

Parish News

Nativity Play on Christmas Eve Solemnity:

- * Fr. John cordially invites 30 boys and girls to play the 2017 Nativity at 6.00 pm, Sunday 24 Dec 2017.
- * Please, contact Fr. John (042 7777 500) or Josephine (0424 354 925) or Joelle (0422 183 050) or Tatiana (0434 605 909) or Lynne (0406 794 343) Brad (0418 791 790) as soon as possible to have your name recorded. The first birds will be in!

All volunteers are required to return their completed paperwork to the Parish Office if you wish to volunteer in any way. This is an official requirement of the Archdiocese as set down by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Christmas Gathering: The Parish Council, along with Fr John extend to all parishioners an invitation to join us for a Christmas get together on Friday evening 15 December at 6pm. All drinks will be provided, however, we would appreciate anyone who is attending to please bring along a plate of 'Finger Food' to share. Please mark this date in your diaries. We would love to see as many of our parishioners as possible in attendance.

The little prayer I suggest you to say after Communion:

*I belong entirely to you, and all that I have is yours.
I take you for my all. O Jesus, give me your heart.*



Weekly Diary : 27th November - 02nd December 2017

Monday 27 th	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena
Tuesday 28 th	: 08.00 am. Mass : 9.30 am + 11.30 am SFX Prep Nativity Play : 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Arcare Aged Center, Hope Island
Wednesday 29 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Thursday 30th	: 09.30 am. Feast of St Andrew, apostle, followed by Rosary & Christ Community Prayer Group : 6.30 pm. Year 6 Graduation Liturgy
First Friday 01st	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary. : 7.00 pm. Stations of the Cross & Confessions : 7.30 pm. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday 02 nd	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 02 nd	: 5.30 pm. : 1 st Sunday of Advent B
Sunday 03 rd	: 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. + 5.30 pm. : 1 st Sunday of Advent B

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of January will be on the 07th at 5.30 pm. : Sunday of Epiphany B.

Mass Duty Roster : 2nd/3rd December 2017

Mass Co-ordinator	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Servers
5.30pm Lorraine Knight	Monique Labutte Jean Di Benedetto	Helen Topham, Dot Baker, Clive Broughton Rachelle Broughton, Jean Di Benedetto	Mia Braun
7.00am Trudy Andrews	Gloria Butt John Carter	Rose Hessen, Danielle Carter, Colleen McCormack Celine Lobb, Margaret McNamara	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Michael Laidler	Lynne Adamson Josephine Vaise	Michael Laidler, Jane Howard, Pam Nelson Kathy Fuller, John Lynch	Matthew Cook

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 1 (04/12/17)

1 st Collection	2 nd Collection	Piety Shop	St Anthony's
\$1144.05	\$1648.20	\$114.15	\$48.85

If we think of Christ as a gift, the opportunity for reimbursement is slight.

We cannot match the divine offering, only revere and give thanks to it.



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Christ the King Sunday Year A 26th Nov 2017—Issue No. 248

THE KING AS A "WALK-BY-ABLE" ONE!

Reflecting on these readings for the feast of Christ the King, we wonder where is this king. The first reading pictures God as a shepherd who gathers, pastures, heals and finds his flock. The King is the searcher not the sought and so we begin to see where and who this King is.

The reading from Matthew has been called "*The Last Judgement*." The sheep are judged safe and the goats sent off again into the desert of eternal banishment. But we can read this as a picture of the reality of who God is in Christ and who each of us is, in the same Christ. "*When did we see You?*" Where is the King now and how do we recognise him and serve him? The celebration of Christ as King is also a celebration of how Jesus has embraced our fallen humanity as to be in the least of his sisters and brothers as well as the sleek and strong.

Jesus is bent on establishing a reverential realm where the true dignity of each person lies in being in Christ. In the world's kingdom, the least go to the back of the line if they are allowed in line at all. Jesus blesses as safe those who have not been fooled by outward badges or lofty positions.

This gospel should be understood more than a judgement, but rather an outline of how we should enter Jesus' culture which is different from our own, in order to live our dignity with, and as, his sisters and brothers.

Jesus puts things very clearly: Do the deeds that he has done and we will be doing them not only for him, but to him. We have the phrase when departing friends, "*take care*." Jesus is giving that phrase new meaning in today's Gospel: "*Take good care of me as I exist in even the lowliest, the sick, the prisoners and all whom the world sees as walk-by-able.*"

We are called again to enter his culture as strangers, or visitors and ask to adapt our ways to his. Christianity is a culture and it has his ways as its ways. Today we are invited to pay a visit there and urged to stay there all our days. Seeing Christ dressed as those whom we would rather avoid, is the number one "*do*" in the kingdom where Christ is King and where he can be found within the lost.



When asked to describe the essence of the Christian message, Mother Teresa would often hold up a child's hand and recite Jesus' words in Matthew 25:40: "*Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*" She would then jiggle the child's fingers one by one and repeat: "*You. Did. It. To. Me.*"

Mother Teresa saw Jesus in the face of every needy person she ministered to because she understood "*the least of these*" to refer generally to the poor.

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.

Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month.

LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

READING Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17 *As for you, my flock, I shall judge between one sheep and another.*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 23:1-6 *R.* The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. **R.**

He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. **R.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28 *Christ hands 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 those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 11:9.10 Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is the one who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46 *The Son of Man will sit on the throne of his glory, and he will separate people one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples; “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 72:28 To be near to God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nicanor B Cadawas, Elsa Hoerler, Denise Brosnan,

ANNIVERSARIES: Phillis Josephine Wilson, Violet Evelyn Soars, Brian Dwyer, Mary Kearney, Cecily Agnes Kehoe

SICK LIST: Yvonne Collett, Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Nora M Cadawas, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Brian Walker, Harry Hunter, Matthew Taylor, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O’Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Philip Egan, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston, Anne & Albert Chandler

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love’s sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

New people on the rosters: Thank you to the many new people who have agreed to join our roster of Readers and Communion Ministers. If you are one of these generous people please make sure that you pick up a roster from the sacristy and check the newsletter to see if you are rostered on for the following week. The rosters are completed at the end of the third week of each month so, if you know of future dates when you are unavailable, please ring the Parish Office and let Audrey know or organise your own replacement. When you arrive at Mass you **MUST** introduce yourself and ‘check in’ with the Mass Coordinator. He or She is always in the sacristy before Mass waiting for the readers and ministers make themselves known. Thank you once again for your contribution, Maureen Laidler, Parish Roster Coordinator.

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