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34th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25/26th November 2023 Year A

Christ the King Sunday

This Sunday marks the celebration of *The Solemnity of Christ the King* and this feast day signifies the end of the liturgical year. Usually at Christmas Eve we hear Luke's rendition of the Birth of Jesus (Lk 2:1-20), where Emperor Augustus issued a census of the world and all had to return to their place of birth to be counted...and so Joseph returned to the town of Nazareth in the region of Judea. And we know the story, how Jesus is born in a manger, and how the angels appear to the shepherds and the shepherds greet Jesus.



This child was destined not to be a king in a worldly sense but King of the heavenly realm (Jn 18:36). You see, Emperor Augustus was the ruler of all the world. He had the biggest army in the known world. As for Jesus, his army is a host of angels. At his birth, we see the shepherds greet the infant Jesus, and shepherds were your everyday run-of-the-mill people; reflecting Jesus coming on Earth for *all* people and at no cost. This is contrasted with Augustus and his surrounds of rich and powerful people, at the cost of taxes and what you could do for him in return. And finally, who was the most lavish and best fed person in the world? You guessed it, Emperor Caesar Augustus in his palace and ruler of 45million citizens in the Roman Empire. In comparison, Jesus is born in a manger a lowly place to be born as it is a food trough for animals. The real king is one who cannot feed himself, but instead becomes food for the world.

The Roman Empire, aka the Roman Kingdom, is long gone. Caesar and his descendants and all the other Kings and Emperors remain ancient history. But Christ the King lives on. He still has followers 2000 years later and his successors, beginning with the apostle Peter – the rock upon which he built his Church – all the way to Pope Francis, is still going strong. As we can see Christ continues triumphs as the one true king, a king who came not to be served but to serve others.

How can I allow Christ the King to rule my heart today so that I may serve others?

Blessings, Fr Gerard

Worship

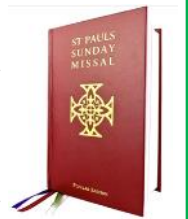
I've been going to Mass since before I was born. Mum and Dad would attend Mass each Sunday, go to Confession each Saturday and say the Rosary just about every night.

And, as a young boy, I saw them carry a book into church that they would read from while the priest said Mass. I tried once bringing one of my readers to Mass when I was about six but it found its way into Mum's bag; it wasn't the right sort of book it seems. Before long I was an altar boy and then when I was older I started playing music. In all of those years, that Red Book remained an elusive mystery, I knew it was called a Missal, but its use and even reason for existence escaped me. Until this year when I got one - now I know what all the fuss was about and would recommend a Missal to anyone who attends church.

Using a Hand Missal

Ever since the laity were able to read, generally, there have been handheld versions of the Missal for the lay people to pray along as the Mass progresses. Certain Missals today, like the St. Paul's Sunday Missal contains the readings for every Sunday and Solemnity for the three-year cycle of readings.

The readings at Mass are proclaimed and most of the prayers are audible; so, a hand Missal is not necessary. However, they are helpful for following along. By reading the words of the Mass or the readings being proclaimed, it can be a great help to focus one's mind and heart on the Holy Mass by using a handheld Missal.



Beyond Sunday, the Roman Missal is a wealth of wisdom that offers us a myriad of sacred prayers. Life is turbulent — at times a challenging path where feelings of being lost or overwhelmed are all too common. Other times, life is a resounding joy and a blessed event filled with miracles, daily needs, friends, family and the charity of Christ. For all of these circumstances, our forebearers of the faith have composed prayers to help Catholics communicate with God and express their hearts in wondrous lucidity. The Roman Missal is a book of these wise expressions and is a wonderful at-hand resource for any Catholic and their family.

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Worship continued.....

Lector's Workshop mid Jan 2024

In some exciting news, David Lewis, a member of the Worship Leadership Team, is putting the finishing touches on a Lector's Workshop that will be advertised for parishioners in mid-January 2024. Anyone who reads at Mass or who would like to read is warmly invited to this workshop. And knowing David, it certainly won't be dull!

God bless, Paul Casteli, Worship Ministry Leader



Art for Advent—2nd Dec

Our Fr. Francis and Rev. Paul Fletcher from the Anglican Parish are hosting an ecumenical initiative called **Art for Advent**. It will begin with a one-hour interactive presentation by Fr. Francis on Christian art. The talk will be followed by artists between our parishes showcasing their artwork based on Advent themes.

Venue: St. Andrews. 46 Upper Gay Terrace. Kings Beach.

Starting time: 10.30am. Refreshments will be provided during showcasing. Light lunch available from 12.30pm. To RSVP go to the Linktree QR code below or contact the parish office.



Linktree QR Code

Linktree

We are always looking for new ways to improve access to the Parish and its events for all our Parishioners. With this in mind we have developed a 'one stop shop' enabling you to RSVP to different events and even order your name badge. You can access the link on your own phone by simply scanning this QR code with your camera, it will take you to a page that looks like this: →

Simply click the link that you are interested in and go from there.

If that all feels a bit too much, we have set up an iPad in the office. Our wonderful Office staff and volunteers are able to support you if needed.



Alpha@OLR Celebration Dinner



Our Parish is celebrating three years of Alpha with a dinner at Dom's Restaurant, Kings Beach, on Wednesday December 13th at 6pm. If you are one of the nearly 150 people that have either done an Alpha at OLR, supported an Alpha through catering or leading a group, prayed as an intercessor for our Alpha programs or if you haven't done an Alpha and are thinking you might like to, we would love to see you at the Alpha@OLR celebration dinner. We will hear some testimonies from participants, and Fr Josh will be speaking on our future plans. Please come along!

Dinner and a welcome drink are included at a cost of \$20 pp.

Please complete the RSVP by scanning the Linktree QR code above or contact the parish office.

Taizé Prayer

In the monastery at Taizé, short mantra-like songs create a relaxing style of prayer. As the words are repeated, their reality gradually penetrates our whole being. Singing becomes a way of **listening** to God. The simplicity and repetition allow us to wait attentively on God. This is a prayer of 'watching', awakening and listening.

It is very much in the spirit of the Advent Scriptures. *Come and relax in this beautiful prayer at OLR on*

Tuesday 12 Dec at 7pm. <https://www.taize.fr/en>

Parish administrator position

With the departure of Pauline as the secretary of the Maroochydore Parish, a new admin position has opened in the parish office. We invite applications to be submitted via the Archdiocesan website under the tab 'Careers.'

The job description will also be linked to the website which will give you an indication of the outline of the role. For more information go to <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/>

The Annuals are in!

If you ordered a Break Open the Word, Ordo or Daily Mass book they are in the office to collect.

If you are from one of the other 7 Mass centres they are in your box for this weekend.

In Transition

We welcome **Cooper Brown, Cora Tong & Frederic Wilson** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

As a Parish family we would like to congratulate **Roger Daly & Daniela Dosque** who were married on Thursday in Maleny.

Congratulations to **Ryan, Sophie, Enzo, Finn, Piper, and Baxter** - Kingdom Youth teens, who celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion this weekend at Unity.

We pray for the souls of our loved ones who have gone before us and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

Our Parish's Mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.

Employment: Evangelisation Coordinator

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish is looking to hire an Evangelisation Coordinator. The role's focus is upon the creation of an evangelisation pathway and the sustainable and coordinated implementation of the Parish's Strategic Plan. This role offers flexible hours (part-time), and is a leadership position within the parish in collaboration with the parish clergy and senior leadership team.

If you are interested, please copy this link into your browser
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=810602>
or call the parish office for more information.

ADVENT

Advent is a period of four Sundays, not four weeks as we sometimes think, and this year Advent is as short as it can possibly be – just 22 days.

On Sunday 24th December we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Vigil Masses begin that evening.

In Advent the Church's attention is on the three comings of Christ: in the past at his birth at Bethlehem, in the present, and at his Second Coming in the future.

The season features three key figures –
the prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, the Virgin Mary.

Advent has three distinct stages:

- the first focuses on the end of time when Christ will come again in glory
- the second focuses on John the Baptist heralding Jesus' public ministry
- the last focuses on Jesus' birth and the role of Mary in salvation history.

The word 'advent' means 'waiting' and the season of Advent is a time of waiting.

But how do we wait for God? We wait with patience. Patience does not mean passivity. Waiting patiently is not like waiting for the bus to come, the rain to stop, or the doctor to see us. It is an active waiting in which we live the present moment to the full in order to find there the supernatural essence of the One we are waiting for.

"Waiting patiently always means paying attention to what is happening right before our eyes and seeing there the first rays of God's glorious coming." (Henri Nouwen)

We acknowledge the First people of the land on which we celebrate our Eucharist and live out our faith.

Parish Diary

Monday 27 November

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 28 November

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Adoration/Rosary (Maleny) 8am
Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 29 November

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am
School Liturgy (OLR) 9am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 30 November

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 1 December

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration/Rosary (Lands) 8am
Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 2 December

8.30am (OLR) Reconciliation
Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 3 December

1st Sunday of Advent

Mass (OLR) 6.30am
(Landsborough) 7am
Mass (Unity) 8am
Mass (Kawana) 8am
Mass (Maleny) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am
Mass (OLR) 9:30am
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am
Mass (Unity) 5pm

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4-Week Advent Program

WANT TO GAIN DEEPER SPIRITUAL INSIGHTS INTO SCRIPTURE AND THEOLOGY AS WE JOURNEY INTO THE ADVENT SEASON LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS?

Join other like-minded people in a short 4-week discussion group as we explore the Sunday readings and discover the richness of the Advent season.

This group will be led by our seminarian, Sang Duc Bui on Thursdays 9:45-10:45am at the Parish Centre. All are welcome!

30 Nov | 7 Dec | 14 Dec | 21 Dec

RSVP by scanning the Linktree QR code above or contact the parish.



Year of Yes Prayer

Today and every day I say Yes to you O Lord. In the same way that Mary said yes to your invitation, I say Yes to your Son's presence in my life. May my yes, by the power of your Holy Spirit, allow you to use all the talents, skills and gifts you have given me for the purpose of building up Your Body in our community. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Maleny Sacred Heart Church community invites Parishioners to celebrate the Centenary of the first Catholic Church in Maleny in February 1924. A Centenary book is being compiled and will be available at the celebrations on Sunday 4th February 2024 to purchase.

RSVPs and enquiries to Anna sacredheartmaleny@outlook.com or Danielle 0419545711



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