

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 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 the 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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mark 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: Matthew 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 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

**New liturgical year begins
Year cycle B.**

Is 63: 16-17, 64: 1,3-8;
1 Cor 1: 3-9; Mk 13: 33-37.



Safeguarding our Community.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney, please call the appropriate authorities OR The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 OR speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of whom will be able to provide support and guidance.

THE Catholic Weekly

IS ON SALE NOW FROM THE FRONT FOYER.

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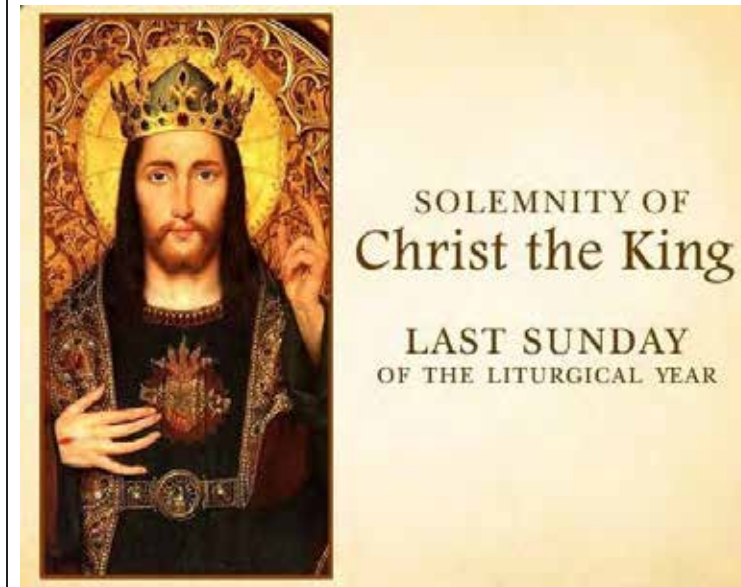
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MASS TIMES:

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| SATURDAY VIGIL: | 6:00 pm. |
| SUNDAY: | 8:00 am and 10.00 am. |
| MONDAY: | 9.30am Communion Service. |
| TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: | 9.00 am Mass. |
| FRIDAY: | 9.00 am Mass. |
| | Exposition & Benediction from 9.40am – 10.15am every Friday after Mass. |
| RECONCILIATION: | Friday during Exposition and Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment. |
| Baptism: | Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office. |
| Marriage: | By appointment. |
| Anointing of the sick: | Please give names to Father Simon Apablaza. |

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Year A)
25th / 26th November 2023**



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 22:1-3. 5-6

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

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

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

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

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. **Response.**

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25 / 26 NOVEMBER 2023 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

| | SATURDAY 6.00PM | SUNDAY 8.00AM | SUNDAY 10AM |
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| ACOLYTE | THOMAS DABBAH | DAVE D'MELLO | ANTHONY STANTON |
| READER | JOY PERERA / COLLEEN MAGUIRE | YVONNE LEUNG | PAUL MCLACHLAN / SCOTT DIMICHIEL |
| OFFERTORY | WONG FAMILY | VOLUNTEER | VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED |
| PROJECTION | VIDURA PERERA | | |
| ALTAR SERVERS | GRP 4: WONG FAMILY | | GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ |
| WELCOMERS | TINA CHAMISA | | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED |
| COUNTERS | GROUP 1: BARBARA CLARK ANTHONY STANTON PATRICIA BRODERICK | | |
| ALTAR FLOWERS | JAN KEYSER | NOVEMBER ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA | |

2 / 3 DECEMBER 2023 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| | SATURDAY 6.00PM | SUNDAY 8.00AM | SUNDAY 10AM – FAMILY MASS |
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| ACOLYTE | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| READER | VIDURA PERERA / HARINI JAYAMANNE | ELIZABETH WHEELER | REBECCA DEARING / FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS |
| OFFERTORY | VOLUNTEER FAMILY | | FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS |
| PROJECTION | AMJAD SHEEKA | | PAUL TREACY |
| ALTAR SERVERS | GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA | | GRP 5: JAMES DEARING & ADAM CALLAGHAN |
| WELCOMERS | TINA CHAMISA | | FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS |
| COUNTERS | GROUP 2: T DABBAH C DABBAH | | |
| ALTAR FLOWERS: | KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA | DECEMBER ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG | |

NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

Joseph Koury, Anne Khoury, John Khoury, Elizabeth Stanton / John Pearce and deceased members of the Pearce Family, Ron Myatt and deceased members of the Myatt Family Col Conway and deceased members of the Conway Family Doris And Cyril Oscar / Wahram Wartanian, Watoosh Wartanian, Fouad Sheeka, Artin Wartanian / Claire Richmond, Deceased members of the Richmond Mulholland Families / Maria and Laura Santa Maria / Joy's Parents and Dona's Father / Deceased members of the Duffy and Brennan Families, Fr O'Donovan, John and Eileen Eppel, Fr Nies, Josie Malley, Mrs McNally / C.P. Valenti, V.M. Mazzaferro / Woo Tuen Duen, Joan Kit Big Ho, Woo Yo Sum, Hiu Ywen Chew Julianna Mak, Tang Chui Kwai, Tony and Woo Family, Grand Mother and Grand Father / Braidwood and White Families / Tai Family, Williams Family, Fr Glen Walsh, and those who have none to pray for. / Bienvenido and liberty Gray, Belen Tolentino, Peter and Tricia Gray / D'Mello Family, D'Souza Family, Carter Family, Lobo Family, Colleen Arentz / Josip Savic, Maros Nikola, Ivka, Antan, Franjo, and Mira, Jubico Nezc, St. Paulin, Filipovic Jopipa, Marko and Srecko, Family Brankov, Family Dzoic, Family Staub, Family Jurisic, Family Maros, Ivo Fistic / Family Dalfogo, Family Kovac, Family Zurzulovic / Family Kikic, Nino Kikic, Neolzod Kikic, Zolrovko Jotic, Family Jotic, Family Kruzicevic / Savic Vaskrsije, Nada, Blagoje, Djordje, Mladen, and Jubica. Irma Mamic, Anita Atej, Stanovic Branco, Stoja, Momir, Dragoyub, Bogoyub, Rade, and Radenka and all Souls in Purgatory / Robert and Joyce Kee, Baby Kee, Leong Shen Yui. Chee Ming Leung, Fr Glen Walsh / Nicola Francesco, Caterina Morfuni, Clemente Maraste, Teresa Dominello, Rosa Lentile / Deceased relatives and friends of the Clarke and Maine Families / Ted Cotter, and Deceased relatives and friends of the Cotter and O'Shea Families / George and Elizabeth Nobin, Moodley Family / Margaret Hogan, Hubert hogan, Deceased members of Hogan and Mott Families / Thomas Lee, Lilian and Bill Lee, Eileen Glasscock, Annie Yeowell, Elizabeth and Ross Rowe, Patricia and Leo Stack, Elizabeth Power / John McNamara, William Hannon, Mary Hannon, and all the Hannon Family / Solihin Widjaja, Nurdin Widjaja / Deceased Members of the Dabah Family, Helen Batshon, Hyham Moufrage, Migual Damas, Deceased members of the Nour Family, Nicola Nour, All who died in Gaza and Israel / Ian and Manda Vistica, Filip, Doma, and Mijo Bebek, Franjo Markotic, Frank Sacco / John Joseph Chan Hee Khee, Monica Ann Tai See Nee, Theresa Wendy Chan Tai Hua, Helen Lai Khyun Moi, Voon Man Kui, Voon Tze Fong, All the deceased relatives and friends / Lalla, Arthur and Pauline Bocking, Olga, Anthony and Carmen Mamo, Malcolm Bocking / Gregorio, Catherine, and Rosario Uymatiao; Joaquin, Florentine, and Mihuel Sumera, Joan Samonte, Gregorio Tumbali, Lucia Tumbali / Keyser Family, Gill Family, Hawke Family, Oates Family, Wilkinson Family, Swan Family, Horne Family / John Chan, Monica Tai, Ong Kah Peng, Qoh Chai Gook, All the deceased relative and friends, Wendy Chan Lai Hua, Fortunata Monteverdi, Ron Tah Khee Yong / Blaze Janeu and His departed family and friends / The Raymond Family's, the Pompey Family's / Nicola and Kata Jurisic and Ancestors, Gryo and Andja Maros and Ancestors, Savic Vaskrsije Nada and Ancestors, all souls in purgatory / Sergio Fanny and Peter Cugola, Angelo Piera and Planio Strappayon, And deceased members of their family, Denis Secco, Michael Cesasini, Ralph Cantalajo, Rosangela Cantalajo, Joseph Seotta, Nina Armanini / Matijasko Franjo Dragica, Juraj and Franjo, Pavec Kata and Luca / Clement Gougerot, Bilic Ljubica and Marija / Braovic Ivan, Ana, Luca and Kata, Family Josipa and Ive, Smajo Family Ael Braovic / Deceased members of the Clarke Family, the Whiting Family, The Pegon Family, Pauline Jones, Berna Buchanan / Kam / Joan Cahill, Jack Scchanaleponi, Fathers Alt, O'Donovan, Kayrooz, Rohanna, Morabito, Moriarty, Spaccavento, Leotta, Dibello, Rizzo, Families and relatives and past parishioners of St Therese / Kaminski / Salvatore & Teresa, Francesco Cavaleri, Giorgio Agostino, Giuseppa and Francesco Papallo, Jolanda Cavalesi, Maria Caterina Scali, Fred and Giuseppe, Marcellino and all members of the Family / John Winifride Higham, Deceased members of the Higham and Callaghan Families, Marge and John Dwyer, Less Bradley / Patrick Theuring, Noline Theuring, Wilhelm Theuring, Mary Rayan, Joseph Rayan, All the Brothers and Sisters of Joseph Rayan. Nilanthi Naganathan, Ramya Naganathan, Louise Banks / Father Michael and Family Maroun Saad and Saft Family / Joseph and Mary Cassan & Family, Frances and Eca Callus and Family, John and Mary Belicata & Family, Paul and Eleonora Galea & Family, Rev, Fr Robert Cassan OCARM, Rev Fr Pupului Casan OCARM, Pui Compano OCARM, Sr Antonietta Callus, Sr M.M. Simonetes, Anna Di Giusto Rumiz, Dario Rumiz, All Souls / Healey Family, Kenny Family, Gurry Family, Crofts Family, Munsie Family / John Merhi, Toufic and Amira Merhi, Deceased of the Norman Family, Deceased of the Stanton Family / Kevin Helferly, all deceased Helferly, Claire Shepherd, Members of Colahan Families / Deceased members of the Vincent Family, Vaz Family, Windsor Family, Pinot de Moira Family, Maserendas Family / Ron Taffa, Taffa, Bacash, Sayegh and Malouf Families / Bracks, Sackar and McLeod Families. & the desolate souls who have no one to pray for them / Deceased members of the Margotoy, Lipinszlczy, Stark & Zaveslay Families / Mr & Mrs Giulio & Ida Ranaldi, Mr & Mrs Mariano & Antonia Orlandi, Marinelli Family, Trionfetti Family, Cerrini Family, and the souls of all family and Friends / Margaret and Joe Davies, Marie, Joan, Cecil, John and Brian Davies, Margaret, Reg and Michael O'Sullivan, Nola and Morrie Halliday, Peter and John Banaghan, Victor KinderMary and Richard Woulfe, Carol and Jim Meehan, Margaret and John Szubert / Maria Rosa Mazzaferro, Vince Frenk Mazzaferro, Giuseppa Valenti, Peter / Wu Yuk Yin, Leo To, Jack Cheah, An Know Tan, Yun Fon Wong / Deceased relatives and friends of Patricia And Paul Treacy / Annamma Joseph.



MASSES AT CHRISTMAS

**Sunday Mass times as usual:
Saturday 23rd 6pm & Sunday 24th 8am & 10am**

**Christmas Masses:
Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th Dec Vigil:
5pm & 7pm
Christmas Day – Monday 25th Dec:
8am & 10am.**

75th Anniversary Lunch.

Many thanks to all those who attended our celebratory lunch last Sunday. Such a great day was had by all sharing an abundance of food and great conversation. During Fr Simon's speech he announced our upcoming parish pilgrimage next year to Lourdes and Lisieux. More details are available on the parish noticeboards with a leaflet in the foyer.

Christmas Carols.

**Parish Christmas Carols on
Friday the
15th December at 7pm.**



Add this date in your diaries to come and share the joyful spirit of Christmas. And please tell your friends! **After the Carols, we will host a light supper with drinks in the school hall.**

First Reconciliation at Denistone.

Congratulations to the 25 children from our local schools who made their First Reconciliation on Wednesday and Friday this week.

Advent-Christmas Giving Tree.

Our Giving Tree will be a little different this year as St Vincent De Paul would prefer GIFT CARDS instead of actual gifts. To accommodate this preference, we will collect money for St Vincent de Paul and then convert all collected cash into gift cards and give them to SVdePaul. **OUR FIRST COLLECTION WILL BE NEXT WEEKEND, so come prepared to be generous to the poor and needy in our area.**



Baptism.

This Sunday we welcome into the faith community Amelia Trimboli. We also congratulate her parents Michael and Elizabeth and their respective families.



Advent prayer and discussion groups.

NEXT WEEK 3 groups are being formed for you to prepare for the coming of Christ our Saviour. Group 1 – Tuesday the 28th November at 7.30pm in the School Hall. Group 2 – Wednesday the 29th November at 7.30pm in the School Hall with Tania Rimac. Group 3 – Thursday the 30th December at 2pm here in the presbytery with Fr Simon. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY GROUP.**

Family Mass and “Cuppa” NEXT weekend.

St Therese School families will be supporting the rostered volunteers with some of the Mass ministries at the 10am Mass NEXT WEEKEND. Following this Mass, we will host our usual “CUPPA”. This is our last Family Mass and Cuppa for 2023! **Parish “Cuppas” will return next year in February.**



Christmas Reconciliation.

- St Charles Borromeo, Ryde on Wednesday 20th December at 7.30pm – 8.30pm
- St Therese, Denistone on Thursday the 21st at 7.30pm.
- St Kevin's, Eastwood on Friday the 22nd December at 7pm

Denistone Catholic Women's League Meeting.

NEXT meeting will be held on Friday the 1st December at 11am. Newcomers are welcome.

Altar Servers Christmas Party.

We are holding the Altar Servers Christmas party on **Saturday 9th December at Strike Bowling Macquarie Centre from 10.15am to 12noon.** We do kindly ask that each child contribute \$10 and the parish will cover the rest of the cost. This money can be given to Thomas in a marked envelope on the day. **Please RSVP by 25th November and we need to be made aware of any allergies.**

Farewell Mr Adam Nolan, Principal.

The school and parish will farewell Adam on Wednesday the 13th December with a Mass at 9am followed by a morning tea in the St Therese School Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Christmas cards on sale now in the foyer.