The Living Word

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B 24 November 2024

First Reading Dn 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 be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

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

3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.

Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. (R)

Second Reading Rv 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.

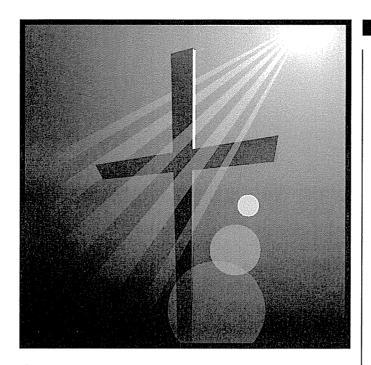
Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9, 10

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 Jn 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.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of The Christ the King. conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming that would authority and power inevitably to challenging lead authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine -Pilate. Jesus. of course. had completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status the first - in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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Parish Secretary: Mrs Daniella Sutera
Parish Mission Ambassador: Ms Josephine Barnes
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: OCEAN GROVE: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 9:00am

QUEENSCLIFF:

Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass, and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

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Please visit our website for all information:

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Please send in bulletin notices by 1:00pm on Thursdays

If you would like a deceased loved one(s) prayed for on their anniversary, please contact the parish office on 5258 1673 or queenscliff@cam.org.au by 1:00pm on Thursdays.

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE, Year B

Recently Deceased: John Drury and Tom Connellan.

<u>Anniversaries 24th November to 30th November</u>: Marisa Bernazzoli, Lisa White and Molly & Harold Pretlove.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Naomi Bianco, Jacqueline Blake, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Mary Gladwin, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Michelle Mahoney, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Cathy Williams and Peter Williams.

ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM), WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

OCEAN GROVE: 1st December at 9:00am:

(C) Janine Fitzpatrick (L) Lachlan Fitzpatrick (SM) Jo Ballard, Judy Considine (W) Michael & Barbara Hardy.

QUEENSCLIFF: 1st December at 11:00am:

(C) Tony Frizza (L) Roger Furphy (SM) Adrian Scott (W) Sandra Gould.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 26th November at 10:00am:

David Millie and Sam Sammut.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office.

For all Safeguarding updates, please visit the parish website:
www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/
We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

World Youth Day, 24th November 2024: this year's theme "Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary" (Is 40:31). Message of the Holy Father Francis for the 39th World Youth Day 2024.

Hospitality Sunday: will take place next weekend, **Sunday 1**st **December**, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. All welcome!

Expressions of Interest – timbers pews: there are a number of old timber church pews (approx. 1.4m and 2.4m) in the parish hall which are surplus to our requirements and need to be removed. Each pew is solid timber, and would make ideal seats for indoor/outdoor or verandah use. Asking price \$300 each or by negotiation. If you are interested, speak to or contact Tony Frizza (0400 091 946).

CatholicCare Pastoral 2024 Appeal 2024 – THANK YOU! Last weekend, we conducted CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. Thank you for enabling CatholicCare Victoria and their Catholic Prison Chaplains to continue being messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal. If you still wish to donate or if you would like to learn more about Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call 03 9967 2515.

Combined Churches Advent Service on Sunday 24th November, at 5:00pm, followed by a shared meal at the Uniting Church Barwon Heads. All welcome.

Each Church in our Parish has a *TAP & GO* **terminal.** These have helped increase financial support for our Parish. Easy to use – please avail yourself of this way to support us. Thank you.

St Aloysius Primary School News:

Christmas Tree Sale: Cost of Tree \$75, delivery \$10 (to Queenscliff or Point Lonsdale only). Trees between 5.5ft-6.5ft. Pick up from St Aloysius School, Bethune St entrance, on Saturday 7th December between 1pm-2:30pm, deliveries between these times also Order by Wednesday 4th December via https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1304461.

Mission Day: It has been a week filled with important community events under the banner of our Social Justice focus for this term. On Wednesday, the Gr 5's and 6's ran some fabulous stalls in order to raise money for their Socktober Charity Initiative. The stalls were fun, inclusive and creative. The younger students loved being guided by their older peers and working with different students as part of Mission Morning. Many thanks to Lisa Piasente, Darryn Sedgmen and Lachy Hart for their support of our senior students.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School News:

The Mission Fete provided us with more opportunity to pray before participating in our Social Justice Action. Central to our whole school "I am a Gift" liturgy on Friday 8th November, were the values of Gratitude, Empathy and Compassion. We enjoyed a wonderful day! The day began with a beautiful liturgy in the church, where we were reminded to reflect on the gifts, we have that improve the lives of others: a smile, kindness, thoughtful words, inclusivity, generosity, to name a few. In class students completed an activity which highlighted the needs of the people we were raising money for and provided greater insight into how they may feel. Steve McPherson and Kylie Leigh cooked close to 700 sausages for lunch - a huge effort and thank you so much! After lunch the fete began, and it was a wonderful time for everyone. There were plenty of stalls and lots of fun for every age group. This year we were particularly pleased with how so many students enthusiastically helped run stalls. In total we raised \$10,753.50. How amazing! To our parents and carers, we thank you for your contributions to the day and preparing your children so well in life to love and care for others. You are all to be proud of your beautiful, kind and compassionate children. The money will be divided in the following way: Feed Geelong \$600, Vinnies Christmas Appeal \$1653, Bulbula (community in Ethiopia) \$8500.

Music at the Basilica - upcoming events:

- Christmas Concert: you are invited to our annual Christmas Concert at 5pm on Friday 15 December at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels. Geelong. This year the combined Windfire and Vox Angelica choirs, conducted by Tom Healey will present John Rutter's beautiful Magnificat for choir, soprano solo and orchestra, and In Terra Pax (Christmas Scene) by Gerald Finzi for choir, baritone and soprano solo and orchestra. Our special guests will be the Geelong Youth Choir. Tickets from www.trybooking.com/CQYBA.
- Free Lunchtime Organ Recitals for Advent: 12:30-1:15pm on Mondays at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong. Monday 2nd Dec: Terry Norman. Monday 9th Dec: Rhys Boak, Monday 16th Dec: Rhys Arvidson, Monday 23rd Dec: Frank De Rosso.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 26th November - Weekday, Ordinary Time 34 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 27th November - Weekday, Ordinary Time 34 9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff 11:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Arcare, Point Lonsdale

Thursday 28th November - Weekday, Ordinary Time 34 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove 11:00am Requiem Mass for the late Mr Tom Connellan at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 29th November - Weekday, Ordinary Time 34 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thought for the Week:

It's kind of fun to do the impossible.

- Walt Disney.

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- 2. If it is necessary to evacuate the building, the Chief Emergency Warden or other nominated Safety Wardens will take control. The Chief Emergency Warden will be identified by the wearing of a yellow Hi Vis vest. Please remain calm and in your seats etc until you are directed by the Chief Emergency Warden as to what to do next. You will be advised as to which exit/s to use and the location of the Assembly Point. Please remain at the Assembly Point until you receive further advice.
- 3. In an emergency, our first priority is your safety, so please remain calm & follow all directions of the Emergency Wardens.

Thank you, OH&S Committee.

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