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Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More, Mount Eliza

Christ the King of the Universe — Year C

20th November 2022

Diary:
SVDP Meeting
 Monday Nov 21 9.30am
 Undercroft

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Church Services:

This Week
from 21st Nov

Tuesday Adoration 6.00 pm
 Tuesday Mass 7.00 pm

Wednesday* Mass 10.00 am
 Thursday* Mass 10.00 am
 Friday Mass 8.30am

*Rosary before Mass

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm
 Sunday 8.00 am
 Sunday 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.30 - 7.00pm

Saturday 4:30 - 5:00 pm

St Thomas More acknowledges the Traditional Land owners, the Bunurong people on which we live, work and worship. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging.

Dear Friends

The Church's liturgical calendar orbits around the important moments of Our Lord's presence with us, beginning with his birth (Advent and Christmas), his death (Lent and Easter) and his life of teaching, preaching and healing (Ordinary time).

Throughout the year, the readings and prayers expound for us who Jesus is. As we approach the end of Ordinary Time the readings have become more focussed on what will happen at the end of time. Jesus will return not as a baby, but as a powerful king. The secret to understanding God's kingdom is not through the lens of power, but surrender. Jesus entered into our brokenness so that we can join him in his glorious resurrection.



The following article is written by Fr Terrance Klein and was published in America Magazine:

The Solemnity of Christ the King is not an old feast. It was created by Pius XI in 1925. The pope had his own political considerations. Ancient monarchies were being replaced by new republics in Europe, and colonial powers were ceding large territories to new governments in South and Central America. The idea that power came from people alone, independent of God's will as expressed through the Catholic Church, was an idea that needed trimming.

The papacy lost that contest, but the notion of Christ the King dates to the very beginnings of the faith. What might the feast say to us, at a time when liberal democracies seem to be retreating in the face of more autocratic regimes?

An answer may lie in that phrase, "Once a king, always a king." We argue over the origins of legitimately exercised power. Does it come from ancestry or from the people themselves? Or is it simply that whoever has power seizes more of it? Whether on the battlefield or in the ballot box, we struggle for power. In all these forms, we distinguish power itself from those who possess it.

Yet there is no distance between what Christ does and who he is. He is the presence and power of God among us. But Christ reigns as king by not grasping power. He is an eternal sacrifice, and what he does is to surrender power, ostensibly to his enemies, those who seek his death, but ultimately to his Father, who willed that he should enter death itself, the unfathomed depth of our alienation from God.

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**We
pray
for.....**

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Patricia Hansen, John Clark, Judith Hennessy, Dr John Hamilton, Jane Collins,
Wilfred Oakes, Vernon Hussey, Helen Sorensen, Amelia Smith and Lucia Liberatore



The sick... Margaret Grace, Maureen Mirabella, Adrian & Maree Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, John Spirason, Thomas Parrish, Rodney Abbatangelo (kidney transplant 18/8/22), Bev Johnstone, Kate Matheson, John Xavier Clifton, Michael Leonard, Liz Spurdle, John Spurdle, Evonne Paddison, Maree Bracken, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte Rohner, Eileen O'Beirne, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Betty Corke, Maria Kelly, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Maureen Anstey, Rosalie McKiernan, Julian Collins, Sue Emerton, Jimmy and Gary Lakeman, Anneliese Rose and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and the parishioners of St Thomas More Parish, Tequinomata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.

The Welfare officers for November are Tom and Maree Shelton 0418337950

Victorian election

The Bishops of Victoria have written to the Catholic community in Victoria to provide an election guide designed to help Catholics consider and navigate key issues of significance, particularly those related to the common good. You are invited to read the guide and to prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. The guide can be found at: www.melbournecatholic.org/stateelection2022.

The next meeting of the
St Vincent de Paul Society
will be held on



Monday the 21st November
in the
Undercroft at 9.30am.

STM Social Club - December

Our next Function

Lunch at the Girl and Bull Mt Eliza on Wednesday
7th December at 12.30

Please book/confirm by:
Wednesday 30 November.
Contact Fiona on 0420 764 234

Christmas Toys 2022

St Vincent de Paul Conference have placed a Christmas Tree in the foyer of the church, with tags on it showing the gender and age of the children from the families we have visited during this year.

We would appreciate it if those who take a tag could return an **UNWRAPPED** toy the box by **Sunday Nov 26.**

Call of Guadalupe Musical Production

24-27 November at Chelsea Town Hall

Enter via Longbeach RSL, 4 Thames Promenade, Chelsea

Celebrating life, love and hope, The Call of Guadalupe Musical is an entertaining, uplifting Christian Musical. It includes the participation of many talented children and artists. bookings.

SHOW TIMES:.

24th November @ 7pm: PREVIEW show \$15 flat rate/person

25th - 26th November @ 7pm & Sunday 27th November @ 1pm

Adults \$20 / Children under 18 & concession: \$15/Groups of 10: \$150

SPECIAL: 15% off (ends 15th Nov) use Trybooking Promo Code 15off

Booking

link: <https://www.trybooking.com/camrl> or email chelsea@cam.org.au if you need assistance with ticket booking

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The rulers sneered at Jesus and said,
 “He saved others, let him save himself
 if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.”
 Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer
 him wine they called out, “If you are King of the Jews, save
 yourself.”

Above him there was an inscription that read,
 “This is the King of the Jews” (Lk 23:35-38).
 In St. Luke’s Gospel, irony is used to proclaim the deepest of
 truths. Christ is king because, as officers on battlefields did in
 the time of Napoleon, he leads the way. He has no need to
 rebuke mere sycophants. He enters the darkness to assail
 evil itself. The king dies so that his people may live.

What does this mean for us? It means that our happiness, our personal well-being, is accomplished not in seizing power but in surrendering it.

This weekend marks the end of the Church’s year, which culminates in the feast of Christ the King.



Welcome Home !! (From the Melbourne Archdiocese)

The longing for home is deeply human, and so much more than just the desire for a roof over our heads. We long for a place of deep connection, of warmth and rest, and for family. In a profound sense, we are homesick for God, who patiently calls us back to our true home in the Church.

This week, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli released a pastoral letter to the Church in Melbourne called ‘Welcome Home’. Reflecting on the sadness of being unable to gather physically in our communities during the pandemic, he pointed us towards Jesus Christ, ‘the Word who became flesh’ and who ‘left for us his sacramental presence’. This bodily reality at the centre of our communities draws us in and binds us together.

In light of this, the Archbishop announced that the time has come for us to return home. As of the 1st Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted.

Note: Change to Mass time this Friday 25th November - Mass will commence at 8.30am



Working Bee

Our next parish working bee will take place:

Saturday Nov 26, 8am-1pm.

There are plenty of jobs to be done to prepare the church and surrounds for Christmas.

Does anyone have any spare Tip Vouchers?

Please add your name and number to the sign up sheet in the Church Foyer if you can help on the day, serve or prepare morning tea.

Safeguarding Committee

For information: Julie Carter 0420 923 859

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, we consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority.



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.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest and on earth
peace to people of good will.
we praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading **2 Samuel 5:1-3**

They anointed David king of Israel

Responsorial Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second reading **Colossians 1:12-20**

The Father has created a place for us in the
kingdom of the Son that he loves.

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 **Luke 23:35-43**

‘Today you will be with me in Paradise.’

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he
descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

The mystery of faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon

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



Next Sunday's Readings

27th November - 1st Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44