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 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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# Breaking Open the Word

## WELCOME INTO THE KINGDOM

On this last Sunday of our liturgical year, the Church offers us a powerful reflection with this last, end-time parable from Matthew's Gospel. It is a scene of judgement. The Son of Man has come in his glory and sits on the judgement throne as the nations assemble before him. Then comes the separation of humanity, like a shepherd separating sheep from the goats. The Son of Man, now identified as King (and the reason for the appropriateness of this Gospel for today's celebration of Christ's Kingship), addresses the sheep and acknowledges their blessedness.

This connects to the Gospel from All Saints Day. They are blessed because of the way they responded to Jesus who appeared to them as one who was hungry, thirsty, estranged, naked, sick and imprisoned. They are told that, though they failed to see Jesus as such, they responded to those socially disregarded. Their response to them was equivalent to their response to Christ the King identified with the socially marginalised and ignored. The ones on the King's other hand, however, are condemned for failing to respond to the poor and needy.

The parable invites us to pause about our response to those in our lives, those in need, who demand our time and take up our energy. This parable of social recognition offers surprising hope to contemporary faithful followers of Jesus. It especially identifies moments of blessedness and divine communion when we act with love and tenderness to those in our lives.

**Fr Michael Trainor**

# The Saving Word

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / A** — **22 November 2026**

### 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

**22 November 2026**
**Christ The King - Yr A**

# WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH



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| **Office Admin** | Kaytie Walther, Di Bolitho |
| **Sacristan** | Elaine Smyth |
| **School Principals** | Greg O'Toole & Maree Holland |

**OFFICE HOURS:**
**Mon & Fri: 9 am – 1 pm**

**Presbytery** **67658211**
**St Josephs School** **67654079**

**WEEKEND MASSES** **Sat:** 10am (Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary) 5.30pm
**Sun:** 9am & 5pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES** **Mon:** 9am **Tues:** 9am (Mass of the Saints)
**Wed:** 12pm **Thurs:** 9am **Fri:** 12pm

**CONFESSIONS**
***Sat: 4.30-5.00pm**
**Before weekly Mass**
***By appointment**

**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 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**: Mark Lynch, Fr James Bernard Flood, Fr Barry Leech, Jacinta Bentley, Victoria Cassar, Peter Maloney, William O'Connor.

**ANNIVERSARIES**: Mary McInnes (6/11), Antony Croft (17/11), Eric Chua (23/11), Ian Macpherson (30/11), Perce McInnes (2/12), John Paul Vella (4/12).

**DECEASED**: **We pray for our loved ones now in God's care**, Fr Bernard Frize, Nev Michell, Fr Michael Mullane, William Smith, Jeanette Whale, Jean Wellwood, Julie Michell, Pat Jones, Paul Karam.

**SICK:** Kim Galvin, Peter Sheils, Ethel Paraika–Murray, Gerard White, John Bamford, Sienna Bake, May Press, John Betts, Norma O'Brien, Elaine Murray, Shane Davidson, Lisa Bond, Sr Cecilia Pistacchio, Judy Murphy, Monica Austin, Brian Rodway, Yvonne Tarrant, Barry McNamara, Bill Dennis, Carmel Koppman, Eileen Hudson, Julie Moran, Ruby New, Elizabeth Coroneos, Elizabeth William, Michael Jones, Veronica Frost, Mary Gallaher, Beryl Flood, Enid Wright, Doalis Fester, Michelle Asbury, Maureen Harrison, Joel Porter, Rose Pace and retired Diocesan Clergy.

## COMING EVENTS:

**27 Nov:** Friday Adoration
**29 Nov:** First Sunday of Advent
**8 Dec**: St Patricks Thanksgiving Mass & Christmas Gathering **5pm**



### Remember, Our Lady of La Salette,

True Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember, also, the care you have always taken to keep me faithful to Christ your son. After having done so much for your child, you will not now abandon me.

Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet, in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life,

that I may one day see you in Heaven.

Amen

**Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of sinners,**
**Pray without ceasing**
**for us who have recourse to Thee.**

# THIRTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

## WELCOME TO ALL THOSE JOINING US AT ST PATRCKS.

**ST PATRICKS THANKSGIVING MASS & CHRISTMAS GATHERING:** We warmly invite all our wonderful volunteers and parishioners and staff to join us on **Tuesday, 8th December at 5:00 pm** for Mass, followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a parish community, give thanks, celebrate our shared faith, and enjoy some fellowship and friendship. We would love to see all you all come along and share in this special occasion. Everyone is most welcome! We look forward to celebrating with you. **Please RSVP to Wendy Emery 0437 656 453** or put your name on the form at the back of the church.

**NOVEMBER MASSES:** There are envelopes available at the back of the church to make requests for November Masses to be said for deceased members of your family / friends. Please write very clearly as names will be printed and displayed at the front of the church, next to Our Lady's Altar. This will Continue for all of November.

**CENTACARE CHRISTMAS HAMPER'S:** Centacare NENW is collecting non-perishable food items to create Christmas hampers for local families who are experiencing hardship and whom Centacare NENW staff encounter through their work each week. We will have a basket at the back of the Church each weekend from 1 November to 29 November to collect donations. Centacare NENW staff will collect the donations, make up the hampers and distribute them during Advent.

**ORDINATIONOF REV DEACON ALLEM JAMES DALISAY ALBA:** Deacon Allem has kindly shared his invitation to his Ordination, First Mass, and Thanksgiving Mass, taking place on the 12th, 13th and 15th of December at Saints Mary & Joseph Cathedral Armidale, St Nicholas Church and Mary Help of Christians Church Tamworth respectively. A copy will be placed on the Noticeboard. RSVP for either event is required by 23 November 26.

**DONATION ENVELOPES:** Some envelopes are available at the back of the Church should you wish to use them for your donations to St Patricks (Church Account), they may go on the second collection plate.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**: The St Vincent de Paul Society is seeking caring volunteers to visit elderly people and hospital patients, offering friendship, companionship and support to those who may be lonely or in need of a friendly face. If you would like to make a meaningful difference in someone's life, please contact Paul Crayn on 0400 301 593 to find out more.

**HELP NEEDED:** We need more readers for the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses. If you can assist at all please see Father, the Sacristans or contact the Office. We are forever grateful to those who give their time to this ministry.

**COLLECTIONS:** BSB: 082-105 (For electronic bank transfer) [Pious Goods pay to Church Acc)
**West Tamworth Presbytery:** (To Armidale Diocese - **1st Coll'n**) BSB: 082 105 Acct. 001023642
**West Tamworth Catholic Church**: (To St Patricks - **2nd Coll'n**) BSB: 082 105 Acct. 001041198

**ROSTER: 22/11/2026**

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| Vigil: | **R:** C Ledwos, D Bolitho | Gifts: | A & C Lyons |
| 9am Sun: | **R:** M Holley, R. Paull | Gifts: | Michelle and Sally |
| 5.00pm Sun: | R: **Volunteer** | Gifts: | |
| Counting Team: | A. Bowden, S. Brown | Altar Linen: | M. Vella |
| Fri Cleaning | ***No cleaning this week*** | | |

**ROSTER: 29/11/2026**

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| Vigil: | **R: Volunteer,** P. Bamford | Gifts: | B & M Watson |
| 9am Sun: | **R:** M. Attard**,** M Donaldson | Gifts: | A & S Vueti |
| 5.00pm Sun: | **R: Volunteer** | Gifts: | |
| Counting Team: | G & M Thrift | Altar Linen: | E. Smyth |
| Fri Cleaning | M.Brown, K. O'Brien | | |