



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Sunday, 24 November 2024

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Believe, you are all well under the mantle of Christ's love! Everything in our life is well directed by Jesus Christ who we glorify as our King this Sunday in a special way. On this august occasion, Rev. Peter Williams, Vicar General of the diocese of Parramatta, will be celebrating the 10am Mass and thereafter bless the lot for the construction of the admin office/priest's residence. We will have a special morning tea after the blessing. May I request you to join the celebration that the parish has been looking forward to for years! This is one of the God-given opportunities to come together and solidify our sense of belonging to one another. This is our project and we should be proud of achieving this with the grace and the guidance of God.

The feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to combat the growing secularism and atheism of his time; it is one of the so-called "idea feasts" that do not celebrate an event in the life of Jesus but rather some aspect of his identity. In it we recognise and honour Christ as ruler, a fantastic leader and universal shepherd. With today's celebration the liturgical year comes to a close and we begin the season of Advent from next Sunday.

"A beggar was going from door to door seeking alms and one day as he was going, he found the royal chariot coming towards him. He was now prepared to beg and get the maximum of alms. But the king performed a strange action. Instead of giving alms he asked the beggar to give him alms. The beggar was shocked and from his bag gave a little grain to the king. Then at dusk when he emptied his bag, he found the least little grain of gold. He wept bitterly and said, "I wish I had given the king all I had and would have become rich."- Tagore. The king wanted everything from the beggar so that the beggar could have everything in life. But the beggar missed the golden opportunity. On the cross the King Jesus gave everything including the last drop of blood and water that we may have life and that we live life to the full. He tells us that this kingdom is a moment of Joy and fulfillment.

The challenge of this feast is to recognise Christ our king in our daily routines, to recognise him in the poor, in the asylum seekers, refugees, victims of abuse, war and violence, less fortunate and underprivileged, in the elderly, in the neighbour who struggles with terminal illness, even the relative or neighbour who drives us crazy. Christ is at work not only in the actions of the ministers of the Church, but in the example the parents set for their children, the cordial relation to the neighbour, the respect for the rights of children, and in our efforts to share the blessings with the marginalised sector of society.

Christ's kingdom unfolds itself in bits and pieces when you and I choose right over wrong, self-giving over self-serving, hope over despair, caring over indifference, and integrity over duplicity. Christ's kingship is all about being credible and bearing witness to the ultimate Truth. Christ's kingdom is a reality in our midst today and every day.

The challenge of God's kingdom is:

To let God be God in us;

To let God be God in our church;

To let God be God in our neighbourhood;

To let God be God in our job, in our family, and in our world. (Sources duly acknowledged)

Look around and see the Kingdom of God in our midst of many selfless people who sacrifice their lives for the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our country. We could give expression to the kingdom of Christ in our active, and other-involved oriented faith life.

Happy Feast to every one of you!

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



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: Daniel, 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 became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 92:1-2,5

℟: 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. **℟**

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

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

Second reading: Revelation 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.

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!

Gospel: John 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.'

Communion Antiphon:

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

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 25th **St Catherine of Alexandria**, virgin, martyr
Saturday 30th **St Andrew**, apostle

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE ARRIVED HOME WITH THE HEAVENLY FATHER AND MAKE THIS PRAYER THROUGH OUT THIS WEEK

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Come into our heart, O God, as we remember our loved ones.

Come to us with light. Come into our presence, O God, as we give thanks for the lives of our loved ones who are now in your loving care. You loved them greatly in this life; now that they are freed from all their cares, give them happiness and peace for ever.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Amen.

You are invited to write down the names of your loved ones in the book of life at the entrance of the church. Throughout the month of November, the masses will be offered for our loved ones who have gone before us. The Mass intention envelopes are available at the entrance of the church.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS



I look forward to meeting with our volunteers of various ministries of our parish this

Friday 29th November at 4.30pm at the Parish Hall.

It will be a golden opportunity for everyone attending to enjoy great company, good food and to get to know each other which in turn will enhance our collaborative ministry in our community.

Fr. Vince



Congratulations to Harper

whose Baptism is this Saturday.

We welcome her to our Parish family.

Dear Parishioners,

As a fire safety precaution, due to an incident on Tuesday morning, tealight candles are not to be lit in the parish until further notice. Thank you, Fr Vince

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Maria Corazon Abello	Louela Davis
Edmund Chavernia	Romenda McGregor
Tom Nayler	Aileen Pelias
Robert Power	Danilo Delos Reyes
Maree Buttenshaw	Sandra Ylagan

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

Individual names of our beloved departed will not be published in the bulletin for the month of November. The masses throughout this month will be offered for everyone in the Book of Life.

PARISH ROSTERS

30/1 December 2024

	<u>Computer Operators</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Cleaning Ministry</u>	<u>Altar Society</u>
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Lynette Rodrigues	Eli Ogrizek Leah Garcia	Matilda S Harriet S	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	Lawrence Tsang Francis Mathew	Susan Boulous & Family	Lily Hon O.Ham Maria Greenfield
Sun 8.00am	Michael Majoor	Glenys Oxlee Rozz Morris	Maya R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong			
Sun 10.00am	Eddie Appleby	Sam Markarian Marco Tapiador	Priscilla M Angelina B Joanne J Chloe & Olvia G	Sheila Tapiador Elaine Gade			

Lawn & Garden

Volunteer Positions Available:

If you are able to assist, please contact Romeo via email: romqueza@hotmail.com

Thank you.



7/8 December 2024

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Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Anne-Marie Hewkins Sr Maureen	Oscar G Isabella W	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Dominic & Lynette Rodrigues	Anton Massillamany	Therese Ball Lesley Long
Sun 8.00am	Anne Marie Lyons	Gail Dick Anton Fernando	Maya R Cristian A	Helen Wong Lina Flores	Frank Camilleri	Vartguess Markkarian	
Sun 10.00am	Eddie Appleby	Lynette Rodrigues Linda Tsang	Ava E Isbella C Tashnie W Tashen W	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues	Lawn and Garden	Romeo Urqueza	Children's Liturgy Sunday 8/12/2024 at 10am

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



AVAILABLE FROM THIS WEEKEND

CHRISTMAS CARDS & 2025 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Your local Rydalmere Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society will be selling
2025 Columban Calendars: \$10.00 each
10 pack Christmas Cards: \$10.00 each

Proceeds go to our St Vincent de Paul Rydalmere Conference clients.

Thank you for your support.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME (SECOND COLLECTION)

If you would like to support the Parish through the Planned Giving Programme (Second Collection) please complete the application form located at the back of the church.

Parishioners are encouraged to increase their contribution to the second collection via Direct Debit or Credit Card.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Please continue to pray for the completion of the project of the Parish Admin Office and Priest Residence



Buy A Brick Donation Campaign



GROUP

We are working to engage young people aged between 12 and 35 to join our group.

We encourage our youth to come onboard.

If you would like to join us, we invite you to write your contact details on our Youth Group Register located at the back of the church.

The next Youth Group Meeting will be announced shortly.

For more details please contact:
Nazli Guler on 0426 243 016

Join Us for Our Monthly Parish Lunch

Dear Parishioners,

We're excited to invite you to our Monthly Parish Lunch! This is a wonderful opportunity to gather **once a month on a Sunday after 10am Mass** to enjoy great company and good food.

Each one pays for their own meal and drinks.

When: Sunday 22nd December 2024

Where: The Family Inn

Everyone is welcome—bring your family and friends!

This initiative aims to foster fellowship and strengthen our community ties.

For more details contact **Allison** on **0411 013 032**

If you would like to attend our next lunch, you are invited to write your name on the sheet located at the back of the church, this is to assist Allison with the booking reservation.
Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Every Wednesday 7:00pm

ROSARY at 3:00pm on the last Saturday of every month at Ermington Shopping Centre (near the Post Office).

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11:30 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Priest

Maritza Graciela
Parish Secretary
Tue/Wed/Thur/Fri
9:30am to 5:30pm

Deacon Leon
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator	Lynette Rodrigues
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator	Allison Markarian
Lectors Coordinator	Glenys Oxlee
Senior Server Coordinator	Anton Massillamany
Finance Chairman	Ron Della Vedova
St Vincent De Paul President	Ron Della Vedova
Rydalmen Coordinator	Mark Bannister
Social Celebrations Coordinator	Nancy Grugan

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