

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

You say that I am a king.

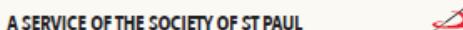
'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom 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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'BORN FOR THIS'

The apocalyptic messages of the last weeks now arrive at the climax of our liturgical year: it is the end! In the first reading Daniel regales us with the vision of 'one like the son of man' coming on the clouds of heaven. Our psalm response chants, 'The Lord is King'.

We are taken to the passion narrative of John's Gospel: 'Are you the King of the Jews?' It is Pilate who asks. In this moment Jesus speaks with the clarity of the truth: 'My kingdom is not from this world'. Questioned further, he declares, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This short passage confirms what we already know that Jesus the Christ is 'the Word' who 'became flesh and lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.' (1:14). The 'I Am' statements in John's Gospel proclaim Jesus as 'the bread that came down from heaven' (6:41), 'the bread of life' (6:48), 'the living bread' (6:51), 'the light of the world' (8:12), 'the gate for the sheep' (10:7), 'the good shepherd' who lays his life down for his sheep (10:11), 'the resurrection and the life' (11:25), 'the way, the truth and the life' (14:6), 'the true vine' (15:1), 'the vine, and you are the branches' (15:5). This litany reveals the One in whom we believe and to whose voice we listen. Today we celebrate the One who was born for this.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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.

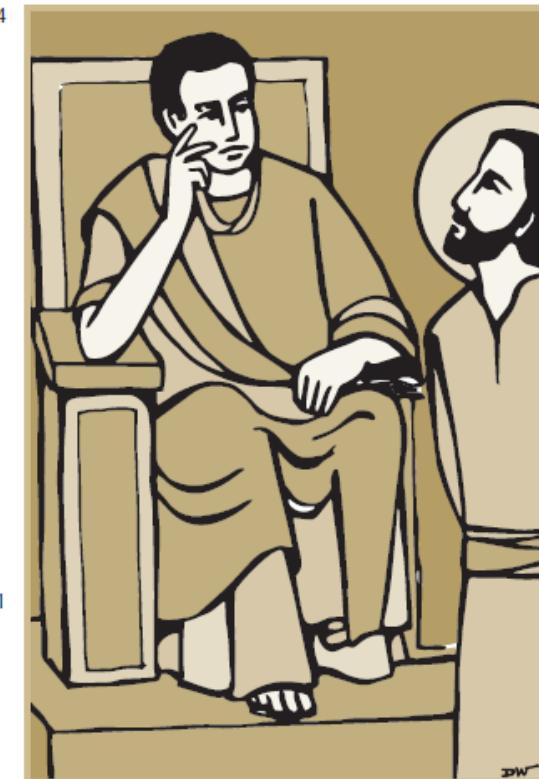
1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; / the Lord has robed himself with might, / he has girded himself with power. R.
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; / your throne has stood firm from of old. / From all eternity, O Lord, you are. R.
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. / Holiness 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!

24 Nov 2024

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WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND
MASSES Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am & 5pm

CONFESIONS

* Sat: 4.30-5.00pm

WEEKDAY
MASSES Mon: 9 am Tues: 9 am Wed: 12 noon

* Before every 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.

* By appointment

COMMUNION The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sister June Barrett rsj, Vivienne Pullman, Hannah Press, Col Hassett, Rocco Cavallaro, John Petch, Maree Petch, Jack Smyth.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gerry Griffiths (17/11), Ian MacPherson (30/11) Richard Bowler (1/12), Perce McInnes (1/12), John Paul Vella (4/12), Rod Kelly (20/1), Lawrence Vella (23/1).

DECEASED: We pray for our loved ones now in God's care, Joy O'Shea, Deacon Peter Harrison, Sheila Tilse, George Hurn, Eva, Joe and Bill McLean, Mel and Harry Hutchens.

SICK: Marie Southwell, Cheryl Moloney, Daphne Sweeney (Sr Kathryn's mum), Judy Murphy, Elaine Murray, Thelma Gaff, Bill Press, Norma O'Brien, Christine Porters, Shane Davidson, Monica Austin, Terry Dean, Barbara Brennan, Graeme Bussell, John Betts, Kate Harrison, William Bonner, Maureen Harrison, Fr Bernard Flood.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION will be held on Tuesday 17 December for lunch at Calala Inn. If you would like to join with other parishioners please list your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the church before **1 December**.

PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING:

Jesus, You are a King of Mercy. We have deserved Your Just Judgment
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We trust in Your Great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray;
May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth.
Amen.

<https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/prayer-to-christ-the-king/>



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COMING EVENTS:

26 Nov Advent Reflection with Fr Sabu and cuppa

17 Dec Christmas Lunch - please register

18 Dec Anointing Mass

19 Dec Reconciliation

Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time Year B Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

WELCOME TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS.

NOVEMBER MASSES: Please use envelopes to make requests for the last week of November Masses for deceased members of your family and/or friends with their names written very clearly.

NEW PA SYSTEM: Please feel free to continue giving feedback on how it is working for you as the sound on the altar is not the sound in the pews. Should anyone still wish to donate towards the project your offers will be very gratefully accepted as will your feedback on the system.

ADVENT PREPARATION: At the end of a year there is always much to do. If you are away over the Christmas period and unable to fulfil your volunteer commitments could you please notify the parish of your dates of unavailability so rosters may be prepared accordingly. Thank you.

CLAIM THE DATES: Advent Reflection 10 am this Tues 26 Nov. with Fr Sabu in the Parish Centre, with cuppa to follow. Anointing Mass to be held on Wednesday 18 December at 12 noon and Reconciliation Thursday 19 December at 5.30 pm. 31 days till Christmas this Sunday.

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL JANUARY 2025: What is it? A wonderful opportunity to go deeper in faith through fantastic Catholic speakers, daily Mass, Adoration and times of prayer, share groups, fun activities, friendship and lots more. The theme is "Mercy" - join us and go deeper in God's love! When is it? 1-10 Jan for youth and young adults (14 years and up); 8-10 Jan for married couples (including children's ministry) Where is it? Armidale, NSW Registrations close 15th Dec, early bird price finishes 30th Nov. www.immaculata.org.au/ims

OFFERTORY PROCESSION: If you would like to be more involved in the mass perhaps you would like to join a roster for this procession. There is a list at the back of the church. In the new year all rosters will be updated and if you would like to be added to any you would be warmly welcomed to these ministries.

"Find happiness in making others happy." (1899)



PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

God our Father, in Jesus, your Son,
You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so

You have blessed us through His sacrifice,

taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule.

We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked
with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese.

May the person they choose be one of deep and true prayer,
a person of a compassionate heart and firm resolve,

and a person of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will.

We entrust our prayers to our Patroness,

Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen

WEEK 1 ROSTER: 24/11/24

Vigil: R C Ledwos Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R D Gowing A Sartori
5.00pm Sun: R Volunteer C Lavell
Counting Team O & J Whale A Bowden
Fri Cleaning J Hutt J Moran
Altar Linen: M Vella

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 1/12/24

Vigil: R Sr Kathryn N Pullman
9am Sun: R S Brown J Woodbridge
5.00pm Sun: R A O'Halloran T Mitchell
Counting Team S Brown A Bowden
Fri Cleaning M Vella A Jones
Altar Linen: E Smyth

We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

