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# HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY

### Readings for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B/1

FIRST READING: Dan 7:13-14 His sovereignty is eternal.

Ps 92:1-2.5 The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

**SECOND READING:** Apoc 1:5-8 The ruler of the kings of the earth...made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Mark 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! **GOSPEL:** Jn 18:33-37 You say that I am a king.

# Weekly Diary : 22<sup>nd</sup> November – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	: 8.00am.	Mass Memorial St Cecilia, virgin, martyr followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
_	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	: 9.30am.	Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	: 9.30am.	Mass followed by Rosary
	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	: 5.00pm.	9.00 am. : First Sunday of Advent Year C/2
	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	: 7.00 am.+	: First Sunday of Advent Year C/2

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED**

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)

Prayers have been requested for the following :

**RECENTLY DECEASED**: Petra de los Santos, John Booth, Guellermo Garing, Len Crowe, Efren C Cadayona, Patrick John Astill, Grace Ogilvie, Joselito S Juan

ANNIVERSARIES: Zol Horvath, Brian Dwyer, Ivan Ho Kew, Fred & Selina Betros, Morris Betros, Bernadette Abood, Ian Andrew Birkbeck, Violeta C. Ouiambao

SICK LIST: Marta Szysz, Riley Dodds, Mary Carrick, Kayden Chong, Ruth Stretton, Gerard Bijoux, Peter O'Rourke, Fr. David Wilson S.M., Rhalda Leonard, Sasha Whelan, Ann Daly, Bernard Murphy, Marie Roberts, Romulo Salilig, Elise Squillari, Peter Pape, Beverly Holley, Orazio Smeralda, Darren Pascoe, Peter Smith (Ashmore), Joe McAloon, Madeline Hodgetts, Marie Turnbull, Christine Kyriakides, George Kyriakides, Morris Lynch, George Docherty, Christina Ang, Sofia Bean, Vivienne Mitchell, Shingo Sawabe, Sonia D'Angiolo, Riany Chandler, Juliet Wee, Jean Di Benedetto, Marie Dupois, Abigail O'Donell, Terry Owsnett, Ronald Sincock, Dolares Kelly, Mary McDonnell, Bill Walker, Courtney Blount, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Mary Ann Boeheme, Maureen Currie, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Ken Hannam, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B/I

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Hours: 8.30am—3.00pm Monday—Tuesday 8.30am-1.00pm Wednesday-Thursday (closed FRIDAY)

**Reconciliation:** Please contact the Parish Office.

**Baptisms** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday & Sunday at 11am. Please contact the Parish Office.

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# **December 17, 2021**

This seems to be the magical date that will allow the borders to be open. Understandably, people will want to travel. Just keep in mind we need people to help out at Christmas and then weekend masses. As always we need to take it step by step and day by day. Yet things do seem to be moving in the right direction at the moment.

### **Christ the King Origin of the Feast**

From Laurie Woods, 2021: The feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. In his encyclical letter Quas Primas the pope was addressing the spread of a climate in which respect for religion was waning in the western world. People, including many Catholics, began Runaway Bay Holy Family to doubt both the authority and the very existence of Jesus Christ. Europe was also witnessing the rise of dictatorships, which were expounding the kind of propaganda that deceived people into placing more confidence in these narcissistic leaders than in spiritual values.





### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

### **HELLO!** From Fr Marty

"Our greatest business in life is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, yet to do what clearly lies at hand." Thomas Carlvle

We continue to welcome you back to church!!!

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Pius, impelled by the idea that the authority of Christ needed reinforcement, was hoping to remind leaders and nations that they owed respect to Christ. More particularly, he wanted to institute a feast that would strengthen and encourage Catholics to allow Christ to reign in their minds, hearts and whole lives (Quas Primas 31, 33).

In a world where authority is distrusted, and so often people in authority are found to be guilty of self-service and corruption, a fair question is: 'Just how do I allow Christ to reign in my life? What is a practical way of bringing this about?"

### Jesus' attitude to authority is counter-cultural

It is well to recall Jesus' own attitude to authority, bearing in mind he belonged to a society that was not individualistic: a society and culture that was structured as a pyramid, in which it was accepted that ordinary folk submitted to authority. James and John came to Jesus asking that they might sit with him in his kingdom, one on his right hand and the other on his left. Clearly, they had a traditional idea of kingship and the wielding of authority that prevailed in their world. Jesus offered an astoundingly counter-cultural reply, but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. (Mark 10:42-45)

This is not only a demolition of the pyramid model of top-down leadership, but it is an admission that power is best exercised when it is given away through dynamic, flexible, renewable and transparent networks.

# Quality life is all about solid relationships with God and fellow human beings

This blows all common and familiar ideas of kingship (ancient, medieval and modern) out of the water. Jesus is talking about a kingship of service based on profound respect, justice and compassion for all people. Notice the use of the words 'servant' and 'slave' to reinforce the main idea here. So, one authentic way of looking at Christ is to recognise that he is the best example of the life of love that finds its expression in the practical application of respect, compassion and service of others - qualities that prevent love from being spineless or wishy-washy. As always, the words and example of Jesus Christ mesh beautifully. Isn't it remarkable, though, how some figures in a hierarchy, secular or religious, believe their authority will be eroded if they show collegiality or equality with others? But look at Jesus Christ. His compassion and authenticity continued to impress and draw followers. He was a risk-taker, with nothing to hide or defend and not given to sweet talk. He knew full well that quality life was all about solid relationships with God and fellow human beings.

# **Rosie's Gold Coast**

Tonight, 20,000 Queenslanders are homeless. Nearly half are women. Over 40% are aged 25 or under. More than 3,500 of those are kids 12 or under.

These statistics are from Rosie's FB Page. Our Parish has supported Rosie's for many years and they are very grateful for your ongoing support. At the moment, they need canned goods, cup a soup and breakfast foods. They no longer have a drop in centre and have no place to store things. So, please don't donate clothes as they are unable to take them. Thank you for your support.

# **MISSA PRO POPULO**

(The mass for the people.)

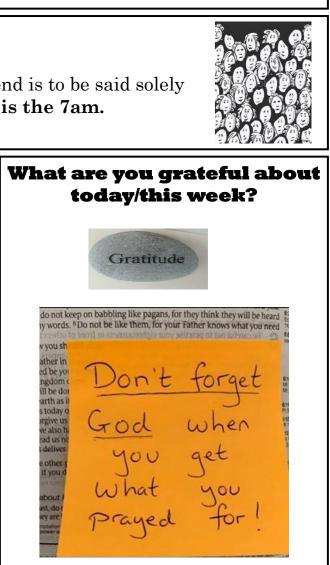
As Parish Priest, one mass on the weekend is to be said solely for the people of the parish. This mass is the 7am.

# **Catholic Women's League Hamper Raffle**

Tickets \$1 each—available from CWL Members and after each Thursday Mass at the Parish Office from 10am-11am. For more information contact

> Jan Levinge at : 0419 019 877 or email:janlevinge@gmail.com





I keep thinking about this, as it is vital we say thank you to God for blessings, however small or large they are.