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24th November 2024 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

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

Children's Liturgy during school term

Weekday Masses

9:15am Tuesdays to Fridays

9:45am - 10:15am Fridays - Adoration

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

at 11:30am

(Must make a booking)

Weddings: By appointment



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You say that I am king

Dan 7:13-14, Rev 1:5-8, Jn 18:33-37

COMMENTARY: As we come to the end of another liturgical year, the feast of Christ, King of the Universe, gives us the opportunity to consider the priorities we wish to live by in our troubled world. This universality is described with the vision of 'one like a son of man', who we identify as Christ himself, from the book of Daniel (First Reading). Christ's sovereignty is eternal. It is not exclusive, and shall never be destroyed. The Psalm picks up this theme of kingship and majesty. Christ, as Son of God, has reigned from the beginning of time. In the Second Reading from the Apocalypse, Christ is called the Alpha and the Omega. He has rescued us from our sins and will be made manifest when he comes again on the clouds of heaven. The Gospel brings us to the essential question. What kind of king is Jesus? As Pilate questions him, Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world; it is not a kingdom of pomp and power and glory. Christ has come to testify to the truth. May we pray this week that all humankind may be united in Christ, so that he can offer to the Father a people 'of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace'.

GOSPEL John 18: 33-37 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Pilate asked.

Jesus replied, 'Do you say 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 testimony to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my

voice.'

REFLECTION As I begin to pray, I ask the Holy Spirit to be with me, to help me and lead me. I

pause, and think of God's presence holding me in his love. I turn to the Gospel and read it

slowly. I consider the meeting between these two men, Jesus and Pilate, two leaders.

What do I learn from the leadership Jesus shows? Maybe I see his dignity, his confidence, his

fearlessness, his self-knowledge or his sense of direction . . . ? Where does this come from? Is

there anything in his leadership that I would like to emulate? I ponder this and speak to him.

How do I see Pilate? Perhaps unsure, fearful, anxious but willing to please . . . ? When am I

like this? I turn to Jesus? What do I want to ask for? Maybe a clearer sense of purpose? Or a

confidence that he will lead me . . . ? I speak of this, and spend time in silence so that I can

listen to his voice. Before ending, I pray for all world leaders, of all faiths and all states. May

Christ the King of peace inspire and lead them.

Prepared by St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK.

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chacal

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

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Parish Council Chair: Sally Coppini

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Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Baptism of Primary Children: please contact the parish office if you have a primary school child that you would like baptised Register by Tuesday, 4 February 2025
Baptism preparation Saturday, 1 March 2025
Baptism Sunday, 9 March 2025

Reconciliation: For baptised Catholic children Year 3 or above. Enrolment forms available in February 2025 and all documents due in the parish office 7 March 2025. Parent Information evening Tuesday, 11 March 2025.

*I ask our Lord Jesus Christ to grant that His Sacred Heart may continue to pour forth the streams of living water that can heal the hurt we have caused, strengthen our ability to love and serve others, and inspire us to journey together towards a just, solidary and fraternal world. Until that day when we will rejoice in celebrating together the banquet of the heavenly kingdom in the presence of the risen Lord, who harmonizes all our differences in the light that radiates perpetually from his open heart.
May he be blessed forever*

Pope Francis—He Loved Us, encyclical on the Sacred Heart of Jesus (220).

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

St Mad's Christmas Hamper Appeal Please bring a hamper for a family for Christmas, Sunday 10am mass December 8th. Shopping cards are OK as well. Hampers will be delivered via Holy Family Emerton to needy families this Christmas.

Social Justice @ St Mads Many people in our communities' struggle to find work due to a disability, their status as people seeking asylum, or even both. Challenges multiply where several factors of disadvantage and marginalization overlap. At the Table Talk on 28th November 6-8:30pm at Blacktown Bede Heather Centre, you will hear and discuss powerful stories from people affected by overlapping challenges. Participate in meaningful small group conversations, ask questions, and learn how you can play a part in creating positive social change.

PARISH ADVENT BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 8:30AM-10AM

Please join us as we learn from Marian Piper and Meg Thomas who have close connections with volunteering in Uganda. Marian recently nursed at the School for Life Foundation set up by a Sydney sider and Meg's family have helped sponsor family networks in Uganda. A chance to stop and reflect and prepare in Advent. Bring a plate if you can. Sign up sheets are in the Church foyer.

INVITATION: ALL VOLUNTEERS

It would be wonderful for everyone to come together to celebrate our God-given talents and skills for the growth of His Kingdom

Friday, 6 December 2024

At 6.30pm

In the St Madeleine Centre

RSVP Maureen Jones 0419 512 252

YOUTH GROUP

The next youth group meeting
will be
Sunday 1st December
after the 5.30pm Mass.

RETIRED PARISHIONERS' & FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S

12NOON HEALING MASS

FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

Friday, 13 December 2024

RSVP by Friday, 6 December

Jenny Puleo 0414 650 011

Lesley Gangemi – 0408 758 548

St Madeleine Sophie's Daily Prayer

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Give me a heart that is
one with your own;
A humble heart that knows
and loves its nothingness;
A gentle heart that holds and
calms its own anxiety;
A loving heart that has compassion
for the suffering of others;
A pure heart that recoils even at the
appearance of evil; A detached heart that longs
for nothing other than
the goodness of heaven;
A heart detached from self-love and
embraced by the love of God,
its attention focused on God,
its goodness its only treasure in time
and in eternity

PRAYER AT ST MADS

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS



Tuesday at 10.30am via Zoom.
Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813
or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

PRAYER GROUP



Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre: Explanation of Sunday Mass Gospel, Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy



ST MAD'S BOOK CLUB

To register contact Careyanne on careyannemoylan@hotmail.com



RCIA

For enquires contact the Parish Office



ST MADS ROSARY

Thursday after morning Mass
Monday Rosary Via Zoom Contact Lydia Ceccato 0400 372 561



BAPTISM PREPARATION

First Saturday of the month in the St Madeleine centre: Ring/email Parish office for booking 9654 2260 kenthurst@parracatholic.org

Pope Francis new encyclical "He Loved us" on the Sacred Heart of Jesus can be found at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html>

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Please ensure your details are kept up to date

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. You can drop off the envelopes at the weekend Masses or the parish office or you can do it electronically to:

Account Name : Kenthurst Catholic

Church BSB : 067950

Account Number : 100000064

Parishioners wishing to donate or pledge their giving via direct debit, please pick up the form at the church for completion and return to the office.

Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,573.40

2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$839.00 Loose = \$1,129.75

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,864.38

Our Community

VOLUNTEERS Please contact the office if you are able to donate flowers for the Church as a one-off or on a regular basis.

Please also contact the parish office if you can help as a reader, musician, cleaner, welcomer, powerpoint operator or with morning tea. All volunteers please ensure we have current contact details.

The Volunteer registration form found at the back of the Church or use the QR Code.



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PAGEANT 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass

For this year's Vigil Mass we will be having a nativity pageant.

There is a sign up sheet in the Church foyer if you would like to register your child to participate.

There will be short practices after the 10am Mass on 8, 15 and 22 December

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S: Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre for a casual morning tea. Perhaps meet up with some old friends - or make some new ones. Everyone is welcome.

Our next get together will be:

Friday, 29th November at 10am.

If you would like to come but require transport please contact the parish office on 9654 2260.



APPEAL WEEKEND 7 & 8 DECEMBER

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL -

THE DEVASTATING AND UNRELENTING IMPACTS OF THE COST OF

LIVING As households feel the continued brunt of unrelenting cost-of-living pressures and have no expenses left to cut back on, Vinnies members and programs are responding to increasing demand. Close to 100,000 people have been supported across the state by members over the last year. For many, they are living in a constant state of 'survival mode' and cannot envision a brighter future. Everyone deserves access to the essentials needed to live with dignity. Even in difficult times, people should feel secure knowing they can afford a home, put food on the table, pay their bills, and maintain their health. This is especially true at Christmas. Fortunately, the Society can offer the support people need with food, clothing, household bills and more, along with connecting them with ongoing assistance and services. Funds raised through the Christmas Appeal will ensure Vinnies can continue to provide a 'hand-up' and hope to those in need in the local community this Christmas and into the new year

FROM THE PASTORAL PLAN 2024-2028: BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

From the ancient truism, Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi (as we worship, so we believe, so we live), we are challenged that liturgy is not just an add-on to our faith lives but an essential expression of it. We recognise the need to continually renew and strengthen our liturgical celebrations so that all the baptised may truly participate in the life of the Church." (Pg. 43, Pastoral Plan). Learn how the Synodal Church invites us to strengthen our liturgy: www.parracatholic.org/synodality

Diocesan Notices

PJE TABLE TALK "DISABILITY – UNEMPLOYMENT – SEEKING ASYLUM: NAVIGATING MULTIPLE CHALLENGES IN AUSTRALIA" :

28 NOVEMBER Please join us for our final diocesan table talk to hear and discuss powerful stories from people affected by overlapping challenges. Participate in meaningful small group conversations and learn how you can play a part in creating positive change: 28 November 2024, 6:00pm – 8:30pm, Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light dinner will be served on arrival. Find out more and register at parracatholic.org/pjetabletalk

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL OFFICE The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org



Homeless young mothers and their children desperately need your help this Christmas

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will provide practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home.

parracatholic.org/appeal

The Bishop's Christmas Appeal will take place next weekend

Please contact the parish office if you are sick and would like to organise a home visit by Fr Giovanni

PARISH WORKING BEE: Saturday, 14 December

Sign up sheet in the Church

PLAYGROUP Next date for **CRAFT ACTIVITIES**

SUPPLIED BY BUNNINGS: Thursday 28 November

PIETY SHOP

2025 Columban calendars \$10
Christmas Cards \$8 per pack of 10
Advent booklet \$5

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		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
23 & 24 Nov	WELCOMERS	Corrie Sebire	Carmel & Mike O'Connell Brendan Ford	Pierre & Sally Coppini	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Phyllis Hannah	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop Pat Waters	Maria Fry Eileen Sherlock	Sandra Tabone Sue Martin	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle
	JNR MINISTERS	Fred & Xavier		Joyah & Aaliyah	Sophia B & Sofia M
	MUSICIANS		Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Corrie Sebire & Sandra Tabone		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
	FLOWERS	Nick Ceroli		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino
30 Nov - 1 Dec		5:30PM VIGIL	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY	5.30PM SUNDAY
	WELCOMERS	Anne Kyngdon	Rosa & Tony Carlino	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Joseph Spina
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	Dianne Millington	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Anne Kyngdon Justin Kyngdon	Nigel Saunders Rick Di Cristoforo	Karla Quinn Roslyn Earl	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	JNR MINISTERS	Jacinta, Amelia & Roderick		William, Max & Elsie	Benjamin
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Tony Hooper		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
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