





The Catholic Parish of Corinda Graceville

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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The Tastor's Ten....

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's story about Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters tell of the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.



In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the attention and mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identified himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given by God are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identified with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones and to serve and help him in them today.

Our Schools close for this year on Friday coming, 1st December. I wish all families, staff and children of our two Schools a happy, safe and holy Christmas and New Year time together. I thank everyone for this year's School time and all it has achieved. May those coming back to us in 2024 return refreshed and ready for shaping our future together.

Next weekend, 2nd / 3rd December is our new Church New Year, with the start of the Advent Season, followed by the Christmas Season which ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. St. Mark and his Gospel (supplemented by Chapter 6 of St. John's Gospel) will be our main guide and source for the upcoming twelve months.

Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.

Assistant Principal – Religious Education – Christ the King School

On behalf of the Executive Director Brisbane Catholic Education, the community of Christ the King, Graceville is pleased to announce the appointment of Suzannah Halpin to the position of Assistant Principal – Religious Education from the commencement of the 2024 school year.

Suzannah is currently the Acting APRE at Christ the King. Her leadership experience includes APRE at Immaculate Heart School, Leichhardt and Support Teacher for Inclusive Education at Christ the King.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the significant contribution of Tracey Cheeseman in her role as APRE at Graceville and wish her well in her future endeavours.

We congratulate Suzannah on her appointment.

Damien Sullivan
Principal - Christ the King School
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Advent Reflection Book - available at doors of the Churches or from the Parish Office. Advent is such a busy time of year and we so easily forget that - at its heart - it is meant to be a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives.

To remind us of this, the parish has purchased "The Sign" a daily reflection book for Advent and the Christmas Season, which provides an opportunity for us to be still each day, listen to God, and come to know that Jesus is the whole reason for our being. Like Mary proclaimed in her Magnificat: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." The Advent Program is a pocket-sized book that includes daily reflections from the beginning of Advent to the Baptism of the Lord. The book also includes beautiful artwork from the Masters with accompanying artwork reflections.

The Advent books are available at the doors of both churches and at the parish office. A donation of \$5.00 per book would be appreciated to cover the costs the parish has expended. This donation can be placed in the normal parish collection at Mass, or use the Tap and Pay terminals at the doors of the churches, or pop into the parish office.

Break Open the Word: Copies are now available for the new liturgical year which commences on the First Sunday of Advent (2nd / 3rd December). Ministers of the Word please collect your copy located near the picture of Mary MacKillop in each church or from the Parish office during the week. This book is essential for the preparation of Ministers of the Word. Please purchase a copy, at the subsidised price of \$10.00 (Retail price is \$26). Previous editions of Break Open the Word can be donated to Prison Ministry via the parish office.

SVDP Christmas Appeal: The Annual Christmas Appeal of your local St Vincent de Paul Conference will be held at all Masses next weekend.

Our first request is that you pray for your local SVDP conference.

You are also invited to make a donation to enable our outreach to people in our community who are struggling to pay their rent and put food on the table. The ongoing support of our ever generous and compassionate parishioners enables us to assist.

If you can help us this year, please donate by:

- Online transfer to BSB: 064 786 Account Number: 100026057 Account name: SVDP Christ the King and St Joseph's Corinda Graceville Conference
- Deposit in any branch of the Commonwealth Bank to Account identification No: 4000 0032 5284 Agent No: 8064 Name of account: Archdiocesan Development Fund.
- **Envelope:** You may also use one of the SVDP envelopes available in the church, and place this (or a plain envelope marked SVDP) with the parish collection or drop off at the parish office.
- Post: Donations (not cash) can also be posted to SVDP Post Office Box 97, Corinda.

SVDP Christmas Hamper Gifts: Next weekend there will be cards available in each church detailing the age and gender of children who will receive gifts with our Christmas Hampers. Please help by taking a card and buying and wrapping a gift. These gifts (with cards attached) will need to be returned to the church the **following weekend** or to the Parish Office by Wednesday 13th December, as the hampers need to be finalised and distributed on 17th December.

Thank you for your support.

Christmas Day:

Plan for Christmas: This year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas fall very close together on our calendar! So that means the weekend Masses and Christmas Masses happen very closely. To help you plan early for your family

Fourth Weekend of Advent: Saturday 23rd December: 5.30pm St Joseph's

events and also getting to church here are the Mass times for this year:

Sunday 24th December: 8.00am St Joseph's Sunday 24th December 9.30am Christ the King. (no Sunday evening Mass at Graceville).

Christmas Eve: Sunday 24th December: 4.00pm St Joseph's

Sunday 24th December: 6.00pm St Joseph's Monday 25th December: 8.00am St Joseph's Monday 25th December: 9.30am Christ the King.

The Book of Life is displayed in both churches beside the Baptismal Font and Paschal Candle, connecting the Baptism of our loved ones into the eternal Light of Christ in new life. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones, family and friends, into the Book of Life and all will be remembered and prayed for throughout November.

Parish Calendar 2024: All Parish groups are invited to submit meeting / event / activity dates for the 2024 Parish Calendar to Michael at the parish office as this week.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we gather, the Yuggera peoples and Turrbal peoples, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the continuing and deep connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country, its land, waters and culture.





The Parish Choir: will be leading the music ministry at the Saturday evening 5.30pm celebration of the Feast of Christ the King this weekend. Thank you to all of the choir members and musicians for your special ministry.

Christ the King School Sponsored Mass: welcome to the students, staff and families of Christ the King School who help minister in our worship at the 9.30am Mass today Sunday 26th November on the Feast of Christ the King .

God's blessings: to Matilda and Arlina who will be baptised at Christ the King Church this weekend. We warmly welcome you into our Parish Family and the Family of God.

Christ the King School Year Six Thanksqiving Liturgy: will be celebrated at 6pm on Wednesday 29th November at Christ the King Church Graceville.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting: The next meeting will be at 8.30am on Friday 1st December at the Parish Office.

Last Day of School: for 2023 will be Friday 1st December. We wish our students, families, teachers and staff of our parish community and schools every blessing for a safe, happy and holy holiday.

Parish Liturgy Team: will meet at 10am on Saturday 2nd December at the Parish Office.

Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: will be held at all Masses next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent. Please see full details on page two. Thank you for your support.

Sausage Sizzle: the final sausage sizzle for 2023 will be held at Christ the King Church next weekend after the 6pm Mass. All are welcome to stay for some hospitality. Thank you to our dedicated sausage sizzlers Peter and Vivienne who make this happen every month of the year for the community to enjoy.

Anointing Mass: will be held at 10am on Wednesday 6th December at St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to attend this special Mass of Anointing in the season of Advent.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass for this special Solemnity will be celebrated at 9.30am on Friday 8th December at Christ the King Church.

Advent Mass for Forgiveness of Sins: will be celebrated at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13th **December** at **St Joseph's Church.** Please note there will be no morning Mass on that day.

Children's Liturgy: has concluded for 2023. Thank you to all of the Children's Liturgy leaders and helpers who have helped us throughout year, prepared each Sunday and looked after the children. We are most grateful for your dedicated ministry. Thank you also to all of the families who have attended Children's Liturgy throughout the year.

Youth Group: has concluded for the year. Our thanks to Claire and her helpers who have led the youth group each Friday evening of the school term. Big thanks to the young people who have come along each week to attend youth group and to their parents who have supported their children each Friday night and cooked dinner for the group. We are so grateful for all of your dedication.

Christmas Cards: are available to purchase at the back of each church and at the parish office. Packs of eight cards can be purchased for \$3.00 a packet. Thanks to St Vincent de Paul who make these cards available to purchase.

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We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Joan Armstrong, Ron Atkins, Margaret Bailey, Joan Burgin, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Bridie Carr, Cath Dennis, Maureen Doherty, Margaret Fernandez, Erica Finnimore, Neil Flynn, Nash Giles, Gregory Gould, Pam Harding, Margaret Hawser, Bob Healy, Myrna Healy, Una Hill, Ned Hiller, Mark Inmon, Maureen Inmon, Bevan Johnson, Fran Johnson, Charles Keating, Shelly Kelly, Annie Little, Fr Frank Lourigan, Monique Maltet, Neil McCormack, Phil Middleton, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Donald Mortiss, Tri Nguyen, Richard Niland, Val O'Brien, Jan O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Keefe, Rita O'Keefe, Emma Parer, Genevieve Parer, Jennifer Parer, Shelly Parer, Glenda Penna, Clive Punter, Dawn Punter, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Thao Trinh, Sue Venderley, Jim Vievers, Rebecca Wallace, Ben Waters, Nick Willemsen.

We remember and pray for all our parishioners living in aged care.

We pray for all who are suffering due to conflict, natural disaster and ill health.

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Melba Hinspeter, Beryl Ross, Fr Greg Bourke ofm, Gordon McCormack

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Seung-Yun Joseph Lee, Joo-Woo Maria Lee, Audrey Steinitz, Leonard Kehoe, Ken Selinger, Hesper McCourt, Richard Crist, Darcy Howe, Margaret Murphy, Mary Shand, Ron Attwood, Ray Bull, Vincent Hall, Michael Bourke, Peg & Des Fitzgerald, John Cheyne, Dot Driscoll, Michael Powell, Anna Doan Nguyen, Dominic Trinh Can, Fr Jack Cheyne,



WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday 9.00 am St Joseph's - Mass St Joseph's - Mass Thursday 9.00 am Friday 9.30 am Christ the King - Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5.30 pm St Joseph's 8.00 am Sunday St Joseph's 9.30 am Christ the King 6.00 pm Christ the King

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm St Joseph's

> Other times by appointment. **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children is celebrated by appointment on the following Sundays of the month

2nd Sunday 11.00 am St Joseph's 4th Sunday 11.00 am Christ the King

All enquiries to the Parish Office

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may pray daily the Liturgical Prayer of the Church)

THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 26 NOV OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the **UNIVERSE** - Solemnity

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28;

Mt 25:31-36

MON, 27 NOV Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4 TUE, 28 NOV Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

WED, 29 NOV Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19

St Andrew, apostle, patron saint of fishermen, Greece, THU, 30 NOV

Russia and Scotland - Feast Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

FRI, 1 DEC Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33 SAT, 2 DEC Dan 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

ADVENT

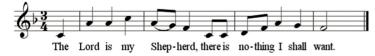
New liturgical year begins: Sunday cycle B, weekday cycle 2 FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN, 3 DEC FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

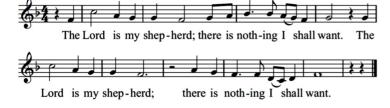
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 23: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD"



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Sunday 8.00 am):

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS (Saturday 5.30pm): "ONLY THIS I WANT"

Refrain: Only this I want: but to know the Lord, And to bear His cross,

So to wear the crown He wore.

All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me, For to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.

2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight, So to win the prize of the Kingdom of my Lord.

3. Let your hearts be glad, always glad in the Lord, So to shine like stars in the darkness of the night.



RECESSIONAL (Saturday 5.30pm): "BE THOU MY VISION"

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1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

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- 2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 3. High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

RECESSIONAL (Sunday 9.30): "CHRIST IS OUR KING"

Refrain: With Christ as our rock, with Christ as our King, Together with God we can do great things. Building the Kingdom, hearing the call In the heart of one, in the hearts of us all.

1. From God of all time a King of the earth, In Bethlehem's stable a royal birth. Upon a donkey a King of the poor, And upon the cross a King for all.

2. A King for all, all one in God's sight For woman for man, for black and for white. A King for all time, from God above All one in God's eyes, all one in God's love.

3. King of my heart, of all that I am One heart with many, joined hand in hand. Hearts join with hands in this holy place Building a Kingdom showing the way.

4. Called to belong, many hearts, many faces Gathered to here, many hopes, many places. Called to be one, called to belong Called to the Kingdom, called to Christ's song.

