

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

Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others', they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One'. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself'. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / C

20 NOVEMBER 2022

VICTORY DEARLY-WON

While the idea of the monarchy may be a difficult and controversial one in contemporary Australia, today's feast calls us to reflect on the paradoxical kingship of Christ. We are invited to ponder with awe and gratitude a kingship unlike any other. In the ancient world, people such as Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar became kings or emperors as a result of their military exploits. David was acclaimed king by the tribes of Israel precisely on that basis. His military prowess was seen to be a sign of God's blessing upon him and his descendants.

When we reflect on the kingship of Jesus it is patently clear that Jesus' exploits and prowess are of another kind. His battles were against sin, suffering and death. His victory was dearly won and his enthronement took place on a rocky outcrop called Calvary, surrounded by misunderstanding, ridicule, rejection and calls to exercise his kingship by saving himself. Both the early Christian hymn of Colossians and Luke's passion narrative bear eloquent testimony to a kingship based on service and self-giving love.

In the hymn from Colossians, we witness the outpouring of the faith of the early Church as it praised Jesus as Lord of creation, head of the Church, and firstborn from the dead. However, they did not lose sight of the fact that it was on the cross that victory had been won, wounds healed and all creation reconciled with God.

FIRST READING

2 Sam 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel
They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5. R. cf. v. 2

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / 'Let us go to God's house.' / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.
2. Jerusalem is built as a city / strongly compact. / It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. R.
3. For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. R.

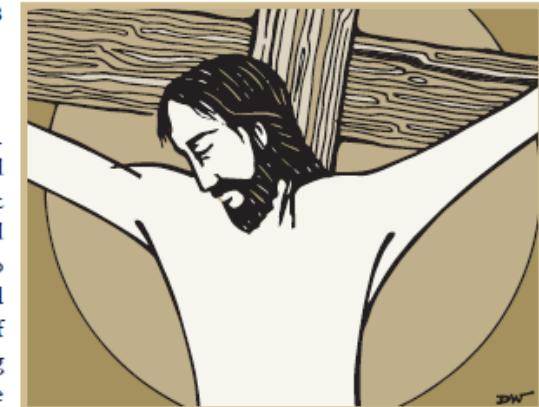
SECOND READING

Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.



Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers — all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way, because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

■ The word of the Lord.

Christopher Monaghan CP

20 Nov 22
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WEEKEND MASSES Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am **NO 5.30 PM MASS**

CONFESIONS

Mon: No Mass Tues: No Mass

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

WEEKDAY MASSES Wed: Liturgy Service 12 pm

Thurs: Liturgy Service 9am St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions

Fri: Liturgy Service 9am Sat: No Mass

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 for ever and ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord sits as King forever, The Lord will bless His people with peace.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Andrew Brennan, Beryl Wright, Jill Moroney, Peter Yandall.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary McInnes (6/11), Shirley Burke (10/11), Gerry Griffiths (17/11), Antony John Croft (17/11), Irwin Brady (23/11), Ian Macpherson (30/11), Richard Bowler (1/12), Pierce McInnes (2/12)

DECEASED: Rod Kelly, Gwen Gerathy, Les Wallworth (Sydney), Margaret Marshall, Valerie Chillingworth, Sr Rita Vella, Barry Schipp, Lois O'Brien, Bill McCulloch.

SICK: Sr Gerard Joseph, Gail Styman, Suzanne Roberts, Shane Davidson, Pauline Wiley, Joan Crowe, Lisa Foster, Shirley Collier, Norma O'Brien, Barbara Brennan, Colin MacPherson, Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, William Bonner, Peter Richards, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

INRI The letters "INRI" are initials for the Latin title that Pontius Pilate had written over the head of Jesus Christ on the cross (John 19:19). The words were: I - Iesvs; N - Nazarenvs; R - Rex; I - Iudacorvm. The English translation is "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.".

COMING EVENTS:

22 Nov Choir Practice
20 - 25 Nov Clergy Retreat **No Mass Sunday 20 November 5.30pm**
26/27 Nov Saint Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal
30 Nov Adoration 11 am
1 Dec State School Liturgy 10 am (Mass 9am)
10/11 Dec Bambinelli Sunday - Blessing of Baby Jesus figurines



PARISH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105 West Tamworth Catholic Ch. (St Pats) Acc 001041198
West Tamworth Presbytery (Dioc) Acc 001023642

'God will carry you safely through every struggle' (1870)



NSW STATE COVID GUIDE: * FACE MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

* ANTISEPTIC WIPES ARE AVAILABLE TO WIPE OVER SEATS

* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. * NO CHECK IN REQUIRED

NO 5.30 PM MASS SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER. Please note there are changes to masses in all parishes this week as the Clergy Retreat is taking place from 20th to 25th November.

CHOIR PRACTICE: If you are interested in playing a part in St Pats Choir, please join us for practice at 5 pm on Tuesdays - especially if you are interested in learning the keyboard role.

NOVEMBER MASSES: Please use envelopes to make requests for November Masses to be said for those deceased members of your family and/or friends with their **names written very clearly** as they will be printed and displayed in the foyer at Our Lady's statue where candles are lit for these souls. Thank you.

ADORATION FOR ADVENT: During Advent, Adoration will be held every Wednesday from 11 am till 12 midday, with mass to follow. First adoration will be 30 November 2022.

PLANNING FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: Please keep a close watch on the Coming Events to be ready for the celebrations planned for this year. More information on events will be provided as we get closer to each of them.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION: At St Patrick's on Wednesday 14 December at 5 pm.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING: The title of this feast is superlative. The images we typically create for it are flush with symbols of royalty and high priesthood; greatness and grandeur are the order of the day. Nevertheless, the Gospel we hear today reflects none of that. Today's Gospel portrays an apparently impotent Christ: defeated in the eyes of the world and dying in the sight of an impotent or uncaring God. If we ask which of these images, the royal or the shattered, better reflects Christ, we must choose the one from the Scriptures rather than the human imagination.

As we think about the Christian message, especially on a feast like today's, it's too easy to fall into a fairy tale mode and recall Christ the King as the ultimate happily-ever-after story. This flies in the face of the Scriptures. It strips Jesus' death of its depth and risks portraying his love as shallow as that of a prince enchanted by prettiness.

On the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, let us remember the real Jesus: rejected and mocked, he was powerless to stop the violence. Let us remember that he reigned through active love even as he suffered and died. When God raised him, even though he still bore the marks of suffering, it was the love that continued to reign. Faith insists that love is the only power capable of overcoming evil. As living images of our God, it is that love and that alone that we are called to remember and make present again."

Sr Mary McGlone csj

WEEK 4 ROSTER: 20/11/22

Vigil: R P Bamford Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Brown, M Donaldson
5.30pm Sun: R C Lavell, J Murray
Counting Team: G & M Thrift, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 26/11 M Vella, R Pace
Altar Linen: B Flood

WEEK 5 ROSTER: 27/11/22

Vigil: R C Ledwos, D Bolitho
9am Sun: R J Ryan, G Clout
5.30pm Sun: R D Bearman, J Murray,
Counting Team: C Lavell, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 3/12 S Brown, V Griffiths
Altar Linen: E Smyth

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.

