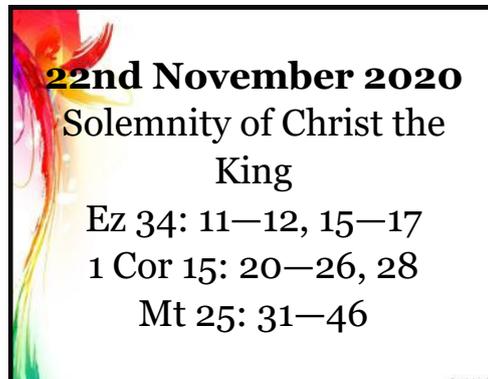




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22nd November 2020

Solemnity of Christ the King

Ez 34: 11–12, 15–17

1 Cor 15: 20–26, 28

Mt 25: 31–46

There can be no Kingdom of God in the world without the Kingdom of God in our hearts.

In 1925, the atheism of the Nazis and communists surged forth and threatened the Christian world. Secularism was on the rise and the Church decided to fight against these ideologies by emphasizing the sovereignty of Jesus Christ and his final triumph over evil and injustice. Peace would never be achieved, wrote Pius XI, until and unless individuals and nations accepted the “rule of our Saviour”. The Feast of Christ the King was established as a reminder to all about who is ultimately and eternally in charge. Since that crucial moment in the history of the world, the Church has ended each liturgical year with this great feast dedicated to Christ the King. The new liturgical year begins with Advent next Sunday. What is the key message for us as we celebrate this solemn feast?

There is a story about a little girl who was standing with her grandfather by an old-fashioned open well. They had just lowered a bucket and had drawn some water to drink. She asked her grandfather: “Lolo (Grandfather), where does God live?” the old man picked up the little girl and held her over the open well. “Look down the water,” he said, “and tell me what you see.” “I see myself,” said the little girl. “That’s where God lives,” said the old man, “He lives in you.”

Christ’s kingdom implies not just a place but God’s active rule or reign in people’s hearts from which their motives, values, and attitudes originate. That’s why Christ declared: “The kingdom of God is within you.” Meaning, if people’s hearts and attitudes are truthful, just, honest, caring, then God’s kingdom is there.

God’s Kingdom reflects itself in our care for the poor, needy, strangers, migrants and asylum seekers who are created in ‘the image and likeness of God’. COVID-19 has laid bare a world of inequality, poverty and devastation of our planet, and poses the challenge and the urgency to recognize Christ as King and fight for the values of the Kingdom.

The enormous and unprecedented problems of the world are overwhelming that we tend to throw up our arms and say, “What can I do? I’m so small and insignificant?”. The truth is that 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.

Pope Francis in addressing the Poland’s Catholic clergy in July 2016 said, “that the key challenge of the Gospel is that it remains unfinished—that Jesus looks to us to ‘take concrete care’ of his wounds by serving our brothers and sisters, ‘those close at hand and those far away, the sick and the migrant. The Gospel remains an open book that we are called to write by the works of mercy we practice. By serving those who suffer, we honour the flesh of Christ.’ Further he added, that “Jesus directs us to a one-way street: that of going forth from ourselves;” ‘It is a one-way trip, with no return ticket. It involves making an exodus from ourselves, losing our lives for his sake and setting out on the path of self-gift.” (July 30, 2016). I think this can be applicable to every baptised Christian in following Jesus.

Christ the King says that we should be looking after the least among us. The least can mean those who have no power base from which to speak or act; the least can be those who are presently deprived economically due to rash governmental decisions; the least can be those who are abused on the basis of gender, race; the least can be those children and students who are confused by the present complexities of the world due to the pandemic, etc... Jesus says, “Just as you did it to one of these least, you did it to me”. St. Teresa of Calcutta used to teach the “five-finger Gospel.” There is a video of her holding a man's hand, palm up. Beginning with the thumb, she says, “You. Did. It. To. Me.” Mother Teresa emphasized that you don't need to go to Calcutta to practice the five-finger Gospel. We have people near us needing our love, time, understanding and appreciation, respect, acknowledgement etc. As we reach out to these people, we do to Jesus himself.

The Church in that particular country side had the names of 10 families fixed to receive food baskets on the eve of Thanksgiving Day. A local merchant donated some groceries and the rest of the food items were purchased from the food bank. The families were excited to receive these baskets as it would be the best meal many of them had enjoyed in months. As they were picking these boxes, another family arrived. Father, mother and three children piled out of an old truck and came inside the hall. This was a new family, not on the list. They just heard about the food distribution by the Church.

The person in charge explained that they did not have enough for an extra family. And as he was trying to assure them over a probability, an amazing thing happened. With no prompting, a woman put down the box she was carrying and quickly found an empty box to place beside it. She began removing items from her box to share. Soon others followed her lead, and these people created an 11th box for the new family.

This 11th box is the best definition of the kingdom of God... and perhaps now we can understand the significance of the feast of Christ the King. (Sources duly acknowledged)

God’s blessings

Fr. Vince



PARISH NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
 Time flies... Tuesday, November 24, marks the First Anniversary of the Blessing of our Church. Much as we want to celebrate this occasion in a grand manner, COVID has restricted us. Nonetheless, we shall mark this with a thanksgiving celebration of the Mass on Tuesday evening (24/11) 7pm. I, therefore, invite you to participate in the Mass and make this memorable for our parish community.
 In view of this, may I request you to register your names by going to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1st-year-anniversary-mass-of-st-madeines-parish-tickets-129814309093>. If you need assistance registering, please call the parish office on 9654 2260. Looking forward to celebrating the milestone of our parish life with you. Fr. Vince



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:
 1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$610.90
 2nd Collection (for Parish) Envelopes = \$1196.00
 Loose = \$1070.85
 Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2000
TOTAL OF 2ND COLLECTION = \$4266.85

If you would like to donate to the parish or have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 9654 2260.
Thank you for your generosity!

Social Justice @ St Mads

As we build our sister relationship with Cailaco parish in Timor Leste, it would be good to send some Christmas messages from our parish to Cailaco. We will be collating these messages to email closer to Christmas, if you are interested please email sue@kcj.net.au your hello message. A new initiative from Australia Post for NAIDOC week, writing the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander country in the address field. Advice from Australia Post to ensure that the item will be delivered correctly we recommend that the Traditional Place name is included below your name or company name, but above the street address. For us it would be Dharug Country. Our Vinnies Christmas appeal is open. <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/2020-christmas-appeal-st-madeleine-s-parish-kenthurst>
 This week the online launch of Green Faith International and the Sacred People Sacred Earth campaign was held. We have offered to host an event next March 11th. <https://greenfaith.org/take-action/sacred-people-sacred-earth/>



BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session will be on **Saturday, 5 December at 4:30pm** in the function centre. Please ring or email the office to book in: 9654 2260 (Tue-Fri, 10am -4pm) stmads@yahoo.com.au
 Families who completed their preparations are welcome to get in touch with the office to schedule their child's baptism.



We call parishioners together to pray the Rosary as we ask Our Lady to intercede for God's blessing on us. On Thursdays, after mass, join us to pray the rosary, especially in this month of November for the souls in Purgatory.
 When: Thursdays; Time: 9.45am;
 Contact: Kay - 0429965858; Lydia Ceccato - 0400372561



Congratulations to the newly baptised!

22nd
 November 2020
 Vincenzo Manfre



Book Club is continuing via zoom. We are reading a thought provoking book called The Universal Christ, Part 2, by Richard Rohr. In this radical message of hope, Rohr shows how "Jesus" + "Christ" reveal the divine wholeness at the heart of things--and what that means for every one of us. If you would like to join our Zoom group on Tuesday 24 November at 7.30pm send me an email to register. careyannemoylan@hotmail.com



Come join us via zoom on Tuesday mornings at 10.30 am for an hour to pray and discuss the coming Sunday's gospel. If you would like to know more about the gospels, what it can mean to your life, pray with others, or just make new friends we would love you to join us. For more info and Zoom details, contact Careyanne at careyannemoylan@hotmail.com or 0438 791 813



Our parish is a community gathered to worship God, bring His light to the world and care for his body. We have responded to this by creating the **St Mads Care Group** whose mission is "to bring Christ's light through giving hope and service to others." Our aim is to "provide to members of our parish practical support and care such as meals, transport, shopping and assistance". If you are interested in joining us, would be willing to cook an occasional meal for those in need or know of anyone who needs assistance, please contact us through Bernadette, 0418 248 256



Happiest of birthdays to Ann Noot who turned 90 years old on Saturday, 21st November. God bless you!



Congratulations to Stephanie Fraser and Louis Ramsey who will be married this weekend. God bless you and your family!



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For healing of the sick
 David Parslow, Maureen Burke, Murphy Family, Kerry Rogers, Michael O'Conner, Aureen Dunn, Nancy Anne Kazzi, Aura Krakowski, June Brennen, John Spencer, Keith Dawson, Joe Fuda, India, Vince Luca, Kylie Baker, Lara Sawaya, Sheila Cañabano, Candida Irugalbandra, Florence Smith, Gregory Borg, Maria Peach, Paul Byrne, Andy, Patrick Breen, Jacqueline Kelly, Tricia, Michael Foley, Samuel Abella, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Giuseppe Grasso, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Faye Willing, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel



**If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please let us know by email, phone call, or by dropping a note in the locked box outside the parish office.*

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator:
Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud
Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil
Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin
Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton
RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator:
SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones
Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo
Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt
Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan

Property Maintenance Manager: Rick Jones
Piety Stall: Sandra Tabone
Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman
Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle
Finance Committee Chair: Aaron Cauchi

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

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Rev Jessie Balorio

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Yvette Jacobs

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Sally Coppini

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

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Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

TBA

Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays

9:45—10:15 Fridays - Adoration

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the 9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every Sunday at 11:20
(Must make a booking)

Weddings: By appointment

We thank God for blessing this community with a beautiful new church one year ago on the 24th November 2019...



We are grateful to the many parishioners and volunteers who continue to give their time and effort in the growth of our parish community. May God continue to bless us and guide us in His ways!

Join us for live-stream Masses on Sunday at 10 am on

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Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
Feast Day:
23 November



"¡Viva Cristo Rey!"—Long live Christ the King!—were the last words Pro uttered before he was executed for being a Catholic priest and serving his flock.

Born into a prosperous, devout family in Guadalupe de Zacatecas, Mexico, Miguel entered the Jesuits in 1911, but three years later fled to Granada, Spain, because of religious persecution in Mexico. He was ordained in Belgium in 1925.

Father Pro immediately returned to Mexico, where he served a Church forced to go "underground." He celebrated the Eucharist clandestinely and ministered the other sacraments to small groups of Catholics.

He and his brother Roberto were arrested on trumped-up charges of attempting to assassinate Mexico's president. Roberto was spared, but Miguel was sentenced to face a firing squad on November 23, 1927. His funeral became a public demonstration of faith. Miguel Pro was beatified in 1988.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/blessed-miguel-agustin-pro>



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

Positions Vacant:

Head of Mission Integration – Caritas Australia

For more details, please visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/about/jobs/positions-vacant>

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

This Christmas, let us unite in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships. You can help give people the emotional and practical support they need to live their lives in love and joy. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. We also highly recommend wearing masks to Mass and other services. You are encouraged to check with your parish on what measures they have in place before attending. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website www.parracatholic.org/covid19

Permanent Diaconate Information Session: 12 December

Couples considering a call to the Permanent Diaconate are invited to attend an information session on Saturday 12 December from 10am to 12noon at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. Couples who decide to proceed with the discernment process will be asked to meet with the Vocations Committee in 2021. To RSVP, please contact Deacon Willy Limjap on 0428 332 619 or wilmjap@gmail.com or Deacon George Bryan on 0408 440 769 or George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

Red Wednesday. On 25 November the Pontifical Foundation Aid to the Church in Need is asking Catholics around the world to commemorate Red Wednesday and pray in solidarity with those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their faith. Find out more: www.redwednesday.org.

Masses for the Holy Souls: During the month of November Aid to the Church in Need is encouraging the faithful to arrange Masses on behalf of loved ones and for the souls that have nobody to pray for them. Find out more: www.aidtochurch.org/november

Gifts of Faith: A Gift of Faith is a Christmas present given in place of a material gift. You can arrange multiple Gifts of Faith for children, grandchildren, godchildren, siblings, cousins, co-workers, friends and parishioners.



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	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Joe Touma	Jhun Javier
	READERS	Justin Kyngdon Anne Kyngdon	Nigel Saunders Belinda Da Ruos	Sandra Tabone Careyanne Moylan	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Matilda Rogers Addison Bayly-Pike	Patrick McNeil	Kerstin Grima Jack Treak	Thomas & James Barker
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella and Belle Craig		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
FLOWERS	Arranged by Linda Boffo-Pellizer		ALTAR LINEN	Pat Brush	
28/29 NOV	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating Belinda Da Ruos	Maureen & Rick Jones	Teresa Capaldi	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Phyllis Hannah	
	READERS	Mary Sammut Paul Cashman	Anthony Hooper Gerry McArdle	AnnMarie Duncan Marietta Nesci	Simmy Cesamolo
	JNR MINISTERS	Dom Bruggeling	Bailey & Casey Gambrill	Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	COUNTERS	Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	To be announced
	FLOWERS	Donated by Teresa Capaldi Arranged by Maureen, Mari and Pauline		ALTAR LINEN	Pat Brush