



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 21st November 2021

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This weekend, the last Sunday of the 2021 liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Most of us know it as the Feast of Christ the King. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Observing it this Sunday helps us to meditate on Christ the King and Lord and at the same time reflect on the second and final coming of Christ, the last judgment, and the end of the world. The Solemnity of Christ the King is a more recent feast in the Catholic Church.

This feast was established to reaffirm and refocus faith and respect for the kingship of Jesus. Pope Pius XI felt that nations would recognize that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state. Secondly that leaders and nations are obliged to give respect to Christ. Finally, that the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ reigns in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies. The institution of the feast of the Kingship of Christ was an invitation to all Christians to acknowledge the Sovereignty of Christ not only over Christians but also throughout all creation.

The Church year ends awaiting the return of Christ, when evil will be defeated and Jesus will fully reign as the King of Kings. Christ's kingdom begins in the community of people who live in a new and different way because of God's presence in their lives. Celebrating Christ's Kingship gives us an opportunity to proclaim the good news that His second coming brings joy rather than fear, hope to dispel despair. We are cleansed, renewed and brought closer to God. Today's feast is both a challenge and an opportunity for us to be more aware of our call to become truly followers of Christ the King. Next week we begin the season of Advent, in preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas, at the end of time, and when we meet Him face to face.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Dan 7:13-14 – His sovereignty is eternal.

Psalm Response: All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God;
All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading: Apoc 1:5-8 – The ruler of the kings of the earth...make 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.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

*Change is nature of Life,
But 'Challenges' is aim of Life.
So you have to Challenge the Change,
Not change the Challenge.*

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Second: Apoc 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December - 7:00pm (with Children's Pageant) and 11:30pm

Christmas Day Saturday 25th December - 8:00am (NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sunday 26th December - 8:00am



Roster	Readers 6:15pm (1st) Martin M (2nd) Matty M (Welcome & POF) Mary S	8:00am (1st) Peter M (2nd) Hilda A (Welcome & POF) Tim F	Counting Group 4
27 th & 28 th November	Communion Ministers 6:15pm Betty A	8:00am April M	Music 6:15pm Gp 3 PowerPoint 6:15pm Emma M
			8:00am Gp 2 8:00am David C

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

Christ is King ... the faithful Witness. He loves us... and made us a line of priests, prophets and kings to serve God His Father. Who are we to be called forth as the priest of tomorrow – prayerful men – leaders, ready to preach the Word of God.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Lynne Gage, John Jorna, Agatha Ravaneschi, Liana Lo Presti, Andrew Hodgson, Amanda Ward, Ed Moloney, Colleen Van den Bosch, Janice McAnien, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Patricia Briscoe, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Gina Basso, Carmel Hickey.

Anniversaries & Remembrances November: Joan Brown, Michele Battel, Fiore Santarossa, Kathleen Wellington, Richard Wellington, Mona Irving, Anita Shellard, Paul Hayes, Catherine Moore, Michael Peterson, Brian Mullan, Damian Graves, Freda Graves, Ralph White, Anthony Lock, Greg Lawler, David Lopez, Clarence Wilcox, Doreen Heift, Frank Webb, Bill Maclean, Danuta Plantos, Georgina Fleming, Gordon Fleming, Geraldene Barry, Danuta Kupidura, Bill Conway, Emilia Battel, Marian Dodunski, Linda Pasqualini, Arthur Irving, Denise Irving, Raymond Vagg, Anthony Chivers, Steven Brigg, Phillip Phillips, Joseph Camilleri, Josephine Romero, Alex Parlato, Alice Harney, Vincenza Sciacca, Felix Aguiar, Irene Rynne, Veronica Brown, Franseco Santarossa, Peter McGleeson, Amanda Bell, Jane Swann, William Groeger, Edward Briggs, Margaret Duncan, Tom Gall, Bruce Molloy, Mary Boyd, Hugh Kearney, Kevin Gilhooley, Nono Antonio, Rosmer Cartagena, Celena McGovern, Tarcisio Ragagnin, Dave Smith, Rita Fantov, John Richardson, Ian Raumer, Marie Steele, Bill & Martha Kluck, Anastacia Weiland, departed family and friends of Tess Zwolak, Sr. Joe Maria. C.M.C (sister of Father Dantus). **Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk**

Book of Remembrance is located at the entrance to the Church. Each Parishioner is welcome to inscribe the names of loved ones who are deceased. These loved ones/special intentions are remembered in prayer each day during the Month of November.

EAST TIMOR RAFFLE We will be running a raffle for some much needed funds and would love your support if you are able to donate prizes. In particular, we are looking for some special prizes (perhaps supporting a local business). Some suggested prizes could include: Restaurant vouchers, tourist / leisure activities, beauty / pamper products, Gold Class Movie tickets, gourmet food items, a special bottle of something, air fryer, coffee maker etc. If you would like to discuss any prize or sponsorship, please contact the Parish Office during office hours. You can also drop in your prize donation to the Parish Office or place in the basket when arriving at Mass. Tickets will be on sale at Masses. Many Thanks for your support.

Christmas Appeal - The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will be held on the **4th & 5th December**. Funds raised provides the community with a chance to help change lives by adding a little comfort, dignity, hope and warmth to the lives of those who are struggling. All money donated stays within the Birkdale Conference. Envelopes will be available in the Church or deposits can be made by EFT to: BSB: 064 786 Account No: 1000 26127 Account Name: SVDP St Mary MacKillop (not for over the counter deposits).

Christmas Tree Donations of food items for St Vincent de Paul to prepare hampers will be gratefully received. If donating presents, please take a gift tag from the Christmas Tree in the Church and purchase an item for the age and gender of the recipient. Donation baskets will be in the Church from next weekend. *Thank you for your generosity.*

St Vincent de Paul - have Christmas cards (\$2.95 for a pack of 8), Christmas gifts and Columbian Calendars for sale at weekend Masses.

Advent Books the Little Blue Books are available to help us pray and reflect in preparation of Christmas. **Books are \$5.00 each.**

Cuppa Roster. Traditionally, we have a "cuppa" after Mass on the first weekend of the month. This requires two or three people each time to look after the tea, coffee and small amount of food. Volunteers are placed on a roster, usually two or three times a year. Some parishioners have generously given of their time and talents for a number of years, so we're asking for other volunteers to come forward. Any man or woman who would like to help out can contact the Parish Office, or for more information, ring Mary on 040446021.

Questions About The Catholic View On Vaccination? Learn more about Pope Francis's recent encouragement to all to get vaccinated with approved Covid-19 vaccines in the link below. Pope Francis referred to it as 'an act of love.' [https:// www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-08/pope-francis-appeal-covid-19-vaccines-act-of-love.html](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-08/pope-francis-appeal-covid-19-vaccines-act-of-love.html) The Archdiocese of Brisbane supports COVID-19 vaccination except for those people with a valid medical exemption from their health professional. We do recognise that some Catholics have concerns about the origins of the cell-line associated with the development of the AstraZeneca vaccine. If this is a concern for you then the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines provide two alternatives that avoid this issue.

Parish Diary:

Monday 22nd November

St Cecilia

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer
2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 23rd November

10:00am Baptism Preparation
7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 24th November

Sts Andrew Dung-Lac

7:30am HEARTfit
11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 25th November

5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 26th November

9:00am Rosary
9:30am Mass

Saturday 27th November

3:00pm Baptism Celebration
6:15pm Mass

Sunday 28th November

First Sunday of Advent

8:00am Mass



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Daniel

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

Second Reading: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'