

Sunday Readings

Year C

First Reading - 2 Sm 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Second Reading - Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel - Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according Luke

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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A house of welcome to all and a place of service to all

Christ The King, Year C

November 20, 2016

Kingmaker

It may seem odd in our modern era when most monarchies have given way to liberal democracies to refer to Christ as a 'king'. We might be inclined to imagine that this title and the feast day dedicated to Christ as King is an archaic one. But, in fact, the Feast of Christ the King is a relatively recent initiative that was instituted to highlight some specific modern problems.

Following World War 1 and amidst the rise of various totalitarian movements and dictatorships in Europe, Pope Pius XI established The Feast of Christ the King with his encyclical Quas Primas (1925). The Holy Father was concerned that the current era was one that was increasingly characterised by secularism, xenophobia and imperialism.

Pope Pius hoped that the annual feast would remind the Church and the wider world that there were belief systems, ethical standards and obligations that transcended narrow nationalistic ambitions. And that these principles, expressed clearly in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, suggested that there were better ways to exercise authority in the political, social and cultural spheres.

Proponents of ideologies like Communism, Nazism and Fascism championed atheistic or secular nationalism over universal values based on faith, personal freedom, charity and international cooperation. Moreover, the political leadership of these new authoritarian movements often attempted to assert authority over the Church or persecute the devotees of all religions.

In the face of these challenges, Pius championed the principles of religious tolerance, justice, non-violence and diplomacy as the means to achieve peace and security for all nations under Christ. The pope also hoped that the members of the Church would gain strength and cour

Weekly Mass Times:

Monday:	7.00 am	Tuesday:	5.30 pm	Wednesday:	8.00 am
Thursday:	7.00 am	Friday:	5.30 pm	Saturday:	8.30 am
Saturday:	Vigil 6.30 pm (Novena 6.00 pm)				
Sunday:	8.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am & 6.00 pm				

Reconciliation: Saturday: 11.00am - 12.00 noon and 5.00pm - 6.00pm



Fr. Phong Nguyen
Parish Priest



Fr. Garner Vergara
Assistant Priest



Fr. Cyprian Shikokoti
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

age from the celebration of the feast; and be reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies if we are to achieve genuine concord between individuals and nations.

Today, while many of those authoritarian dictatorships have long been vanquished, there are new transnational, sectarianism and militaristic movements that similarly seek to fulfil their ambitions through violence and oppression. On the personal level, individualism has weakened commitment to universal moral principles and the service of others. So the gospel message that Christ alone is King remains as relevant today as it was in 1925.

In John's Gospel, Pilate asked Jesus "are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered that his kingdom was not of this world (John 18:36) – that is, it is not one that can be attained or maintained through military action, political ideology or selfish ambition. Similarly in Luke's Gospel (17:20-21), Jesus proclaims that his kingdom is not a visible or secular reality; rather, "the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21). The Feast of Christ the King serves to remind us that true peace and security at all levels of human society can only be achieved by personal conversion to Christ and his example of a life lived in humility, non-violence, tolerance and service of others.

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Baptisms:

We welcome Charlie John Hunter into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Dolly Perreau who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Thomas Peter Yeoh, Maureen Warren, B Williams, Edma Mirza, Norman Doig, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

for 27TH NOVEMBER

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Soraya Ramsey				
Flowers :	ADVENT				
Counter:	1.	2. M Sequeira	3. P Foley		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	M Craggs S Dalby	A Vinci G Vinci	E Orr R Sinagra	C Wibisono A Wijaya	T Mancinone A Christophe
Acolytes	P Doss	P Cox	C Dowsett	M Tloczek	P Moore
Altar Servers	K De Silva R Dellaca O Dellaca	L Cherry O Mapfumo	F Spencer A Matthew J Gresham	T Carbone B Doray K Ferraz	F Oetomo R Tantular J Radici
Special Minister	L Sequeira M Sequeira J Stephen J Voon C Craggs M Craggs M Davis J Doss	D Gabriel R King I Kusnadi C Morzenti R Margawani C A Norris R Norris C Price	S Teo S Wong B Bucat H Klass M McFarlane L McMinn P McMinn G Mo	R D'Annunzi B D'Cruz O D'Mello A Loo J Loo J Louie A Mascarenh M O'Brien	Youth Special Ministers (Only with Working With Children's Card)
Catechists	(Yrs 1 - 4) L Sequeira (Yrs 5 - 6)		(Yrs 1 - 4) (Yrs 5 - 6) M Ikin		
Readers	J Lee J Lim	A Martin C Morzenti	M McFarlane G Munro	E Yustira A Crossley	M Bautista A Jones
Piety stall	Mary Lo	Anne Marie	Patrick	Rosemary	

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MORE CARE

Do you need help or know someone who does?

- † Geraldine 9332 8795 (Visiting)
- † Monica 9364 9358 (Meals)
- † Caroline 9313 5452 (Transport/Meals)
- † Silvia 9417 7131 (Transport)
- † Juliana 9310 1747 (General-office hrs)

Rose Garden
November 2016

Section A
Sharon Vong

Section B
Craig Mclver

Youth

YOUNG ADULTS DINNER

Our next young adults dinner will be on Sunday 27th of November after the 6pm youth Mass. Make sure to keep the date free and be on the lookout for further details! Facebook event will also be up with the information to remind you closer to the date.

BATEMAN TEENS YOUTH GROUP

Our next God Squad will be on FRIDAY the 2nd of December as a Christmas Fun Nigght! More details to come, Make sure you keep the date free. Can't wait to see you all back again on the 2nd December down at the Parish Hall.

YOUTH FUNDRAISING

The Youth are fundraising to raise funds to go to the "Embrace the Grace" Youth Conference in December. They are selling raffle tickets for a big hamper that was donated by Catholic Church Insurances. Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00.

Please support our young people



Diocesan Notices

CYM HOLY HOUR

Every Wednesday Night (No Holy Hour on 7th December)
5.30pm: Mass 6.30pm: Holy Hour 7.30pm: Dinner (\$5 donation)

EMBRACE THE GRACE 2016 – "WHO AM I? We can only truly discover ourselves through the discovery of God."

The largest catholic youth conference in WA, in the surrounds of beautiful New Norcia, there will be 5 days of dynamic speakers, music, fun activities, drama, prayer and more.

The conference engages with life's big questions and the issues of modern day living.

Who: 16 – 25 year olds

Date: Wed 07 Dec - Sun 11 Dec 2016

5:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Venue: New Norcia Benedictine Community

If you would like to attend or help a young person attend this amazing conference no matter how small the contribution is, please contact CYM admin@cym.com.au on 9422 7912



Parish News

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink

Is being held throughout the Archdiocese this weekend. If you did not collect Archbishop Costelloe's personal letter at Mass last weekend, please collect one as you leave and read his message, or, use one of the special giving envelopes available in the church foyer for you today. We urge you to give generous support to help the work of our Archdiocese social service agencies and help people in need. You can mail your gift in the reply paid envelope provided or return your envelope & donation to the parish at any time over the coming weeks.

THANK YOU FROM PERSONAL ADVOCACY SERVICE (PAS)

On behalf of all our friends, advocates, leaders and family members from Personal Advocacy Service we would like to thank Fr. Phong, Fr. Garner, Juliana, Angela, Readers, Acolytes, Parish Admin staff and volunteers, altar servers, musicians, choir members and parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish, Bateman who all contributed towards making our celebration of the Adapted Liturgy on Sunday 6th November 2016, at 11.00am so meaningful. PAS is an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth and provides support for people with varying degrees of intellectual disability to enable them to live more fully as active members of their local community. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome and share in their gifts and talents. If you would like to know more about this ministry please do not hesitate to give Andrea Carlos a call on 9275 5388 (Tuesday to Friday 9.30am—2.30pm) to have a chat. Visit our website www.paswa.org.au to know more about us.

CALLING ALL SINGERS AND MUSICIANS!!

The Youth Music Ministry invites all children, teens and young adults to join our Children's Choir for the Christmas Eve Outdoor Mass. We are especially looking for male singers, but all are welcome! Rehearsals are held Mondays 5.45—6.45pm in the church, starting 21st November. To register your interest or for more information, please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer or contact Belinda on 0406 922 944 or bnomis89@hotmail.com

CASH COUNTERS

Volunteers are required to assist to count the weekend cash collection on Sunday between from 3.30 pm – 5.00pm on a 6 to 8 weekly rotation. Please speak to Fr Phong, George Lopez (041 991 0039) or Jacinta Lee (chironj@yahoo.com) if you are available to assist.

CHURCH QUADRANGLE

The church quadrangle will be fenced off for 6 weeks for the upgrade of the church quadrangle. After years of trying different measures to improve the quality of the grass in the quadrangle, we have now decided it is best for the existing lawn to be removed and new lawn laid. The works will also include some additional paving on the northern side of the quadrangle where there is insufficient direct sunlight for the grass to grow all year around. The lawn will be dug out and new lawn laid and remains fenced off for 6 weeks while the lawn establishes itself. The quadrangle will not be available for use until 24th December 2016 in time for the Christmas Masses.

FOR SALE – COLUMBAN CALENDARS

This Sunday will be the LAST Day for the sale of the Columban calendars as we only have a few left. All Christmas Cards have been sold already.

Parish News (continued)

SVDP CAKE SALE - SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2016

St Vincent de Paul cake sale is on Sunday 20th November 2016. Please support this worthy cause by donating cakes and savouries. Please support this worthy cause.

WEDNESDAY MORNING FAITH PROGRAMME

This week in our final session for the year, we will look at The Wonder of Christmas through a set of joyful DVDs that capture the heart and spirit of Christmas. We invite all Parishioners and Yidarra and Corpus Christi parents to come and explore this time of wonder and hope—the story, the significance, how we celebrate and what it means to us today. When & Where: Wednesday 23 November, 9.15am to 10.45am in the meeting room with the Parish Hall. All welcome. Enquiries: Carolin 0432 855 605 or Su 0413 560 033.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING 25TH NOVEMBER 3.30pm

We are having a training session for children who wish to be Altar Servers at the Parish. They must have received their First Holy Communion and be able to attend the training session on the 25th November at 3.30pm in the Church. Please place your name on the list in the foyer.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS AND LUNCH - THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Our Christmas celebrations will take place on December 1st, commencing with Mass at 10.30am and followed by lunch and entertainment in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate of either savoury or sweet food to contribute to our shared luncheon. A sign up sheet is in the foyer to ensure an even mix of food. All Seniors welcome.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS - SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2016

The annual Christmas carolling at the Aged Care facilities around our parish precinct is scheduled for 10 December 2016 from 12.30pm – 4.30pm. Those parishioners interested to participate in this event please register at the foyer.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH PETRA STOPOVER, 19 TO 31 MAY 2017

Walk in the Life of Christ, a 13 day Holy Land Pilgrimage (Petra stopover) with Fr. Phong. For more information, please see the poster on the notice board and take a brochure home. Interested pilgrims, please contact Fr. Phong at the Parish Office on 9310 1747 or drop an email to faith-tours@faith-tours.com.

THANK YOU!

To all the lovely parishioners of St. Thomas More—I would like to THANK YOU all on behalf of Yidarra Catholic Primary School for helping achieve record sales of the 2016/2017 Entertainment Book. This year \$2548 has been raised which goes directly into the Yidarra P & F fund to buy any resources required for the students. Memberships are still available. Contact Alex 0419 962 963.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Are you new to the parish? If you are, please register in the book on the small table in the church foyer and introduce yourself to one of the priests after Mass.

Diocesan Notices

25th SHRINE JUBILEE - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27TH 3:00PM Holy Mass

With celebrant Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproston. We warmly invite you to join the Sisters and the Schoenstatt Family to celebrate and give thanks for 25 Years of Blessings from the Shrine.

TAIZE MEDITATIVE PRAYER - 20TH NOVEMBER

You are invited to join the South Perth Taize praying community, St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York Street, South Perth, Sunday 20th November, 7-8pm (Chapel doors open at 6.30pm).

Theme: Praying for all those who have died especially our families and those who have died in tragic circumstances.

Bring: A small torch, a friend..... And a small plate to share for supper.

Further info: Sr. Maree Riddler rsj, 0414 683 926, mriddler@sosjwa.org.au

"This is the final prayer in the style of Taize for 2016."

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Taize Style Prayer during 2017 at the Sisters of St Joseph Chapel, South Perth. (Taize will recommence in March 2018)

PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES – GROWING AWARENESS OF GOD IN MY EVERYDAY

This focused prayer time is assisted with talks on a theme, followed by personal time in the chapel or garden. Optional sharing of our faith with others on the journey adds to the richness of this prayer time.

Where: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. (Parking in York Street). **Friday, 25 November**, morning session 10.30-12noon and evening session 6.30-8pm. **Theme:** "Advent-hopeful hearts and actions". *A reflection on our participation in being people of "good news"*.

Further info: 08 9334 0999, lmccarthy@sosjwa.org.au.

ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY PERTH MASS - SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Come join the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Perth to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of St John Paul II's visit to Australia and his message to Aboriginal people and whole Church. Sunday the 27th of November 4.45pm Smoking Ceremony and Welcome, 5pm Mass followed by nibbles and sharing. For more information contact Vicky Burrows 0412529656 or Vicky.burrows@pertsouthcatholic.org.au

FR RICHARD LEONARD Renowned Jesuit Priest

Speaking at St Benedict's Church, 115 Ardross Street, Ardross on Saturday, 10 December 2016.

SESSION 1 @ 10.00 AM (Includes morning tea)

"From Darkness into the Light" How do we hold onto a God when our lives are filled with challenges, joy and sorrow?

Cost \$15.00

SESSION 2 @ 1.00 PM (includes lunch)

"Making the Best Choices in my Life in the Light of Faith"

The ability to navigate our daily lives alert to demands of the Gospel and its practical application in our lives.

Cost \$15.00 Or BOTH Sessions for \$25.00

Contact the Parish Office on 9364 1120 to book your place