

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kurna People

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the Universe – Year A

26th November 2023



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Mass Times: Monday 8 pm Candlelit Mass

Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am, Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am

Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9:30am; 5:30pm

COMING UP:

Memorial Mass

Monday 27th November
8.00 pm

Volunteers Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, 3rd December
12 noon

2nd Rite Reconciliation

Tuesday 12th December
7pm

Advent Retreat

Saturday 16th December
9:15am - 3:30pm

Readings

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Ps 22: 1-3, 5-6

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Mt 25: 31-46

First Sunday of Advent Year B

Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8

Ps 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Cor 1: 3-9

Mk 13: 33-37

Celebrating Christ Our King



Today we celebrate the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universes. This feast marks the end of the liturgical year and on next Sunday we begin the season of advent and a new liturgical year. The Franciscan Order, following the lead of its great thirteenth century theologians St. Bonaventure and Blessed Duns Scotus, was instrumental in establishing the Feast of Christ the King and extending the celebration to the universal Church. But it was Pope Pius XI who brought the Feast of Christ the King into the liturgy in 1925 to bring Christ as Ruler, and Christian values, back into lives of Christians, into society, and into politics. Although Emperors and Kings now exist mostly in history books, we still honour Christ as the King of the Universe by enthroning Jesus in our hearts, surrendering our lives to God. This feast challenges us to see Christ the King in everyone, especially those whom our society considers the least important, and to treat each person with the same love, mercy, and compassion Jesus showed. Today's Gospel presents Christ the King coming in Heavenly glory to judge us, based on how we have shared our love and blessings with others through genuine acts of charity in our lives. Jesus is present to us now, not only as our Good Shepherd leading, feeding and healing his sheep, but also as dwelling in those for whom we care.

In most of the Messianic prophecies given in the Old Testament books of Samuel, Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah, Christ the Messiah is represented as a King. Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, the Prophet Micah announced His coming as King. "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrata, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days" (Micah 5:1). Daniel presents "One coming like a son of man ... to him was given dominion and Glory and Kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away and his Kingship is one that shall never be destroyed" (Daniel 7:3-14). The New Testament tells us that Jesus is the long-awaited King of the Jews. In the account of the Annunciation, (Lk1:32-33), we read: "The Lord God will make him a King, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the King of the descendants of Jacob forever and his Kingdom will never end."

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The Magi from the Far East came to Jerusalem and asked the question: (Mt 2:2) "Where is the baby born to be the King of the Jews? We saw his star... and we have come to worship him." During the royal reception given to Jesus on Palm Sunday, the Jews shouted: "Blessed is the King, who comes in the name of the Lord" (Lk 19:38). When Pilate asked the question: "Are you the King of the Jews?" (Jn 18:33) Jesus, in the course of their conversation, made his assertion, "You say that I am a King. For this was I born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the Truth. Everyone who belongs to the Truth listens to My Voice" (Jn 18:37). The Kingdom of God is the central teaching of Jesus throughout the Gospels. The word Kingdom appears more than any other word throughout the four Gospels. Jesus begins His public ministry by preaching the Kingdom. "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mk 1:14).

Assuming that Jesus is entitled to be thought of as king, how should that affect those who claim he is their king? In other words, how should it affect those calling themselves Christian? If we want to live in the kingdom, then Christ the king is the one who sets the standards, who shows us what kingdom life will be. Christ, who chooses to spend his time with the marginalised, the oppressed, the forgotten, Christ who is utterly committed to those whom nobody values, nobody respects, Christ who identifies himself so completely with "the least of these" that when we look at them, we know we are seeing him too. The hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the prisoner. Yes, people who need us, who need very specific care; not just a generalised expression of good will. They are people in whose faces we should expect to see the face of Christ. Thomas Merton observed that the kingdom of God is not one that preaches a particular doctrine or follows certain religious practices; it is the kingdom of those who love. That's what lies at the heart of our gospel today.

Let me conclude with this modern version of the last judgement scene:

I was hungry and you conducted a seminar on poverty

I was naked and you spoke about the moral sides of going around naked

I was a stranger and you instructed your children to be beware of the strangers

I was in prison and you spoke about the rightness of the punishment that I received

I was sick and you just sympathised with me....and still I continue to be hungry, thirsty, naked, a stranger, in prison and sick.

Janakumbudramalekol



Funeral Notice

The funeral of Josephine O'Leary will be on Thursday 30th November at 11.30am. Please keep Josephine and her family in your prayers.

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

Recently Deceased:

Sonia Bennie, Josie O'Leary, Des Fahey, Pamela Wolf, Jim Argue, Dragan Pribanic, Kathleen Mary Kuchel, Stanley Blackford, Noreen Fox, Monica Allen, Joe Scicluna, Bernado Forgione, Margaret Billing, Fr Peter Dunn, Savariya Pitchai, Steven Crichton, Kaye Pilkington, Patti O'Toole, Noreen Carey,

Anniversaries

Sick Parishioners

Amelia D'Aloia, Terry Cashin, Pat Berti, Rene Young, Mary Kennedy, Sharon Barber, Brendan Taylor, Rose Oteng, Julie Green, Noel Hocking, Maria Tinus, Brian Barden, Joan Dignan, Brian Fitzgerald, Lola Pedler, Margaret O'Connor, Margaret Kennedy, Robin Franks

Stewardship Reflection for 33rd Sunday

November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

Police Checks Updating

Please contact Ivy Hill: 0413 081 421 if your Working with Children Police Check needs updating.

The Southern Cross



The New Edition of the Southern Cross is available at the back of the Church for \$2. Please take one

Advent Giving Tree



Please return all gifts by Sunday December 3 to allow for sorting and distribution the following week.

There is again a need to request that no used or second-hand gifts be included in this appeal, as this has been a problem in some parishes in the past.

Thank you for your generosity and help in this worthy Christmas tradition in our parish.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Parish Planned Giving Program Renewal Volunteers Needed

It is almost three years since any renewal of the planned giving program was done in the parish. Looking at the parish finances over the past three years we can see a steady decline in our planned giving program and if it continues to be in the same way the parish is going to struggle.

We need to do a renewal program and the finance committee is looking for volunteers to run this program in the parish for the next year. The first meeting will happen on **Wednesday December 6th at 7 pm in the meeting room**. Please consider this as an urgent request for help and volunteer in organising this program. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help. Please come along to the meeting on 6th December to know more about how you will be able to assist.



Blokes Luncheon

On Friday 17th November 22 men from our parish shared an enjoyable afternoon in each others company. The food was good and \$180 was collected towards the parish's Advent Giving Tree.

Thankyou to all. The next lunch will be held on 16th February 2024. Please make a note in your diary

Children's Liturgy of the Word @ 9.30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of The Word

CLOW

build friendships as they discover the Gospel message and the love that Jesus has for them.

Children's Liturgy is appropriate for primary school aged children. However younger children are welcome to come along, with a parent or adult helper.

Anyone wanting to join the CLOW is welcome to contact the Parish Office or Barb Conlon.

Barb Conlon
Families and Faith Outreach Coordinator (Alpha)

Giving App



Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals. Or go to adelaide.goodgiving.com.au to set up direct giving from your computer.

Please note: 1st, 2nd and Special Collections are available on the app.

The QR code will automatically select the Henley beach parish.



November - The Month of Remembrance

November is the month when we as the church remember those of our family, friends and parishioners who have died.

We especially remember those who have gone to their heavenly reward this past year.

During November Fr Manu will pray and offer up intentions for the beloved deceased family and friends of:

B & G Malita and Greg Cutt

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." 11 Machabees 12:46

If you wish to have a Mass said for your deceased relatives and friends during the month of November, please fill in the envelope in your planned giving pack and place it in the second collection basket at Mass or drop off to the Parish Office.

November Mass envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who do **not** have a planned giving pack.

"May the Souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen"

Special invitation to attend our
Annual Memorial Mass.
We gather together as a Community to
especially remember our nearest and
dearest, who have
passed away this year.

Annual
Memorial
Mass

Monday 27th Nov
8pm Candlelit Mass

Knit & Natter



Our Group will be having a break until the New Year. I would like to thank our ladies who have knitted and crochet rugs, scarves and beanies all year for those in need. Thankyou to those who have donated wool. Merry Christmas.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David. Alleluia!**

**Advent Retreat Saturday 16th December
9:15am - 3:30pm in the Church**

Topic: "Don't Be Afraid, Mary;

The Day will Include:

Talks given by Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS

Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Silent

Reflection Reconciliation Benediction Prayer Ministry

Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee provided.

Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240
by 14th December Cost by donation All welcome

Second Rite Reconciliation

We will have second rite reconciliation celebrated in the parish in preparation for Christmas on Tuesday, 12th December at 7 pm. There will be priests from other parishes available for confessions on that day. Please use this opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation. In case you miss that day there will be opportunities for reconciliation on other days before and after the daily mass.



Volunteer's Weekend and Christmas Celebration

This year we will celebrate the Parish Volunteer's Weekend on 2nd and 3rd of December. We will celebrate the masses on weekend for the intentions of our dear volunteers who help the parish in our day to day running. There will be a volunteer's luncheon on December 3rd, 12 noon at the parish hall with carol singing. Please advise us regarding your participation using the following link or directly ringing the office.

<https://www.henleybeachparish.com.au/parish-events-2023#pvd2023>



Gingerbread Houses

Ginger Bread Houses only \$35 each. "Please order yours now at the back of church after mass and they will be delivered to masses on the 9th /10th of December.

Christmas Table



Christmas tables with loads of goodies are now available at the back of church. This is a great opportunity for you to pick some.

Gingerbread House Building day



On the 9th of December for those that would like to join in this fun filled, community day, please mark in your diaries. We would love to have you and your friends join us

for a couple of hours!

Coffee/tea/lunch and snacks all provided!

Contact Cheryl Wedding 0427 351 008



**CENTRAL UNIT MARRIAGE
ENCOUNTER**

**CHRISTMAS
PICNIC 2023**

**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER
10.30AM – 2.00PM**

Collins Reserve Valetta Rd Kidman Park

11am games begin – Quoits, Bowling, giant Dominoes, Totem Tennis; Children 12 & under to receive a lucky dip gift

BYO chairs, drinks, share plates – BBQ facilities available

RSVP to Irene & Greg by 25th November with number of children & ages
Phone 0400452522

Advent Reflection Group Meetings

A group of parishioners that have been preparing for Advent for a few years will meet for four morning sessions beginning at 10 am on Friday 1 December at the parish meeting room and subsequently every Friday of Advent till Christmas. We will be using the NSW Advent Book. Anyone wanting to join please contact Yvette on 0400 252 902.

Christmas Mass Volunteers



If you would like to volunteer for a ministry for one of the Christmas Masses, please complete the volunteer forms at the back of the church. All masses will be held in the Church this year, so we will need lots of people to help us with giving a warm welcome to everyone who comes to the celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas with us.

Baptisms in our Parish



We welcome into our Parish Community Liam, Alesija, Claudia, Felix, Austin, Ayla, Logan and George being baptised this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Weekly Bulletin

If anyone would like the weekly bulletin emailed to them please contact the office at:

welcome@henleybeachparish.com.au