

WE HAVE REACHED the end of the Church year. Today is the 34th and final Sunday of the year. And, as usual, we celebrate today the feast of Christ the Universal King.

There is a great contrast between the readings. The First Reading is from the Book of Daniel and the Second is from the Book of Revelation. These are what we call apocalyptic books. The word 'apocalypse' means an 'uncovering' or a 'revelation' of something hidden. The books reveal the inner meaning of life and both were written for people who were suffering great persecution for fidelity to their religious beliefs – Jews in one case and early Christians in the other. The books are full of hope and look forward to a day when God will come in triumph and overcome the earthly powers which commit so many evils and bring so much suffering.

The Book of Daniel was written during the time of King Antiochus Epiphanes who desecrated the Temple of Jerusalem and forced many Jews to adopt idolatrous customs and to abandon the requirements of their Law. Many resisted and paid for their actions with torture and death. It is in this dark atmosphere that the author of Daniel wrote in today's reading: "I saw one like a son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven." Christians, see in the "son of man" Jesus their Lord who often referred to himself as the "Son of Man". He was presented before the "Ancient One", God the Father, from whom he received "dominion, glory – and kingship".

The Book of Revelation from which our Second Reading comes was written in similar circumstances to Daniel. The Church in parts of the Roman Empire was undergoing fierce persecution. Many were being arrested and martyred while others were driven underground. The Book of Revelation represents an underground document intended to rally morale and build up the courage of Christians. It is full of symbolical language and imagery, which the Christians could understand but which made little sense to their non-Christian persecutors.

Today's reading comes from the opening chapter and is a hymn of praise for Jesus, "the first-born from the dead and ruler of the kings of earth". Echoing the Book of Daniel, it sings, "See, he comes amid the clouds!" It continues: "Every eye shall see him, even those who pierced him", namely, those who condemned him to death on the cross. "All the peoples of the earth shall lament him bitterly." Both out of compassion for his sufferings and out of guilt in so far as their sins caused them. And, in a way, that includes all of us. For, it was because of our sins that he died on the cross.

But, as the Lord says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the One who is and who was and who is to come." Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. They represent the beginning and the end. Jesus Christ is, as Paul in the letter to the Colossians and John in his gospel tell us, the source of all that is, the Alpha. Through him, the creating Word of God, all things were created. And he is the Omega, the final goal for all creation. Every experience, every dream, every achievement is subordinated to this. "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you," said Augustine. This is another way of saying that Jesus Christ is our King.

He alone gives meaning to our existence, to our lives.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday	5.00 pm (Vigil) Fully Vaccinated 6.30 pm (Vigil) St Paul's Coburg, Unknown Status
Sunday	8.45 am & 10.30 am Fully Vaccinated
Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri	9.15 am Unknown Status
Confessions	Saturday 10 – 10.30 am <i>(In church through side doors)</i>
Baptisms	2nd Saturday of the month (by appointment)
Marriages	By appointment with at least 6 months notice

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Christian Meditation	7 - 8 pm Parish Centre (contact Chris Rowland 0411 440 746)
Tuesday	Italian Ladies Prayer Group	10.00 am Meeting Room
	Charismatic Prayer Group	7.30 pm Church
Wednesday	Drop-In Centre	1 - 3 pm Church/Parish Centre
Thursday	St Vincent de Paul	5.30 pm Meeting Room (last Thursday of the month)

FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 11AM: Live Streamed and C31 Televised (Channel 44 on Digital TV)
6AM: Channel 10 - "Mass for You at Home"

MONDAY - FRIDAY 1PM : Live Streamed. *(Link below)*

SATURDAY 8.00AM: Live Streamed. *(Link below)*

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> and
<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

CHRIST THE KING – 20/21 NOVEMBER 2021

- 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.
- Response to the Psalm:** **The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**
- Gospel Acclamation:** 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!
- Communion Antiphon:** The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Please remember in your prayers the following:

- Those who have died:** Giacomo Spina
- Anniversaries:** Michael Recchia
- Those who are ill:** Josephina Varghese, Jenna Jenson, Marie Virag, Amelie Gutierrez, Frances Tamayo, Kath Layden, Ocean Goldsmith, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Monica Wickerson, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy

20/21 November		27/28 November
READERS:		
Sat 5.00 pm	N. Farrell [L], J. Pertile [R]	C. Rowland [L], L. Teoh [R]
Sun 8.45 am	M. Carabott [L], M. Tamayo [R]	M. Tomayo [L], M. Carrabott [R]
10.30 am	L. Verduci [L], O. Aquino [R]	R. Cassidy [L], L. Willason [R]
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:		
Sat 5.00 pm	P. Saliba	L. Bellio
Sun 8.45 am	J. Mokbel	M. Bolitho
10.30 am	T. Rocca	E. Monaco

At St Oliver's parish we aim to create a child-safe and child-friendly environment. Privacy: In 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information collected from individuals. This Parish is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.

We welcome our newly Baptized children

Koa Louise Linders
Isabella Aurora Etheredge



Let us keep these children and their families in our prayers

ADVENT GIVING TREE The purpose of the Giving Tree is to be able to give needy families in this area a treat by providing them with the necessities for a Christmas lunch. The hampers we make up all contain the same products. Please select **one tag for one item**, this ensures we have enough items for each hamper. If anyone finds themselves or knows of someone in the position of not having the means for Christmas please let us know – we would be happy to provide a hamper.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL To help provide financial assistance to the Australians who will spend Christmas in poverty call 13 18 12 or donate online at vinnies.org.au (giving the name of the conference in the field supplied 'Pascoevale 963'). Bank details as follows: Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Gift Fund
Bank: Commonwealth Bank BSB: 063 000 Account No: 106 07556 Reference: X21 + your conference ID Receipts given on request.

ADVENT PRAYER Vespers (Evening Pray) will be held each Thursday evening in the Church at 7pm beginning this Thursday 25th November 2021. (*Unknown Status*)

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES New Thanksgiving Envelopes can be collected after each Mass this weekend. Please let us know of any change of address or movement of parishioners.

VISITING BOOK Fr James would like to meet and greet parishioners. If you would like a home visit, please leave your name, address and phone no in book provided at front of church.

SPECIAL LEAVING COLLECTION A special collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation will be taken up as a leaving collection next weekend 27/28 Nov.

13/14 NOVEMBER ENVELOPE COLLECTION
Thanksgiving \$1396.10 Presbytery \$734.85

COVID19 Instructions Please see front page for vaccination status for Mass attendance. Face coverings mandatory indoors. Density quotient 1 person per 4sqm – 80 people indoors. QR code applies. Come 10 – 15 minutes before Mass. Vaccine status to be sighted.

Please continue to support St Oliver's Parish and Fr James. The link:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

You can also donate directly to the Presbytery Account

BSB: 083-347 ACC: 53102 0158

We are very grateful for your support at this time.