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Weekend:
Saturday: 6pm Vigil
Sunday: 7am, 9am and 5.30pm
Italian Mass: 10.30am

Weekday: 6.30am & 9am
 Monday to Friday
 8am Saturday
 & Public Holidays

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am
 5.30pm - 6.00pm
 or by appointment

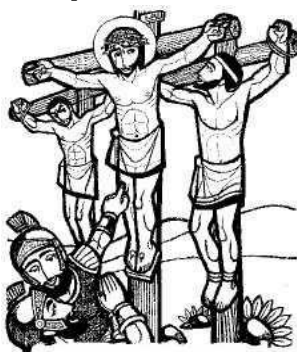
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Spread the Word

**Vol. 34 No. 43 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 24 November 2019**

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter



The choice of today's gospel passage in the lectionary appears to be twofold. Firstly, the inscription above the crucified Christ reads, 'This is the King of the Jews', one of the scriptural references to Christ's kingship – although that reference is more complicated than it first appears. Secondly, the feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year and the end of the year-long journey through the gospel of Luke. Given that the second half of the gospel is a physical and psychological journey towards Jerusalem and the death that awaits Jesus there, it is fitting that the final reading for the liturgical year is the crucifixion.

When the feast of Christ the King was first conceived by Pope Pius XI in 1925, its intention was to emphasise the majesty and power of Jesus Christ, King and ruler of the world. However, our understanding of 'king' as it can be applied to Jesus has changed significantly in the intervening years. Despite earthly notions of kingship and the role of the Messiah, Jesus completely rejected such expectations and assumed the role of servant to the poor and outcast. As we have seen throughout this year, the gospel of Luke depicts in great detail the emphasis and priority that Jesus gave to the lowly and marginalised.

The theme that flows through the gospel is again captured in the account of the crucifixion. At this most critical point, it is a criminal, crucified alongside Jesus, who responds in faith to Jesus and asks to join Jesus when he enters into his kingdom. The criminal has a much better idea of the nature of the sort of king that Jesus really is than is revealed by the sign that Pilate has had nailed to the cross.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 24 November

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library

Monday 25 November

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 26 November

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 7.00pm Liturgy Committee Meeting – Library

Wednesday 27 November

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 28 November

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 7.00pm RCIA Session – Library

- 7.30pm Community of the Risen Lord – Church

Friday 29 November

- 11.00am San Sisto College Mass – Church

- 7.00pm Italian Choir Practice – Church

Saturday 30 November

- 7.00am Working Bee

- 10.00am Children's Choir Practice – Church

- 12noon Jesus Youth – Library

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Pamela O'Reilly and those whose anniversaries occur around this time John Matson, Don (D.A.T) Reay, Mark Roff, Sharon Grau, Rebecca Herft, Victoria Cenita, and the recently deceased David Matthew Di Mascio, Maria Monteverde, Fr Martin Doyle, George Keryk, Patricia (Pat) Marshman, Grace Travers, Janet Fitzgerald.

Working Bee

A parish working bee is schedule for Saturday 30 November, 7am onwards. We need as many hands as possible to come along and assist. Our main task is to dig a trench, for running an underground electrical cabel.



There are also a range of other tasks, both outdoors and indoors, to be completed. We ask anyone to bring along gardening tools and equipment that may be able to be used.

Children's Choir – 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass

Practices for the Children's Choir at the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass are being held every Saturday, 10-11am, between now and 21 December. Contact the parish office if your child/children are interested in participating.



November - Month of Remembrance

November Mass offering envelopes are available at the church entrance (yellow envelopes with red print). Envelopes can be return via the basket in front of the book of remembrance, the collection at Mass, or to the parish office. You are also invited to write the names of your departed loved ones in the book of remembrance which is placed on the sanctuary.

National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought



"Dying Peacefully - No Euthanasia" Sunday

For those who were not at Mass last weekend, a brochure from Archbishop Mark entitled "Love is Stronger than Death"; and insert-factsheets about VAD and Palliative Care are available on the tables near the front door of the church.

St Vincent de Paul – Christmas Appeal 2019

This year we are again seeking your assistance to bring a little joy to the families / individuals who are struggling this Christmas. We are grateful for the support of the San Sisto College, St Martin's Primary, the Lion's Club, the Italian Community (fundraising event 26 November) and local business. However, it will require much support to assist this year and we would be grateful for any of the following donations –

- Christmas food treats
- Long life custard, milo, cordial, soft drink
- Stationery gifts
- Toiletry packs
- School item gifts – colour pencils, pencil cases, water bottles, lunch boxes
- Gift cards for local stores, food gift cards
- Financial donations

As we have already started preparing hampers for the families, your early assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you would like any further information please contact me on 0438 982 140.

Barbara Dougherty, President SVdP

Message from Sr Helen

The time has come for me to return to Maitland. I would like to thank the priests and you, the parishioners of Our Lady of Graces, for having made it possible to catch up with so many good friends and making my time here so special. If at any time you should be passing through Maitland, you would be most welcome to visit. I have asked Father to say a special Mass for you all. God bless, with my love and thanks. *Sr Helen.*

Sacramental Program 2020

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

A handout with dates of sessions for Penance, to be held over February and March 2020, are available from Shelly at the parish office.

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Enrolment forms are available from Shelly at the parish office. Enrolments close Thurs. 13 February. For inquiries, please contact Shelly on 3398 2977 or sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

Advent Adventures is coming!

Fun, games, craft and sausage sizzle.

Ages: 8-12 years

Cost: \$5 per child & \$10 for two or more siblings

Lunch: gluten free sausage sizzle.

Save the Dates:

Monday 16 December, 9am – 12noon

Wednesday 18 December, 9am – 12noon



Seeking parent helpers and volunteers:

- First Aid Officer – Blue Card required
- Registration Officer – Blue Card required
- Activities and coordination – Blue Card required

RSVP

So we know how many children will be attending, please RSVP to

sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au or call the parish office on 3398 2977.

Planned Giving Envelopes

To those who use Planned Giving Envelopes, your 2020 envelopes are available for collection from the front door of the church. Some givers will have a new number due to a reduction of envelope givers. If you cannot find your envelopes, please contact the parish office on 3398 2977 or carina@bne.catholic.net.au

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Loose	\$757.25
Planned Giving	\$3,314.02
Total	\$4,071.27

Parish Planned Giving

To join the Parish Planned Giving program please contact the Parish Office to arrange for your contribution method. The parish encourages electronic giving via Direct Debit or Credit Card. Electronic giving is safe and makes life easier for both yourself and the parish.

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Healing & Renewal Retreat 2019

Conducted by bro. Jagath Nanayakkara & the Community of the Risen Lord.

- Tuesday 26 November, 7pm-9pm
5-Keys to Handle Any Crisis with God
Holy Spirit Church Hall, Bray Park
- Friday 29 November, 7pm-9pm
Healing Service Christ the King, Graceville

St Gabriel's Fellowship welcomes you and your friends to a Christmas Luncheon with Sing Australia Choir on Wednesday 27 November, 10am, at 11 Bridgnorth Street, Carindale. Entrance fee \$18, lucky door prize, \$2 multi-affle. RSVP to Melvis 3822 6721, Alison 3390 8240 or Cecily 3843 5838

St Gerard's Christmas Festival

29 November - 23 December. Massive Light Display, Gift Shop and Op Shop, Coffee Shop, BBQ. Free Musical Entertainment every night. See website for schedule (www.olaparishchermside.org.au) 146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West.

Dedication Feast for Cathedral of St Stephen

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate 10am Mass at the Cathedral on Wednesday 4 December to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St Stephen, following the 1989 renovations. Parishioners invited to attend and stay for morning tea after Mass. For catering purposes please RSVP by 29 November to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au.

Lights of Christmas 2019

Gather on the lawn at the Cathedral of St Stephen to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary sound and light show. The Lights of Christmas is a free event open to the public that will delight families with music, food and children's activities every evening 11 – 24 December, 6.30pm – 10.30pm.

Saint Therese of Lisieux - Australian Visit in 2020

The relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents Sts Louis and Zélie Martin – will be touring Australia for the first time in 18 years.

A draft itinerary (subject to change) shows the relics visiting the following local locations

- Our Lady of Mt Carmel Coorparoo (6-7 February)
- Cathedral of St Stephen (9-10 February)

CATHOLIC LEADER

Catholic leaders are available on the tables at the back of the church for \$2.

- Four married Brisbane Catholic men will be ordained permanent deacons for the archdiocese next weekend.
- St Stephen's Cathedral has been lit up in red lights for Red Wednesday, an initiative to raise awareness for persecuted Christians around the world.
- Schoolies 2019 is in full swing and The Catholic Leader spoke to a Brisbane psychologist about keeping good mental health at Schoolies.

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