

Weekly Bulletin

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sunday, 22 November 2026

The gospel reading (Mt 25:31-46) for the feast of Christ the King reminds us that the son of Man will come as judge and as a shepherd. It heightens the majesty of Christ by judging everyone according to our deeds.

How will we be judged? Well according to the gospel reading, we must accept that there is a limit to everything. There is a consequence in everything we do. We cannot be forever playing games with God. If we do not fix our ways now [vices, complacency, inaction, negligence, insensitivity, false values, wrong priorities], we will not fare well in the time of judgment.

With this, we are asked to interpret what we see in the needy. If we see Jesus in them and extend assistance to them, we will be judged favourably. If not, then we will be condemned

Any kindness done to a person, however lowly and primarily because he is lowly and ignored by society, is kindness done to Jesus himself – Jesus rewards those who give joy to others, and this does not cost much.

On the other hand, Jesus will say to those of us who did nothing for them, *"Depart from me, you accursed, into eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'*

We are not judged for the positions we hold in the community, nor on our social status, academic records, wealth, heroic deeds, etc. Neither will we be judged by the number of prayers we say daily unless our prayers lead us to greater love of God which in the service of the poor—the *least in society*. Rather, we will be judged for very simple acts of compassion and kindness we extend to Christ in the many faces of the *"least of my brothers"*. Because each one of us can do any act of compassion and kindness, it is possible for all of us to *inherit the kingdom*.

Obviously, society was less complicated when Jesus spoke of standards for judging us. These days, for example, the act of giving water can also mean digging together a community well or an irrigation canal or conserving so that others will have more. To feed the hungry and to clothe can mean creating employment and making green again the mountains so that we may have bountiful harvests in plains. To visit the sick can mean supporting a home for the aged or street children and promoting the culture of life; and to visit prisoners can mean working for the discriminated and marginalised of society. There are other ways we can extend compassion to the needy among us today.

The Feast of Christ the King is the occasion for us to give to the Lord of Heaven and Earth. What better way to do so than to do simple things for the *"least of my brethren"*? To gauge how well we are faring in this all-important matter, let us answer this question right now: If Jesus comes as Judge right now, will he be able to say to us, *Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom?* If not, then we still have a lot of work ahead of us.

This Sunday's Readings



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.

First reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord will judge between sheep and sheep

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6

℟: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. ℟

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. ℟

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ℟

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. ℟

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father; so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power.

For he must be king *until he has put all his enemies under his feet* and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessing on him, who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 25:31-46

I was naked and you clothed me; sick, and you visited me.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon: Ps 28: 10-11

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Book of Life and Mass Intention Envelopes:

You are all 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. Mass intention envelopes are also available at the entrance of the church - you can complete & drop these into the box provided.

May our loved ones rest in peace. Amen.



Let us pray for the...

Wellbeing & Health

Benny Adile
George Asic
Cristina Assuncao
Mario Borsellino
Maree Buttenshaw
Kath Clinton
Margaret Constable
Patrick Coughlan
Den-Toll Family
Younis Family
Al Alam Family
Michael Doherty
Darryl Fernandes
Patrice Gelle
Daniel Hamilton
David Hilvano
Klara Jakober
Janine
Denise Kassis
Lorna Lagarto
Rey Legaspi
Maria-Trinidad Lim
Fr Michael Maroun
Romenda McGregor
Joan Nayler
Nelune Rajapakse
Rosemary Romeo
Ned Powlr
Kaz Seremet
Hayden Thomson
Rosa Urqueza
Alexander Velasquez
Alan Tracy Villarosa
Pia Ylagan
Gladys Harvey
Aidan Daniel A. Portas
Samantha, Florence, Simon & Arlette
Natalie Coghlan

Let us pray that the souls of our dearly beloved rest in peace and may their entire family take courage and hope from the Risen Christ!

PARISH ROSTERS

21/22 November 2026

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Lynette Rodrigues	Nada Coorey Anne-Marie Hewkins	Cristian A. Clareese M.	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Kathleen Burrows Barbara Rosario Geoff Rosario	Thess Davidson & Family	Therese Ball Lesley Long
Sun 8.00am	Michael Majoor	Anne Marie Lyons Anton Fernando	Jensen M. Judah M.	Eric & Lina Flores		**Children's Liturgy** Jane Homann Delilah Rodrigues	
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Linda Tsang Jessica Tapiador	Alessandro C. Isabella N. Tashnie W. Tashen W.	Lynette & Dominic Rodrigues			

28/29 November 2026

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Yolanda & Romeo Urqueza	Harriet S. Zachary C.	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Francis Mathew Lynette & Dominic Rodrigues	Anton & Anne Fernando	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Sheila Tapiador
Sun 8.00am	Anthony Wong	Michael Clark Ron Della Vedova	Maya R. Tara C.	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong			**Lawn & Garden** Michael Clark
Sun 10.00am	Lynnette Rodrigues	Sam Markarian Marco Tapiador	Sage G.	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

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RYDALMEN
The next Rydalmen will be on Thursday, 26th November at 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

TOPIC:
Who is the Holy Spirit and why do we need the Holy Spirit in our lives.



To protect our new carpet, we kindly ask that **NO** hot drinks (eg. coffee or tea) be brought into the church. Water and baby bottles are welcome.
Thank you for your understanding and care for our church!

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 to enjoy great company and good food.
Each one pays for their own meal and drinks.
When: Sunday 29 Nov. - 11:30am
Sunday 13 Dec. - 11:30am
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 and/or to RSVP,
Contact: Allison on 0411 013 032.

Coffee on the Wall

Caffè sospeso



Some acts of kindness are dramatic enough to be noticed. This one fits on a tiny piece of paper.
A person walks into a café, buys a cup of coffee for himself, and quietly pays for another.
No recipient is chosen.
No photograph is taken.
No thank-you is expected.
The extra coffee simply waits until someone needs it.

That simplicity is what gives the **"Two Cups of Coffee – One on the Wall"** story so much of its emotional power.
The generosity matters, of course. But so does the way the gift is given.
The person receiving the coffee is not made to beg the donor.
The donor is not present to receive praise.

And the waiter serves the coffee with the same dignity he would offer anyone else.

It is a story about giving — but perhaps even more importantly, it is a story about ***how we give, how we receive, and what becomes possible when compassion is built into the ordinary places of everyday life.***

RED NOVEMBER MASS – Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)
Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral as we pray in solidarity with persecuted and suffering Christians around the world.
📅 Wednesday 25 November
🕖 7:30 pm
📍 St Patrick's Cathedral
🙏 Celebrant: Bishop Vincent
A collection will be taken up to support the work of ACN, a Pontifical Foundation supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.
Pray. Support. Stand in Solidarity.
For more information, please visit www.rednovember.org

PARISH WORKING BEE



The Parish is planning a Working Bee in readiness for Christmas.
Day & Date: Saturday, 28 November 2026
Time: After the 9:15 am Mass
Activities:



*Lawn mowing *Cleaning windows in the presbytery & church *Cleaning & tidying up the garden area *Cleaning & fixing up the Bulletin Boards at the Church Entrance
Please fill in the forms on the table at the entrance of the church and drop them into the "Mass Intentions" wooden box or call Mark Bannister on 0400 808 004.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am
Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Every Wednesday 7:00pm

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)
Saturday 8:30 am

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

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

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

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Priest

Cecilia
Parish Secretary
Tue/Wed/Thur/Fri
9am to 4pm

Deacon Leon
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator:	**Lynette Rodrigues**
Catechists Coordinator:	**Diane O'Shea**
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**
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