

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.

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / A

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STANDING BEFORE THE LORD NOW

The Gospel to conclude the Church's year appropriately evokes the great judgement instituted by the Shepherd-King at the end of time. The Christian tradition, especially in art (Michelangelo's painting in the Sistine Chapel) and music (*Dies Irae*), has often depicted the scene in terrifying literalness.

We may not today feel bound to such a literal understanding of imagery and motifs taken from the apocalyptic Jewish worldview of Jesus' day. But we have to recognise that what the Gospel wishes to communicate with great seriousness is that the final outcome of one's existence is irreversibly determined by the attitude and action one adopts in regard to fellow human beings here and now.

Nothing is said about correctness of faith, or the need to be free from, or to have obtained forgiveness for, all kinds of sin. The sole determinant is whether one has acted with care and compassion for people in various situations of need. Here the 'greatest commandment of the law'—the twin love of God and of one's neighbour (Matthew 22:36-40)—and the sense of Jesus as 'Emmanuel' ('God with us' [Matthew 1:23]) receives its most radical extension. The one who sits upon the throne as Judge, has so identified with even 'the least' of his 'brothers and sisters' that effective compassion shown or not shown to *them* has been shown or not shown to *him*.

There is no need to wait for the Son of Man to come in judgement; every time one encounters a fellow human being in need one already stands before the Judge and King.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v. 1

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

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

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*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 their 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

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

GOSPEL

Mt 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

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

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WEEKEND MASSES Vigil: Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30 pm
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Fri: 9 am Sat: 9 am

CONFESIONS
Sat: 4.30-5.15pm
*Or by appointment

FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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 forever and ever.

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Sr Eleanor Dawson (rsj), Max McDonald, Elizabeth (Beth) Galvin, Joan Ryan (Sydney), Thomas Brown.

Anniversaries: Mary McInnes (6/11), Gerry Griffiths (17/11), Anthony John Croft (17/11),

Ian MacPherson (30/11), Perce McInnes (2/12); Rod Kelly (20/1).

Deceased: June Foley, John Ball, Anthony Press (Bathurst), Wendy O'Toole, Sr Jan Cetta rsj, Terry Smith, Barbara Scott, Peter Koch, William Coulston, Andrew Tickner.

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CRACKERS TAILS

After a talking Sheepdog gets all the sheep in the pen, he reports back to the farmer: "All 40 accounted for." "But I only have 36 sheep," says the farmer.

"I know," says the Sheepdog.
"But I rounded them up."

COMING EVENTS

22 Nov: Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe.
29 Nov: First Sunday of Advent



"God is good and knows what is for the best."



SOCIAL DISTANCING - **PLEASE ** REGISTER TO ENTER

** SANITISE HANDS ENTERING AND LEAVING
** MARK SEATING & KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

CHRISTMAS MASSES AND BOOKINGS: **Due to COVID-19 restrictions Bookings will be mandatory for all Christmas Masses. This means we need to plan now for the number of extra Masses we will require at St Patricks. Forms are available on the website and sheets are available at the back of the church for you to register your interest to attend one of the nominated masses and any help you could give. PLEASE ENSURE YOU RECORD YOUR PREFERRED MASS TIME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. **Note the Mass times at this stage are 'proposed' only and we will move to finalise Masses based on your feedback.

NOVEMBER MASSES: Masses for deceased relatives and friends may be requested via November Mass envelopes available in your planned giving boxes or at the back of the Church. Please ensure you write clearly on the envelope if you wish your loved ones to be listed.

READERS ROSTER: Thank you to those who have already registered. Rosters are now available and will be emailed to those who have graciously volunteered. *Those who are here for the Christmas period could please consider helping at these Masses also. Thank you.*

LEBANON UPDATE: Immediately following the Beirut explosion, ACN provided an initial emergency grant of \$400,00 AUD for food. ACN has just announced a further commitment of \$8 million for the repair and reconstruction of churches and convents. ACN thanks everyone who has already donated to their national appeal and welcomes any further support. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/Lebanon or call 1800 101 201.



COVID PANDEMIC: Whilst the restriction on numbers has been eased we are still subject to the space we have available at St Patricks. **ONLY 72 PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO ATTEND MASS AT ANY ONE TIME AT ST PATRICKS. PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH AND LEAVE YOUR NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS AND PREFERENCE TIME FOR MASS ATTENDANCE** (Saturday evening or Sunday). **The parish phone is not always attended so please only call if you do not have email.** If not registered you may still attend mass, however you **MUST** leave your name and contact details on the sheet upon entering and can only enter if less than 72 people have registered on the entry sheet already. **Masks are currently strongly recommended but not mandatory at the time of print.

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 22/11/20

Vigil: R C Greer P Bamford	9am Sun: R R Paull M Donaldson	5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Sat Cleaning Roster:	21/11/20 J Hutt and J Moran	28/11/20 M Vella & R Pace
Altar Linen:	J Hutt	

WEEK 1 ROSTER: 29/11/20

Vigil: R D Gowing G Styman	9am Sun: R S Nichols S Brown	5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Sat Cleaning Roster	28/11/20 M Vella & R Pace	5/12/20 B & B Lane
Altar Linen:	H Reid	

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