

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

26 November 2023



*Readings for
this week:* Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Matthew 25:31-46



*Readings for
next Sunday:* Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37



Liturgical Jottings

Eucharistic Prayer part 12

Theology

The Eucharistic Prayer is the centre and high point of the entire celebration of the Mass. It is the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The Priest calls upon the people to lift up their hearts towards the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving; he associates the people with himself in the Prayer that he addresses in the name of the entire community to God the Father through The congregation of the faithful joins with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice. GIRM 78.

The prayer acknowledges in praise and thanksgiving God's work of our salvation. It is also a prayer of remembrance of God's work in Jesus Christ that continues still. It is a prayer of offering which joins the assembly offering with Christ's offering of his own body and blood. It is also a prayer of supplication, reconciliation and sanctification.

Looking at the Gospel

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus identifies Himself not only with the king-shepherd, but also with the lost sheep, we can speak of a double identity: the king-shepherd, and also Jesus and the sheep: that is, He identifies Himself with the least and most in need of His brothers and sisters. And He thus indicates the criterion of the judgement: it will be made on the basis of concrete love given or denied to these persons, because He Himself, the judge, is present in each one of them. He is the judge. He is God and Man, but He is also the poor one, He is hidden and present in the person of the poor people that He mentions: right there. Jesus says: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it (or did it not) to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it (you did it not) to me" (vv. 40, 45). We will be judged on love.

The judgement will be on love, not on feelings, no: we will be judged on works, on compassion that becomes nearness and kind help. Have I drawn near to Jesus present in the persons of the sick, the poor, the suffering, the imprisoned, of those who are hungry and thirsty for justice? Do I draw near to Jesus present there? This is the question for today. *Pope Francis, The Angelus 2020*

Feast of Christ the King

It is necessary to insist on what Christ the King is not. He is not a political, military, economic ruler, a sports or pop star. This feast was moved from the last Sunday in October to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, which it crowns. It is not just the title of Christ that is the object of the celebration but his person and the global mystery of the Risen One at the right hand of the Father, who came, who comes, and who will come again.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have conferred upon Christ Jesus sovereignty over every age and nation. Direct us, in the love of Christ, to care for the least of his brothers and sisters, that we may be subject to his dominion and receive the inheritance of your kingdom. Through Christ Our Lord. *ICEL 1997*


Quote of the Day

At the Day of Judgment, we shall not be asked what we have read, but what we have done. *Thomas a Kempis*

On the Lighter Side

Why is it so hard to have a good conversation with a goat? Because they're always butting in.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Giuseppe Ceniti, Cesare Mercuri, Giovanna Sepe, Migele Sepe, Rosina Sepe
	Our sick and their carers	


Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 27 November

Weekday Mass	
Mon 27 November	No Mass
Tue 28 November	No Mass
Wed 29 November	9:15 am Mass
Thur 30 November	No Mass
Fri 1 December	9:15 am Mass
Weekend Mass	
Sat 2 December	6:00 pm Mass
Sun 3 December	10:30 am Mass
Weekday Mass	
Mon 4 December	No Mass
Tue 5 December	No Mass
Wed 6 December	9:15 am Mass
Thur 7 December	No Mass
Fri 8 December	9:15 Mass
Weekend Mass	
Sat 9 December	No Mass
Sun 10 December	10:30 am Mass

Last Week's Plate Collection and Envelops

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our Parish. May God bless you always.

Last week's collection was \$559.70



Baptism

We congratulate Harrison Reid Angus on his Baptism this weekend and welcome him into our Parish family.

Harrison is the son of Emily and Mason Angus

Rosters

Saturday 2 December
Commentator: – Carol Coulston
Reader: – Domelina Phelan
Gospel Procession: - Peter Crombie
Gifts: – J Caifa & D Hamilton
Special Minister: – Not Required

Sunday 3 December
Commentator: – Debbie Worm
Reader: – Ross Kelly
Gospel Procession: - Steve De Lai
Gifts: – A Basile & M Sgammotta
Special Minister: – Connie Serra
Music: – Choir

Sunday 10 December
Commentator: – Rob Miller
Reader: – Ann Marie Nihill
Gospel Procession: - Domelina Phelan
Gifts: – B & J Lowe
Special Minister: – Steve De Lai

If you would like to be included on the Roster please speak to Trish or Mary.

Christmas Gifts

Are you looking for a special Christmas Gift, make sure you check out the beautiful selection of items including the handmade rosary bracelets, bracelets and rosaries. A huge thank you goes out to Connie and friends who have created all these items, over the past 12 months it has raised over \$3,000 for our Parish.

CCR Sandhurst Renewal Day Christmas Celebration:

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Day Christmas celebration and lunch is on November 25th at the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre. Time 9.30am to 3.30pm. St Brendan's Shepparton.

Lunch: Please bring a plate to share. We enjoy fellowship over meals, and all are welcome.

For more details contact Brigita Hore on 0412 042 196.

Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst Theology Scholarships: Semester 1 2024

Designed to support the mission formation of parishioners through formal theological studies, especially those with or who are seeking pastoral leadership roles in the diocese of Sandhurst. Are you interested in studying theology or spiritual leadership in 2024?

- Scholarships are available for Sandhurst parishioners to study online post-graduate courses in theology at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne
- 50% of the tuition fees will be reimbursed (full cost: credit \$2,882, audit \$650).
- You may study for credit towards a Master's degree/Graduate certificate/Graduate diploma or for audit.
- If you have not studied at a tertiary level before you can take advantage of the "Professional Attainment" pathway.
- Scholarships are also available for the year-long *Damascus Spiritual Leaders Program* at Heart of Life, Melbourne (50% of full cost reimbursed: full cost \$9,816 with tertiary credit). (According to the Heart of Life website the program is closed, however positions are still available for parishioners in the Sandhurst diocese.)
- Please see attached document for details on course offerings.

SAVE THE DATE – PARISH LUNCH FOR FR. JOHN

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER 2023

After Mass on Sunday 17th December 2023, we would like to invite to join us for lunch to celebrate Fr John's service to our Parish for the last four years.

Please bring a salad or a dessert to share. Chicken & Cold Cuts will be provided. If you are able to attend please, fill in your name and what you are bringing on the form in the Narthex.

Thank you so much and we look forward to sharing a lovely meal with everyone.

Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of year. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation

Sacred Heart Parish, Tatura.

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The presbytery office is open on Wednesdays & Fridays from 8:30 am until 1pm

Christmas Roster

If you are available over the Christmas/New Year period to be put on the Roster please fill out the form in the Narthex.

Christmas Mass Timetable

Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday 14th December at 6pm

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24th December

Morning Mass at 10:30am

Carols commencing at 5:30pm,

Mass at 6:00pm

Christmas Morning

Monday 25th December

Mass at 9:00am

News Year Eve

Sunday 31st December

Mass at 10:30am

CARITAS SERVICE OF SOLIDARITY with Gaza & the Holy Land & Petition

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all. The Australian Catholic Bishops have said: 'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.' Please join us: Monday 27 November 4:30 to 5pm. Everyone is welcome. Prior registration necessary at https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg. In support of Caritas Internationalis' call for an immediate ceasefire and increased humanitarian assistance, Caritas Australia has started a PETITION to Foreign Minister, Penny Wong which is available for signing at Caritas Australia.

Service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land

Let us come together in love, prayer and support as we share messages of hope.

4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT
Monday November 27, 2023

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