**].

Ladies Friendship Group: If you enjoy a cuppa and a chat, please join us every Friday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am in St Pat's Parish Centre. All welcome!

Wednesday Prayer Group: Meets each Wednesday at 9.30am in the Parish Centre. All welcome!

St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting of St Vincent de Paul will be held in the parish centre at 6pm on Tuesday 4 December 2018. New members are most welcome. Contact Terry on 0428 582 205. Please remember our non-perishable items collection – Sunday 25 November until Sunday 16 December.

Holy Hour/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday from 2pm at the convent of Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, 71 Margaret Street, Toowoomba

The Catholic Leader: Please feel free to **take** a copy. If you don't have any money on you, pay next week, or accept it as a gift from us to you!

Please take a copy of latest issue of **HORIZONS**. One feature is The Voice of Young People.

Limited copies of the **2019 Columban Calendar** is available in the Parish Office at a cost of \$10 each.

Daily Mass Book 2019 is available for purchase from the Parish Office at a cost of \$25 each – again limited copies.

Plenary Council 2020: Let's Have Our Say!

Yes the invitation is genuine: those who are gradually putting together the agenda for the Plenary Council first session in October 2020 [two years away] want to hear every voice. They want to hear your voice, the story of your experiences of Church. They want to hear your ideas and hopes for a Church that really brings GOOD NEWS each day to our country, Australia.

Send your thoughts and hopes directly to the addresses in bold type below. Better still, make some time to have conversations about the key question: What is God asking the Church to be in [and to bring to] Australia in these times? Conversations among family members and with friends will not only produce more wisdom, they'll bind us more closely together through our listening and speaking honestly.

Have your say – send your thoughts:

by email to plenarycouncil@catholic.org.au

by post to **Plenary Council 2020, PO Box 747 NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2059**

by delivering or sending to our Cathedral Office (marked Plenary Council)

123 Neil Street, Toowoomba

PO Box 7056 TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350.

**PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM:
Sunday 25 November 2018/Sunday 2 December 2018**

Sunday 25 Nov	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14 Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8 Gospel: John 18:33-37	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Matilda Akers and Matilda Pollard [FM] 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 26 Nov	Monday 34B Ordinary Time First Reading: Revelation 14:1-5 Gospel: Luke 21:1-4	9.00am <i>Special Mass for grieving families at STM</i> 5.30pm Mass at STM	5.15pm P & F Board meeting and Dinner SSPS 5.30pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 27 Nov	Tuesday 34B Ordinary Time First Reading: Revelation 14:14-19 Gospel: Luke 21:5-11	7.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass at STM	11am Funeral Ministry meeting – Parish Centre 12.30 St Pat's Indoor Bowls 6pm STM School Christmas BBQ
Wednesday 28 Nov	Wednesday 34B Ordinary Time First Reading: Revelation 15:1-4 Gospel: Luke 21:12-19	7.00am Mass	9am End of Year Mass at St Ursula's [FM] 11.30am SSPS End of Year Mass in Cathedral Centre [FM] 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 29 Nov	Thursday 35B Ordinary Time First Reading: Revelation 18:1-2,21-23, 19:1-3, 9 Gospel: Luke 21:20-28	7.00am Mass	10.30am Funeral Mass for Carolyn Instrell [+Morris] 11.15am Advent Healing Mass followed by Christmas Lunch in Cathedral Centre
Friday 30 Nov	Saint Andrew First Reading: Romans 10:9-18 Gospel: Matthew 4:18-22	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass at STM	7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 01 Dec	Saturday 34B Ordinary Time First Reading: Revelation 22:1-7 Gospel: Luke 21:34-36	7.00am Mass 6.00pm Vigil	9.00am – 10.00am: 1 st Rite of Reconciliation 10am Baptism of Isla Martin [FM] 11am Baptism of Mia Sutcliffe, Leo Weedon & Antoinette Alberca HR]
Sunday 02 Dec	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 Second Reading: 1 Thess 3:12 – 4:2 Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Xavier Tame and Quinten Pacholke 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre

**MINISTRIES FOR MASS:
Saturday 01 December 2018 / Sunday 02 December 2018**

	Vigil 6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
Coordinator	Kathy Pingel 4630 2339	Gabrielle Saide 4632 4778	Kevin Hoddle 4635 4784	Ken Avenell 0418 713 861
Welcomers	Peter & Eileen Castles	John Ryan, Vince Murphy Bob Ryan, Joan Coonan	Teresa Frelek	Joe Briffa, Jim Harris, John and Rosemary Keenan
Readers	Peter Castles Kathy Pingel Trevor Cavanagh	John Fisher Graham Healy Brian Ridge	Kevin Hoddle Denyse Lammas Leo McMahan	Julie Ramsey Patrick Murphy Barbara Lees
Communion Ministers	Eileen Castles Claire Seymour Carmel Cavanagh Eileen Stephen	Gabrielle Saide Noela Fisher Joan Coonan Pat Coughlan Ursula Watson	Helen Hoddle Maureen McMahan Judy Lindores Kevin Lindores Judy Smith	Mary Milton Joe Briffa Peter Ramsey Ken Avenell Barry Toombs
Altar Assist				
Music	Vicky and Singer	CDs	St Patrick's Choir	Tom and Singer
Collectors	Lindsay Fox Rodney Melvin	Bob Hegarty, John Ryan, Vince Murphy, Bob Ryan Bernie Coonan	Brian Strong Terry Collins	Jim Harris, Joe Briffa, John Cronin John and Rosemary Keenan
Counters	This Week: Kevin and Judy Lindores, Jim Harris		Next Week: Jabour Hanna, Gabrielle Saide, Kate Gilloway, Craig Hogan	

Collections: 17/18 November 2018: PG - \$1397.00; Loose - \$2211.90

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Today's Psalm

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

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

The world you made firm, not to be
moved; your throne has stood firm
from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

ENTRANCE SONG: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

GA371/AOV1-191

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation
hath redeem'd us by his blood.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne:
thou, within the veil, has entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
alleluia! to the Saviour who has won the victory
alleluia to the Spirit, font of love and sanctity,
Alleluia! Alleluia to the triune majesty.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: CDs Year B p.82

Response: The Lord is king! He is robed in majesty.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CW554

Alleluia, Alleluia Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS:

Living Water Eagle's Wings CD

*Refrain: I will give you living water!
Shade to rest under; strength to your heart!
Grow deep within me filled by my Spirit,
My burdens are easy, my life it is yours!*

We have been with the lonely!
To the hungry we've given Your Bread.
We now come with all our hope and dreams
To rest awhile with you!

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

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To the empty we've carried
Your Word of hope and of life.
Build us now beyond our hopes and dreams
'till we live in you!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: Mass of St Francis Acc 3

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross
and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION SONG:

I Am the Light of the World AOV1-176

*Refrain:
I am the light of world, says the Lord,
They who follow me will have the light of life.*

Arise, says the Lord, 'Have no fear within you,
For in my presence there will be no darkness.
I am the light of the world.

Walk in the light, there is no cause to stumble;
I have come to light the path before you.
I am the light of the world.

Listen to my words; they are from the one who sent
me: For you, my friends, are called to share God's
glory. You are the light of the world.

RECESSIONAL SONG: Glorious in Majesty GA370

Glorious in majesty, Holy in his praises,
Jesus, our Saviour and our King. Born a man, yet
God of old, Let us all adore him: Filled with the
Spirit, let us sing.

*Refrain: Living is to love him, serving him to know
his freedom
Come along with us to join the praise of
Jesus.
Come to Jesus now. Go to live his word
rejoicing.*

Victory he won for us, Freeing us from darkness,
Dying and rising from the dead. Living with the
Father now, yet he is among us:
We are the body, he the head.

One in love, as family, Living with each other,
Gladly we share each other's pain. Yet he will not
leave us so, soon he is returning,
Taking us back with him to reign.

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

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS - 'LITTLE BLUE BOOK'. A limited number of these are available on the table in the eastern transept. A great source of short and personal daily reflection for the season of Advent. If you would like a resource to assist you in your prayer time during Advent please take one. We have purchased these for approximately \$5 each and invite you to simply make a donation on the collection plate if you are able to do so.