

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B

Entrance Antiphon Rv 5:12; 1:6

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.

A reading from the prophet Daniel Dn 7:13-14

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages be-
came his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **(R.)**

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **(R.)**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **(R.)**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse Rv 1:5-8

The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the

clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Mk 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.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 18:33-37

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Ps 28:10-11

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



Next week's readings:

First Reading: Jer 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

Second Reading: 1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2

Gospel Lk 21:25-28. 34-36



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The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Our Parish Vision Statement:

We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....

| CHURCH CENTRES | | St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads | Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road | St. Thomas More Church Belgrave Reynolds Lane | St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road |
|----------------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| MASS TIMES | WEEKEND | Vigil Mass 6.00pm | 9.00am (on zoom) | 9.am and 5.30pm | 11.00am |
| | WEEKDAY | | | 9.00am + mass on Zoom | |

Homily for the Solemnity of Christ the King— 21st November, 2021

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

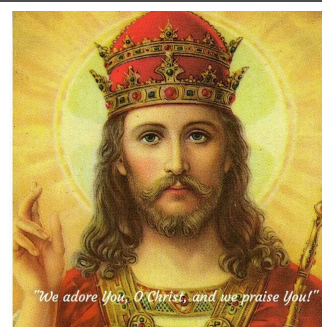
In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favorable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see John 17:6-18), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

Anniversaries:

Anthony Dale, Eng- Seong Tan, Jim Goodie, Trudy Francis, Carmelo Dell'Universita, Stephen Manion, Nelly Van Raay.

Prayer for the deceased:

Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

Fist Holy Communion masses

St. Thomas More School, Belgrave

21st November at 2pm

St. Paul's School, Monbulk

25th November 6pm

1st Sunday of Advent

28th November



Advent begins

CARLEI WINES

Order form



Carlei Wines is excited to give back to the community!

To Celebrate The Sacred Heart Church of Gembrook's 100th Birthday celebrations, Carlei Wines will be running a fundraiser; donating a percentage of all sales to the church!

Simply fill out the attached order form by 10/12/2021 Your order will be packed and ready for collection at the church.

The Parish will contact everyone once the orders are ready.

For more information on any of the wines listed, please email gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com



Extra Special Winery Offer!!

Spend over \$60 in one order and go into the draw to WIN a \$100 Voucher to be used at The Pine Grove Hotel!!

The link to our Facebook page for promoting the wine drive.

<https://fb.me/e/1cRHah8RP>

Wood 'n' Food Raffle

\$1 per ticket

Return your ticket sheet to gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com

PAYMENT details: OR DONATIONS
 Name of Account: Getting locals back on track
 Bendigo Bank
 BSB: 633 000
 Account: 187 292 313
 Reference: Wood(Last name)

1st Prize: \$440

Return your ticket sheet to gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com

All money raised goes to the Giulieri family to help raise a little girl Sis towards a brighter future, after the loss of her mother, Maureen.

Gift Vouchers
 2nd \$150 and
 3rd \$50



St. Thomas More Church Belgrave 9am mass

(Fully Vaccinated)

Full Vaccination Certificate & Single QR Code COVID-19 Check-In System registration via try booking or calling the respective person in your church.

The check in process as follows:

- On, arrival, please display your fully vaccinated certificate a digital or a printout. There will be a parish volunteer to assist you.
- Please scan the QR code displayed in the foyer
- Those who are unable to scan the QR code, please write your details in the list in the foyer.

Please call the parish office.....

The thanksgiving envelope no 56 giver, please contact the parish office during office hours on 97542141.

Thank you.

Pastoral Care Vacancy

Mercy Health will soon be advertising for suitably qualified people to work as pastoral carers at their aged care homes, Mercy Place Montrose and Mercy Place Boronia. These are permanent, part-time positions.

If you enjoy sharing the lives of older people by helping to nurture their emotional and spiritual wellbeing – this role may be for you. You will work closely with the local Catholic parishes and other faith communities.

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about this role, please call Michael Taylor on 0417 208 616.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2022

The Columban Calendar is available for purchase from the Parish Office.

Calendar can be purchased for \$10.00 during office hours Tuesday-Friday 10am to 2pm or from the parish priest on weekend.



Mass Times and mass booking

Mass bookings via 'try booking' those who are unable to book by try booking, please contact respective person:

- **Vaccination status: unknown**
- **Places of worship must use electronic record keeping through the Victoria Services QR App.**

Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook— Sunday 9am

(30 People DQ4) Vaccination status unknown

Mass bookings:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVEXP>

Try booking or contact Christine Borg on 0409 142 364.

St Joseph's Church, Emerald - Saturday 6pm

(30 People DQ4)Vaccination status unknown

Mass Bookings :

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVEXH>

Try booking or Contact Parish Office on 97542141 **before Saturday 12noon.**

St Paul's Church, Monbulk - Sunday 11.00am

(30 People DQ4) Vaccination status unknown

Mass Bookings :

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVEXJ>

Try booking or Contact Mim Van Haaster on 0409 005 176.

St Thomas More, Belgrave 9am and 5.30pm mass

Mass Booking

9am mass (**65 people DQ4) Fully Vaccinated**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVEXR>

5.30pm (**30 people DQ4) Vaccination status unknown**

Mass bookings :

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVOYW>

Bookings: Try booking or contact Parish office on 97542141 **before Saturday 12 noon.**