

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*You say that I am a king.*

'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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / B

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## WITNESSING TO THE TRUTH

In the ancient world, the monarchy was understood as a sacred institution. The ruler was appointed, sustained, and legitimated by the gods. The king was understood to rule with the blessing of the gods and acted on their behalf in the human sphere. Notwithstanding this perception of the dignity of the monarchy, Israel's experience of this institution was a mixed one – not all rulers exhibited the qualities which the psalms and prophets spoke of as desirable and necessary in a monarch.

Today's readings invite us at the end of the Church's year to ponder anew the nature of Jesus' kingship and the royal dignity each of us shares by virtue of our baptism. Pilate was confronted with the problem of determining Jesus' identity and whether he was guilty of the crime of sedition. After some questioning, Jesus' identity as a king emerges, but in an unexpected manner. As king, Jesus' role is not that of earthly rule but of bearing witness to the truth about the God who sent him into the world.

The kingship of Jesus is proclaimed in the reading from the Apocalypse but in such a way that the reader never loses sight of the manner in which it was most clearly given expression. Jesus' death on the cross is the means by which we are once again reconciled to God and is the source of the dignity of all those who are baptised. It is by witnessing to the truth that we exercise the dignity which has been given to us in baptism.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Dan 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel  
*His sovereignty is eternal.*

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 ever be destroyed.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 92:1-2, 5. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is king;  
he is robed in majesty.

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

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

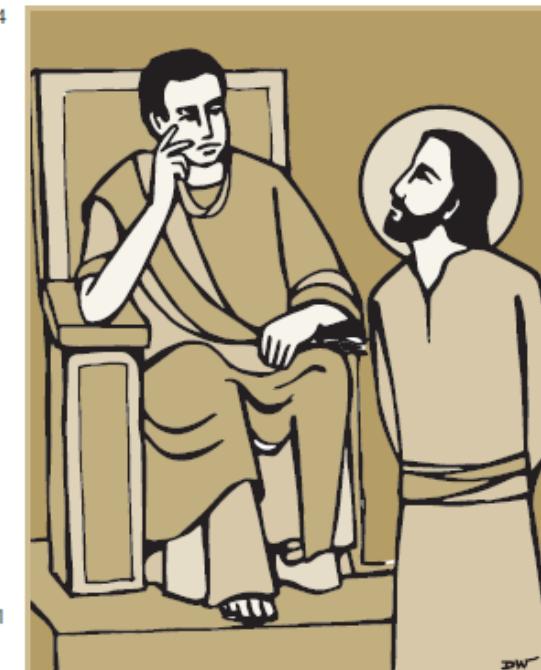
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. /  
Holiness is fitting to your house, / O Lord,  
until the end of time. R.

## SECOND READING

Apoc 1:5-8

A reading from the book of Apocalypse  
*The ruler of the kings of the earth . . . made us a  
line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

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!

21 Nov 2021

Yr B Christ The King

## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND MASSES** Vigil: Sat 5.30pm Sun: 9am \*\*No 5.30 pm mass\*\*  
Mon: No Mass Tues: No Mass

### CONFESIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

\*Or by appointment

**WEEKDAY MASSES** Liturgy Services will be held as follows:  
Wed: 12pm Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions  
Thur: 9am Fri: 9am Sat: 9am

**ENTRANCE:** How worthy is the lamb who was slain, to receive power and dignity, and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power forever and ever.



**ANTIPHON:** The Lord sits as King forever,

**COMMUNION:** The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Shirley Burke, Aileen McDonnell, Richard Davison, Sr Margaret Keane rsj, Carol Howlett, John Keogh, Ray Gaffney.

**Anniversaries:** Mary McInnes (6/11), Stuart Betts (13/11), Anthony John Croft (17/11), Ian MacPherson (30/11), Perce McInnes (2/12), William Coulston (22/12), Rod Kelly (20/1).

**Deceased:** Michael Sullivan, Stan Hobbs, Sr Claire Burgess (rsj), Colleen Greer, Gwen Press, Marcia Tutin, Greg Gallagher, Michael Brady, Sr Phyllis McCann rsj.

**Sick:** Shirley Hobbs, Barbara Brennan, Colin and Margaret MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Maria Mood, Sophie Littlejohn, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

### PADDY'S CORNER,

One night a lady came home from her weekly prayer meeting, found she was being robbed, and she shouted out, "Acts 2:38: 'Repent & be baptized & your sins will be forgiven.'" The robber quickly gave up & the lady rang the police. ....While handcuffing the criminal, a policeman said, "Gee mate, you gave up pretty easily. How come you gave up so quickly?"

The robber said, "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"



### COMING EVENTS:

21 Nov      **Feast of Christ the King**  
21 - 26 Nov    Clergy Retreat **No 5.30pm Mass this Sunday 21 November.**  
24 - 27 Nov    Liturgy Services daily  
12 Dec        Parish Morning Tea  
19 March 22    Diocesan Men's Gathering 19th March 2022

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** BSB 082105 1st Coll: Presbytery Acc 001023642  
(contactless option) 2nd Coll: St Patricks Church Acc 001041198



### NSW STATE COVID UPDATE:

\*\* Rules as of 8 November 2021.

- Entry to churches is open for both fully vaccinated and not fully vaccinated people
- Masks must be worn by all over 12 yrs inside the Church.
- Vaccinated members of the congregation may sing only \*with a mask on\*.
- You must check in with QR Code OR alternative written registering.

If using the QR code please cross your name off the register sheets and we can reduce the amount of extra printing required each week. If you forget your phone you can still sign in.

**CLERGY RETREAT:** Please note there will be no 5.30 pm mass this Sunday 21 November.

Liturgy Services will be held at the usual mass times for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please see notice opposite re weekend masses and weekday masses.

**PUSHBACK AGAINST THE NSW EUTHANASIA LEGISLATION:** The NSW Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Law and Justice is undertaking an inquiry into the provisions of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021. You will note that there is provision on the webpage for residents of NSW to participate if they wish in an online questionnaire regarding the bill. The following link will take you to the online questionnaire <https://bit.ly/NSWVAD2021>. The online questionnaire is only to be completed by NSW residents. The closing time and date for submissions and participation in the online questionnaire is **11:59pm, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**. We also encourage you to make appointments to see, call and email your local member directly. If you would like help with getting resources for this, please contact Chris Da Silva, Diocesan Director of Mission and Evangelisation on [chris@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:chris@armidale.catholic.org.au)

**MASS AT HOME:** Television: Mass for You at Home airs on **Channel 10** at 6am each Sunday, and also **Foxtel Channel 173** at 10am. Online: Online Masses streamed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney on: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZxfrykD8iSWExFBdM7fpRg>

**JOSEPHITE CALENDARS:** Have arrived and will be available after masses **THIS weekend**.



### WEEK 6 ROSTER: 21/11/21

Vigil: R P Bamford Sr Kathryn  
9am Sun: R S Brown A Sartori  
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray  
Counting Team S Brown; A Bowden  
Sat Cleaning 27/11 J Hutt and J Moran  
Altar Linen E Smyth

### WEEK 1 ROSTER: 28/11/21

Vigil: R Sr Kathryn G Styman  
9am Sun: R S Nichols G Clout  
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray  
Counting Team R Paull; A Bowden  
Sat Cleaning 4/12 M Vella and R Pace  
Altar Linen: H Reid

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

