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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe **22 November 2026**

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 Catechesis

Motivations of the reform I

In this final catechesis on the Constitution on the Liturgy (SC), I would like to look at the reasons why the Council Fathers sought to promote a reform of the liturgy. Cardinal Montini (later Pope Paul VI), wrote in 1962 to the faithful of his Church, "is a sincere expression of both the divine and the human. It is language. On the one hand, it is a vehicle for divine teaching; on the other, it is a voice in dialogue with God. It is clear that it cannot renounce its didactic function, nor can it fail to offer faith and piety the opportunity to be expressed with spontaneous intelligibility".

Indeed, since the liturgy is a living entity, it has always been subjected to developments and changes throughout the centuries and adapted its forms to the needs of different eras. The Second Vatican Council, with the utmost respect for the heritage of tradition, and precisely in order to make it more accessible, considered it necessary to revise the liturgical books.

Pope Leo XIV, Rome 26 Aug 2026

Looking at the Gospel

The metaphor of the Good Shepherd aptly characterises God's concern and personal intervention in the shepherding of the flock. God fulfils this role primarily in two ways: by caring for the sheep, particularly the most vulnerable; and by separating the good from the bad, for even those under the care of the shepherd will be judged. There is no intermediary here; God is immediately involved, because those formerly responsible for the sheep failed to carry out their responsibilities. The simple reference 'the day', along with characterisation of that day as one of gloom and darkness, and the final depiction of separation, suggest the eschatological day of the Lord, the day of final judgment.

Several of Paul's most treasured theological themes are brought together here: the efficacy of Christ's resurrection; human solidarity in Adam and in Christ; the sequence of eschatological events; Christ's victory; and the ultimate reign of God. As the first fruits of the dead, the Risen Christ is the most forceful expression of life after death, and his resurrection contains the promise of resurrection for all who are joined to him. Both Adam and Christ stand for the entire race, one in sin and death, and the other in eternal life. Having conquered death, Christ will bring the fruits of his victory to God so that at the final consummation, God will be all in all.

The scene of the last judgment is one of apocalyptic splendour and majesty; a scene of separation of the righteous from the unrighteous; a scene of reward and punishment. The throng of people gathered at this eschatological event is judged according to their treatment of the disciples of Jesus. Since Jesus identifies with his disciples ('Whoever receives you, receives me' – see Mt 10:40), to reject the apostle is to reject him. The guilt of the people is not based on the wrong that they have done, but in their failure to accept those who were bringing the kingdom of God to them. To reject them is to reject the kingdom. Their sentences hinge on their openness to this kingdom. © *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Quote of the Day

Christ says Death, where is your sting? Death, where is your victory? … With Death dead, let our mortality be cloaked in the Father's immortality. With God ruling in us, let us be immersed in the blessings of regeneration and resurrection. *Origen on Prayer*

On the Lighter Side



The image of sheep and goats in the last judgment reminds me of this quip: "Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile."

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 **Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list**	**For those who have died and those who are grieving**	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Vito Prinzi, Joan Cummins, Judy Maher
	Our sick and their carers	Nathan Dodd, Catherine O'Toole, Kim Mann, Mary Vraca, Russell Parsons, Sue McDonald, Margaret Bannan

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 29th November 10:30am

Commentator:	Gem Reyes
Reader:	Rob Miller
Gospel Procession:	Dolly Thomson
Gifts:	L Mercuri & C Bannan
Eucharistic Minister:	Danny Reyes
Screen Operator:	Debbie Worm
Music Operator:	Trish Warnett

Saturday 5th November 6:00pm

Commentator:	Carol Coulston
Reader:	Denice Bourke
Gospel Procession:	Deb Turvey
Gifts:	J Caiafa & D Hamilton
Eucharistic Minister:	Not Required
Screen Operator:	Ged Pollard
Music Operator:	Trish Warnett

Sunday 6th November 10:30am

Commentator:	Theresa Cook
Reader:	Elisabet Edwards
Gospel Procession:	Connie Serra
Gifts:	L Mercuri & A Lombardozzi
Eucharistic Minister:	A Ciavarella
Screen Operator:	Debbie Worm
Music Operator:	Trish Warnett

Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar) 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

We thank all of our volunteers for their assistance during Mass



PARISH NOTICES

Meeting in the Spirit Group: The first of our Advent Reflections is this week on Wednesday 25th November at 6:00 pm in St Mary's Hall. Following on each week during Advent we will meet there to reflect on the Sunday Gospels on the following Wednesdays December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. All are welcome.

Wills & Bequeaths: There is an information sheet on the table in the Narthex regarding Wills and Bequeaths. Please consider your Parish when you are considering your Will.

Names on Prayer List: Please email or contact the office to add names on the prayer list.

Two Week Mass Timetable Commencing 18th November

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 25th November	9:15am
Friday 27th November	9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 29th November	10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 2nd December	9:15am
Friday 4th December	9:15am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5th December	6:00pm
Sunday 6th December	10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass *every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am*
Italian Rosary *every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church*
Reconciliation *every 1st Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)*
Shared lunch: *4th Sunday of the month in St Mary's Hall*
Eucharistic Adoration *every 1st Friday of month at 5:30pm*

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.



The next one will be ***Wednesday 2nd December.***

Plate Collection and Envelopes

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The collection for last week was $ 845.50

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of the parish.

May God bless you always.



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of the month at 5:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church. All welcome. **The next Eucharistic Adoration will be this Friday 4th December.**



When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
Matthew 25:31-32

OPEN HOUSE

On **Sunday 6th December**, the old Byrneside Catholic Church (which is now a private home) will be open for parishioners to have a look following Mass.

There will also be an Open House on **Christmas Eve** at 6pm. Finger food will be available

VOLUNTEER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

All volunteers are required to sign the Code of Conduct. Debbie Turvey will be contacting people who still need to sign the Code. Copies of the Code of Conduct are available in the Narthex for those who have not signed one yet.

SAFEGUARD TRAINING

All volunteers including PPC & PFC members are expected to complete mandatory Safeguarding and some basic workplace and safety training modules every 2 years

Please use this link below to complete the training.
https://cdos.tribalhabits.com/accounts/register

Volunteers will need to use the code ***SAFEGUARDING*** in the box titled 'Registration token' to gain access.

FAITH IN ACTION: AN ELECTION GUIDE FROM THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026.



Congratulations to the Domenic who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist today. May God bless you as you continue your faith journey.

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to Harika Tiana Solon, child of Edward and Hanelyn who was Baptised on Saturday morning

We welcome her into our parish and faith community.

May God bless you and keep You safe always Harika.



Christ the King Reigns Forever

The Solemnity of Christ the King reminds us that Jesus is the ruler of all creation. His kingdom is built on love, mercy, and justice. This feast marks the end of the Church year and helps us look forward to His return. It calls us to remember who truly leads our lives.

In this celebration, we see Jesus not as a worldly king, but as a shepherd who cares for His people. He gathers the lost, heals the broken, and brings peace. His power is shown through service and compassion, not control.

This day also helps us reflect on how we live as members of His kingdom. Do our actions show His love? Do we care for the hungry, the sick, and the lonely? Christ the King shows us that serving others is the way to serve Him.

As we close the Church year, this feast points us to hope. Christ's reign has no end. He rules with justice and kindness, calling us to live as His faithful people each day.

Lord Jesus, our shepherd and king, guide us in your ways. Help us to care for those in need and to see you in everyone we meet. Teach us to follow your example of love and service. May we always live as faithful members of your kingdom. Amen.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Child safety officer Debbie Turvey on 0407 804 317.

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 years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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DIOCESE NEWS – 22/11/2026



Discover Catholic Podcasts and events happening across Australia – retreats, pilgrimages, workshops and more.

Visit www.CathEvents.org.au to find opportunities to grow in faith and community. Event organisers can also list their events for free, helping more people connect and participate.

The latest Along the Track can be found on our website under the heading of **Sharings / Along the Track**

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INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!" — Pope John Paul II More than a one-time event, Eucharist 28 is a national journey of renewal, beginning in our own hearts and parishes. This Easter, we saw our churches filled with new life as many were welcomed into the faith. The invitation now is to keep that flame alive: to encounter Christ in the Eucharist every week as we prepare for a global celebration of the Eucharist and a Papal Mass celebrated in Sydney by Pope Leo XIV. Find out more and register at eucharist28.org



Palms Timor-Leste Encounter 10-23 May 2027!

Timor-Leste is Australia's closest neighbour. It is also the nation with which Australia has had a complex chequered history. Yet very few Australians have ever been there.

An Encounter Tour to is not only an unforgettable holiday – it is an opportunity to get 'behind the scenes' insights into history, culture & the importance of relationships in sustainable development.

In a small (max 8 person) group, you will meet Palms international partners and long-term volunteers. Encounters are the ethical option to learn about development and support Australia's oldest lay Catholic international development organisation.

Book your place on the 14-day Encounter Tour here: palms.org.au/encounters.

Volunteers Needed! Catholic Community Connectors needed to assist with the Palms' Simplicity September campaign. More info here.

Red November: Pray for persecuted Christians

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to pray, support and act for persecuted Christians throughout Red November. Register today and receive a **free prayer card** and **complimentary pair of Rosary beads**, handmade by Christians in Syria.

To join us in prayer, scan the QR code, or visit rebrand.ly/RedNovemberRosary



CARITAS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

With Caritas Global Gifts, you can give a meaningful gift that creates lasting change for vulnerable communities around the world. Whether you're shopping for family, friends or colleagues, you'll find a gift that continues to make a real difference long after Christmas Day. Each Global Gift card you buy helps make the world a little better every day. You can change lives by putting food on a family's table or helping a young girl stay in school. Give a gift this Christmas that reflects the true spirit of giving and makes a lasting impact. Browse Gifts at https://www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL - for retired priests of Sandhurst.

We have 15 retired priests, and our fundraising assists the provision of housing, medical and everyday expenses. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the parishioners & public of the Diocese.

The Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal is the ONLY annual Diocese of Sandhurst appeal, with 100% of funds raised going to support our sick and retired priests. The 2026 appeal is live until 30th June 2027.

Your Donations are essential and your generosity is an opportunity to thank God for their ministry and dedication, and to pray for our priests, active and retired.
All donations are tax-deductible and can be made via the information on the envelopes at your church or by contacting Joanne Bravo at the Bishop's Office.

Receipts for donations can be requested via phone, email or by using the envelopes provided. Any questions are very welcome. Contact Joanne Bravo on 0432 398 073 or at joanne.bravo@sandhurst.catholic.org.au. Thank you.

before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

The Saving Word

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / A — **22 November 2026**

WELCOME INTO THE KINGDOM

On this last Sunday of our liturgical year, the Church offers us a powerful reflection with this last, end-time parable from Matthew's Gospel. It is a scene of judgement. The Son of Man has come in his glory and sits on the judgement throne as the nations assemble before him. Then comes the separation of humanity, like a shepherd separating sheep from the goats. The Son of Man, now identified as King (and the reason for the appropriateness of this Gospel for today's celebration of Christ's Kingship), addresses the sheep and acknowledges their blessedness.

This connects to the Gospel from All Saints Day. They are blessed because of the way they responded to Jesus who appeared to them as one who was hungry, thirsty, estranged, naked, sick and imprisoned. They are told that, though they failed to see Jesus as such, they responded to those socially disregarded. Their response to them was equivalent to their response to Christ the King identified with the socially marginalised and ignored. The ones on the King's other hand, however, are condemned for failing to respond to the poor and needy.

The parable invites us to pause about our response to those in our lives, those in need, who demand our time and take up our energy. This parable of social recognition offers surprising hope to contemporary faithful followers of Jesus. It especially identifies moments of blessedness and divine communion when we act with love and tenderness to those in our lives.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. **R.**

2. Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. / He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

He will hand 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 all who have fallen asleep. Death



came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled