

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR B

21 November 2021

The kingdom is the truth

The first reading today is from the Book of Daniel (2nd century BC). It foretells the coming of a mysterious "one like a son of man." This was a title that Jesus used of himself. The Church reads this text as prophesying the universal Kingship of Christ.

The second reading is from the New Testament Book of the Apocalypse (late first century). It presents the risen Christ, who has overcome all earthly powers, even the ultimate power of death.

The gospel reading tells us of the trial of Jesus before Pilate. Jesus confronts the imperial power of Rome. Pilate is a Roman governor: he is concerned with power. In the Roman way of thinking, every advance in power was bought by a victory over an opponent. Pilate could understand Jesus if Jesus was planning to seek political power by armed force.

Pilate as a Roman governor thinks he knows how to deal with someone who seeks that kind of kingdom. He would use force. He would have that person flogged and then executed by barbarous crucifixion. He would try to annihilate even the memory of that person. When Jesus does not take this option of seeking political power by armed force, Pilate is at a loss. He cannot locate Jesus in his own scheme of things.

In Jesus' way of understanding his mission, he has come to enable people to see the truth and to enter into the kingdom which is truth. In the Gospel of John, Pilate expressly asks Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Some understand this as a politically charged question: if Jesus was indeed claiming to be "King of the Jews" he would be intending to lead a revolt against Roman power.

However, Jesus turns the question back to Pilate: he asks Pilate where he, Pilate, stands. Although Jesus is a prisoner in the power of the Roman governor, he does not submit to him.

Pilate and not the power of Rome. Jesus indicates clearly that he is not concerned with achieving political power. Rather than speaking of power, he turns attention to his kingdom. His kingdom is not of this world.

Pilate presses his questioning: "Then you are a king?" Again, Jesus deflects the question. Pilate again asks; "Then you are a king?"

But again, Jesus turns the questioning back on Pilate. "You say I am a king."

Then Jesus states clearly: "Yes, I am a king." But then he explains clearly the nature of his kingship. He came into the world: "To bear witness to the truth." He is not pursuing the kind of kingship that has to be imposed by the threat of death by crucifixion. His kingship will be freely accepted and it will be welcomed by those who are seeking the truth.

Brian Johnstone CSsR @ Majellan Media 2021

This week in the Parish 21 – 28 November

Saturday 20	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - Fr Wilber Tobe, Fr Roger Delmonte, Fr Joma Calma
Sunday 21	Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE - B 8:00 am - Mass - Fr Wilber Tobe & Fr Joma Calma 10:00 am - Mass - Fr Roger Delmonte
Wednesday 24	2:00 pm - Catholic Women's Group (see note below)
Thursday 25	12 noon - Mass - Fr Paul McDonald
Saturday 27	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - Fr Peter Wood
Sunday 28	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C 8:00 am - Mass - Fr Peter Wood 10:00 am - Mass - Fr Peter Wood

The Sacred Heart Prayer Chapel is open for private prayer each weekday from 9am - 3pm.

During November, the Sacred Heart Church will be open for Prayer & Reflection each weekday from 4pm - 5pm. (entry via side door)



SEATING IN THE CHURCH

Please remember to turn over the small 'Please Sit Here' card where you sit in the church during Mass. This tells the volunteer cleaners where someone has been sitting during Mass.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm
Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am



2021 HSC EXAMS

Please remember in your prayers the students who continue their **Higher School Certificate** examinations.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

June Heggie, Margaret MacLennan, John de Mol, Neva McCabe, Moya Tunsted

ANNIVERSARIES:

Richard Leape, Danny Armour.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

Readings for today and next Sunday:

CHRIST THE KING - Year B

Dan 7:13-14; Apoc 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year C

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12 - 4:2; Lk 21:25-28,

READING ROSTER

27/28 Nov - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Yr C

6pm Vigil: Barbara Brodbeck

Sunday 8am: Kay Ryder

Sunday 10am: Mary-Ann Thackray

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, with this weekend's readings, are available for you in the Church.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

The last meeting of the year will be a social afternoon tea at the home of Barbara Cook, 63 Byangum Road.

Wednesday 24 November | 2:00 pm

Easy access available.

Enquiries: Barbara Cook 6672 3377

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Planning has commenced in the Parish Office for Christmas. **Based on the current regulations it will be essential to book in for one of the three planned Christmas Masses!**

We are taking bookings now.

There will be two Masses on Christmas Eve | 6 pm & 8 pm and one on Christmas Day | 9 am.

Each Christmas Mass will be able to accommodate up to 240 people based on the current 2 square metre density rule.

If you are expecting family home for Christmas and therefore an increased family attendance at Mass, please consider booking early to help us with our planning.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2022 Josephite Calendars have arrived.
On sale at the Parish Office. \$10.00 each.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

WELCOME...

This weekend we welcome to our Parish, Fr Roger Delmonte, Fr Joma Calma and Fr Wilber Tobe (Tweed Heads).

Fr Roger was recently ordained to the Priesthood in the Broken Bay Diocese.

Fr Joma Calma from the Wagga Wagga Diocese, is visiting our Parish with Fr Roger.

Masses this weekend:

Fr Wilber, Fr Roger and Fr Joma will concelebrate the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evening.

Fr Wilber and Fr Joma will concelebrate the 8am Mass on Sunday morning.

Fr Roger will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass at 10am on Sunday.

Please keep these priests and their holy ministry in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL - PARISH RAFFLE TICKETS

Prizes include: 1st Prize - \$1,000 cash
2nd Prize - \$250 cash
3rd Prize - \$100 cash
Supplementary prizes of hams
and other great Christmas treats.

Book of ten tickets @ \$1 each = \$10.00

DON'T MISS OUT!

Tickets available from the Hospitality Table before or after each Mass - see Barbara, Mary-Ann or Beth; or from Parish Office weekdays. To be drawn on the first weekend in December.

BLESSED

Daily Advent & Christmas Reflections

Blessed is a beautifully presented resource containing short daily reflections from Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord.

Only \$4.00 each available from the Parish Office.



St Vincent de Paul Society

Mary MacKillop Conference, Murwillumbah

Christmas can be a sad time for those doing it tough. Once again the Mary MacKillop Conference Murwillumbah will be helping those in need to make Christmas special.

Although we can't supply hampers this year, we will be giving those on our Christmas list **GIFT CARDS** or **VOUCHERS** to enable them to purchase gifts, toys and festive food.

Please will you consider donating any of the following:

- ♦ **Gift cards or vouchers** - especially on outlets where gifts, toys or something special can be purchased
- ♦ **Money** - can be left in a specially marked envelope at Parish or School offices or Vinnies, or on a collection plate at Mass
- ♦ **Donate online** to <http://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal> **BUT WHEN YOU REACH THE OPTION ASKING FOR 'COMMENTS OR CONFERENCE NAME' PLEASE WRITE "Conference 43-427" SO YOUR GIFT STAYS IN THIS AREA.**

To give us time to get Christmas help to those who need it we hope most gifts will be received by early December. Thank you very much for anything you are able to do.

AN UPDATE ON FR ANTHONY...

We've heard this week that Fr Anthony's surgery date is Thursday 25 November, not Friday 26 November as advised last week. Fr Anthony will undergo complex spinal surgery at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane. The surgery is expected to take 20+ hours to complete and is not without serious risk.

Fr Paul McDonald will celebrate Mass at 12 noon on Thursday 25 November in the Sacred Heart Church as we pray for Fr Anthony's successful surgery and recovery.

We invite parishioners to remember Fr Anthony in prayer throughout the day on Thursday. As well as Mass, the Sacred Heart Church will be open through the day on Thursday from 9 am to 6 pm for private prayer (entry via side door car park side).

Fr Anthony thanks you all for your prayers, your cards and well wishes. He was overwhelmed by the parcel of cards and letters he received this week. Cards and notes may continue to be left at the Parish Office and we will regularly forward them to him.

We'll keep you up to date when there is news to share and ask that you please respect Fr Anthony's privacy.

Visitors are restricted.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Deacon Prodeocio Bacuso Bognay

Please keep Prodeocio in your prayers over the coming weeks as he makes his final preparations for Ordination to the Priesthood.

Deacon Prodeocio will be ordained by Bishop Greg Homeming on Wednesday 8 December at St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore at 6pm.

Murwillumbah bookings for the Ordination must be made through our Parish Office (66721118) as soon as possible to book your place.

If there is enough interest, we are planning to take a bus to Lismore. Please phone Parish Office if you would like to travel by bus. Cost for the bus will depend on numbers.





CHRIST THE KING - B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (92)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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!

WEARING OF MASKS

A reminder to everyone:

you are required to wear a mask indoors when attending Mass

If you have an exemption from wearing a mask, you are required to carry the exemption from your doctor or a statutory declaration, and to produce this exemption when asked by a regulatory officer.

* Please be respectful to people who are not wearing a mask as the reasons for not wearing a mask are not always visible or obvious.

MASS - What you need to know

- ◆ all Masses are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church (*entry via main entrance only*) – country churches remain closed
- ◆ QR check in on arrival or give your name and contact details to our hospitality team
- ◆ you are required to wear a mask inside
- ◆ please use the hand sanitiser provided
- ◆ seats are marked where you can sit
- ◆ please observe 1.5 m social distancing when coming forward for communion
- ◆ distribution of communion is strictly **BY HAND** only
- ◆ no congregational singing
- ◆ church cleaned after each Mass
- ◆ covid-19 safety plan of action in place

Queries or concerns, please contact Mary-Ann in the Parish Office.

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- *Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube](#) channel - 9:00 am.*
- *Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am*

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



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From the Bishop's Office...

Re: Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD)



I have come that you may have life, and life to the full. (John 10:10)

COMPASSIONATE DYING

Euthanasia or Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) is a major legal, ethical, and social issue. Five states have passed legislation allowing VAD. NSW is the last State to put forward legislation. There is before the NSW parliament a [bill](#) proposing VAD, defined as 'the administration of a VAD substance to a patient if the request and assessment process has been completed'. This process is called voluntary as it assumes that the person is competent consent to VAD.

Supporters of this bill are seeking to give individuals the ability to choose the time of their death. They aim to control the dying process, making it painless, clean, and quick. Unfortunately dying, like human life itself, is not that simple, is never without discomfort, and cannot be fully controlled. Often medical predictions of death are wildly inaccurate. This bill will require health care professionals and aged care facilities to assist this process, even if they object in conscience.

Palliative Community Care

Death, like birth, is a natural part of life. [It should be cherished, celebrated, remembered with joy and come in time with the element of mystery.](#) Dying is a necessary process to prepare to leave this human world. Palliative Care supports this process, optimising quality of life. While medicines can alleviate physical suffering, it is compassionate patient presence which alleviates spiritual and emotional pain.

Since all humans are interconnected, dying can be a communal process. It is not simply an individual choice. First Nations communities [lead the way](#) by honouring the dying. Compassionate dying calls us to suffer with a person through to death, to share their struggle and affirm their place in community. Unfortunately, the vulnerable of our society may be the ones disproportionately affected by this legislation. VAD will end a life but not solve any issues. The hurt caused will remain.

A Compassionate Community

As we age and decline physically, we gradually lose control over our lives. We all like to have control over our destiny, but the human condition precludes our control over nature, and illness may interfere with our capacity to provide informed consent for VAD. Compassionate dying. Regardless of religious belief, this is a sacred time to prepare for the next journey.

The Church will always proclaim that [human life is sacred](#). Beginning with the dignity of the human person, the Church promotes the good of all people and stands in solidarity with the suffering and vulnerable. We have an obligation to make ourselves the neighbour of every person and respond with compassion as we journey with them.

Action

The possibility of euthanasia legislation in New South Wales will affect every single one of us, regardless of our age or health. It makes sense that each one of us is informed of the intentions and ramifications of any VAD legislation, so that we can have conversations with each other and make [representations to parliamentarians as you see fit.](#)

Please [learn more](#) about this legal, ethical and social issue and make your voice heard.

Further resources

HOPE – Preventing Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide (Send a message to the NSW Parliament) [Send your message to the NSW Parliament today: Protect vulnerable people by rejecting this dangerous bill \(noeuthanasia.org.au\)](#)

Statement from the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference [Catholic bishops issue guidelines for working with people who choose "assisted dying" - The Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand](#)

Australian Care Alliance, Care and Compassion: Opposing Assisted Suicide [australiancarealliance.org.au](#)