



Reflection

Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King in the Holy Year of 1925. It appears to have its roots in the 1880s when many European bishops were worried with what they saw as the rise of secularisation. I'm pleased they're not around today! These bishops were concerned at how governments were increasingly asserting more power over and against the church. Especially in France and Italy Bishops started to venerate Jesus as the Universal King. This devotion took off. By 1922, at the Eucharistic Congress in Rome, sixty-nine cardinals petitioned the Pope to establish this feast. Within three years the Vatican had been inundated with requests, and so the solemnity was established.

It's clear from today's Gospel, and the New Testament in general, that while Jesus frequently spoke of his Kingdom, is hailed like a king on Palm Sunday and is facetiously given the title of king by Pilate, his kingship is vastly different from those of Caesar, Herod and even David and the other Kings of Israel.

The earliest Christians seem to have understood this very well. We find very little writing or artistic representation of Jesus as a king before 324 AD. In that year Emperor Constantine becomes a catechumen and Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire. After this time Jesus starts to appear wearing a crown and holding an orb. Mary is styled as the Queen of Heaven and begins to be pictured as such. This is all understandable as the previously persecuted Christian sect now emerges to become the most powerful unifying force in the Roman Empire. It was a sweet victory, but it meant that whatever was said of the Roman Emperor, even more must be true of Christ the Universal King and Lord.

As centuries passed and the Roman Empire passed away, the Church maintained many of its now long-standing royal prerogatives and language. Just as an example, to this day the Pope and some bishops live in places called palaces. They wear jewels and rings and have feudal coats of arms. Worse still by far, however, is the mentality and behaviour of a very few Bishops, who seem to think that the church is above the scrutiny of the faithful, and the law of the land.

The problem with all these historical accretions is that they directly contradict the way in which Jesus spoke about himself as a King. Almost all references to Jesus' kingship occur within the passion narratives. Today's extract from John's gospel is among the most famous of them all. 'You say I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

There are not too many Kings or Queens today who would love their people so much that they would be prepared to die for them. We know from history that when the going gets tough many monarchs get going. But what we get in Jesus as King is one who did not compromise his humanity, who would not yield from his preaching and does not abandon us in our desolation. Jesus' kingship is revealed in his utter fidelity to us – even to the end.

So let's not be seduced by the power, pride, riches and greed which worldly rulers so crave. Let's keep our own eyes on Christ our King who loved people more than things, who spoke the truth with love, and who died that we might live. And let's not shrink from challenging the entire Church to do the same.

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Liturgy Help

OUR VISION

"Everything is to be oriented towards the praise and glory of God".

OUR MISSION

- holiness in the image of Christ.
- proclaim the good news of salvation.
- minister within the faith community.
- the service of all, particularly those in need.





A BIG, but belated Happy Birthday to Fr D who had a birthday on 17 November! Many happy returns and all God's blessings for the coming year!

Christmas Hamper Deliveries

If you would like to donate money, or items for hampers you can leave them at the Presbytery Office.

On Hamper Sunday, 2 December we ask you to have your hampers at the Church prior to 9.00am Mass.

We again ask for your assistance in 3 areas to distribute:

1. Hampers need to be moved from the Hamper Office to the Church at 1.00pm on Saturday, 1 December.
2. On Sunday following 9.00am Mass we will need assistance to move the hampers from the Sanctuary, labelled and placed in the correct zone of the Church.
3. At 1.00pm hampers will be delivered. This is when we need an 'army' of delivery people.

Volunteer sheets are available this weekend for you to add your name and contact number, alternatively you can call the Presbytery Office.



Please Note:

Completed hampers are not to be delivered to the Presbytery Office. You can call the Office on 6583 1024 prior to delivery & alternative delivery arrangements will be made.



A Journey into the Catholic Faith

Wednesday, 28 November
at 5.30pm - St Agnes' Youth Hub

The program offers support and friendships with like-minded people to assist in faith formation and growth. If you would like more information contact Fr Peter on 6583 1024. The next topic will be:

How Can I Have Faith?

In this topic, we will discuss the act of faith. Questions to be explored are: What does it mean to believe? What are the different elements in believing? If we believe in Jesus and live as his disciples within his Church, are we giving up our freedom? What are the 'benefits' of believing? How does God guide and help us in this journey of life? What is eternal happiness?

November Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 27 November: Deceased members of O'Malley & Smith families, Brian O'Malley, Clarence, Catherine & James Smith; deceased members of Hicks family; Fay, Max & Frank McGrath, Alan Fraser, Greg, Islet & Douglas Gaul, Neila Toms, Debbie Rumble; Jeffrey Condron, Arthur, Grace & Dean Wilson; deceased members of Saleh, Dahdah & Abi-Saab families; John, Patrick & Ellen Mullins, John & Ellen Lyons; deceased members of Smith family; Kathleen & Cyril, Gus & Edna O'Neill, Victor, Emily & Harry Hawtin, Phillip Oates, Steve, Beryl & Richard Henderson, Trevor Lockwood, Bonnie Fischendon, Pat Muller, Ian Bombardier, Terry & Jenny Henderson, Joy Foxley, Linda & Clive Denham, Joan Pearse, Patrick Murphy, Mary & Norm Ihlein, John Fiess, Monica & Phonce Hollis, deceased members of Kay Marks family, Gordon Haldane.

Wednesday 28 November: Thomas Keith Grills, deceased members of Monnox, Grills, Smith, McMahan, Burton & Tassell families, Gary Tassell; Viv & Daisy Hughes, Jack & Gladys Ripon, deceased members of Hughes & Ripon, Phil Burrows, John Hayward, Doreen, Harry & Eva Shephard, Alice Greer, John Burrows, Samuel & Ethel Farrell, Cornelius, Val, Narn, Harry, Peg & Mary Hayward; deceased family & friends of Barry & Dorothy Lynch; Elizabeth & Walter Onslow, Florence, & Walter(snr) Onslow, Sara & Emila Aitkin; deceased members of Bayada, Green & Hardgrove families; deceased members of Hawes & Chapman families, Mary Adams, Mary Clark, Paul Adams, Eileen & Albert Jenkins, Sue Aryes, members of Macbean family, deceased members of Mulligan & Nash families.

Thursday, 29 November: Ned Kundicevic, Romarico, Jesusa & Fernanda Odrunia, Merlinda Intrepido, Nelieta Delmo, Thomas Dick, Rita Mettam; Kevin, Pat & Peter Chuck; deceased family & friends of Kathleene & Jim Coghlan; Theresa Joseph & Charlie Formosa; Edna & Robert Stewart; Kaye Jones-Connors, Reg Cowper, Cec Gibbs, deceased members of Alam, Jones & Roselius families; Larry Maguire, Dan & Ada Jeffrey, Marlene McKenna; Phyllis Wilson, Robert, Maisie, Ann & Ronald Burton, Eileen & George King, Douglas, Islet & Greg Gaul, Margaret Daly, Mary Peoples, James & Kathleen Peoples, John & Kathleen Daly, Fr Thomas Keating OCSO, Fr Simon Bourke, ofm, Fr Keith Keegan ofm, deceased members of the Franciscan family & Peoples, Daly, Scott, O'Brien and Mood families.

Friday, 30 November: Joseph & Bernadette Farrugia, Roy & Audrey Carroll, Joanne Farrugia; Thomas Lindsay; Alf & Christina Cook, Vincent & Queenie Schweinesberg; Laurie & June Smith, John Marchment; Mary & Frank Cameron, Mary & Teresa Hill, Mary Ellen, Joe Mackay, deceased members of Carruthers & Cameron families, Ina & Norman Stewart & deceased family & friends of Stewart family; Marie, Walter & Frederick Crossing; Jean Meehan & Doreen Martin; deceased members of Gaul, Sleeman & Clavin families; John, Margaret, Michael, Bernard & Leo Heagney, Matthew Locke, Brett Wood, Tracey Scott, friends & relatives of Heagney & Ryan families, parents & grandparents of Headland, Olliffe, Bell, Walton, Woodcock & Wilkinson families, family & friends of Doyle, Donaldson, Bateson & Puckett families.

MacKillop Centre Christmas Stalls

The MacKillop Centre will be holding Christmas stalls at the chapels on the following dates:

- Christ the King Chapel
Saturday, 1 December after 4.30pm Mass.
St Francis of Assisi Chapel
Sunday, 2 December after 9.30am Mass.

The MacKillop Centre located in Horton Street will also open on these additional dates:

- Sunday, 9 December 8.00am -10.45am.
Sunday, 16 December 8.00am -10.45am.

The phone number is 6584 9779.

Journey Into Catholic Faith for Teens

As the Journey into the Catholic Faith for Teens program comes to an end we invite all parishioners to join with us as we welcome Mathew West, Elise Smith, Patrick McKinnon, Conor Hudson and Trai Blair as full members of the Catholic Church. Over the next two weekends these young people will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the 5.00pm Youth and Family Mass. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare for this special occasion.

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Greg Homeming has made the following appointments in our diocese:

1. Fr Michael Nolan (Ballina) is going on 6 months sabbatical leave and will be studying in America.
2. Fr Max Gow (Alstonville) is now Administrator both of Alstonville and Ballina parishes.
3. Fr Emmanuel and Fr Wilber will be Assistant Priests at Alstonville/Ballina parish until 31 January 2019.
4. Fr Anselm has been appointed Assistant Priest at Coffs Harbour until 31 January 2019.

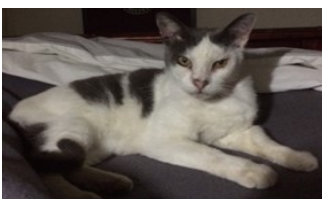
Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas Concert at Port Panthers, Bay Street, will be held on Tuesday, 27 November, from 10.00am. Tickets are \$5.00 with proceeds going to Rotary Lodge at the Base Hospital. Performances by Hastings Koala Orchestra, Sing Australia, St Joseph's Port Macquarie, plus more!

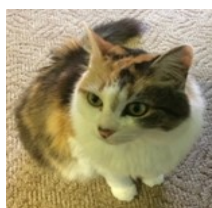
From the Catacombs ...

Episcopuss Wisdom...

From the Catechism...



“Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.”
St. Benedict



“Teach us to give and not count the cost.”
St. Ignatius

Remember in Prayer

Recently Deceased: Monica McNamara, Keiran Dick, Fred Wirth, Fred Thompson, Paul Webster, Danilo Eliot, Dr Alfie O'Donovan, Ann Symonds, Annette Williams, Shirley Jones, Mary Maybury, Patricia Gallagher.

Anniversaries: Tom Linsday, Doris White, Val McNamara, Andrew Millward, Rudy Vogel, Philip Vogel, Joanne Farrugia.

Other Mass Intentions: Mick Howle, Don Wormald, Kathleen Connors, Marija Miller, Hilton Dodds, Ellen Norman, John Hibbard, Jim O'Reilly, Beryl Thomas, Mario Tomasovic, Shiela Moon, donor intentions and masses of thanksgiving.



Year of Youth Wrap Up

Since its launch at ACYF in December 2017, the Year of Youth has invited us to prayerfully discern the importance of young people in the Church and society. It has provided us with opportunities to actively engage with youth focusing on the reconnection and renewal of a new generation of young people in the life of the Church. The 'BE the 7' initiative has sought to assist young people to encounter Christ and grow in their faith as seekers, cornerstones, missionaries, leaders, connectors creators and catalysts. We pray that all young people will continue to joyfully live out their Catholic faith with integrity and humility, strengthening their desire and commitment to proclaim the gospel and share God's love with all people.

Altar Servers Ministry

Altar serving is a ministry well suited to young people. As well as aiding in their spiritual development, it helps them gain a better understanding of the Church and its special celebrations. It is very much 'active participation' in the liturgy. We would like to invite all youth who are Catholic, 7 years of age or over and who are willing to commit to serving at one mass every two or three weeks (more if they would like to) to join our dedicated team of altar servers. For more information please come and see Denise, Sue or Vanessa at the sacristy after any of the weekend Masses or call Vanessa on 0447992986.



Altar Servers



Christmas Singers Needed

Volunteers are needed for our Christmas Choir. If you are interested please contact Jenni on 0438 522 854.

Parish Priest
Father Paul Gooley

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Office Hours:
8.30am - 4.30pm

FEAST DAYS

Friday 30 November
St Andrew, Apostle



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE
WORD ROSTER**
5.00PM SUNDAY
2 December 2018

Claire Thurlow, Tatiana Bye
Rachael Nosworthy

DIOCESAN INVESTMENT FUND PAYS 2.15%

There are no fees or charges on your account.
AGENTS: Mrs Veronica Rinkin & Mrs Mary O'Brien
DIF Office, Parish Administration Centre,
Phone: (02) 6583 7439 9am – 1pm Monday - Friday

PARISH MASSES

ST AGNES' CHURCH | Hay Street, Port Macquarie
Tuesday & Wednesday: 5.15pm
Friday: 12.05pm
Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 5.00pm
Please note: Weekday Masses at 9.00am on Public Holidays
Reconciliation: Friday 11.30am -12 noon, Saturday 11.30am - 12.30pm

ST FRANCIS CHAPEL | Lochinvar Place, Port Macquarie
Contact: Sr Anne Hannigan
Ph 6589 9814 or 0419 243 259.
Communion Service or Mass: 9.30am Monday - Thursday
Sunday Mass: 9.30am

CHRIST THE KING CHAPEL | Boronia St, Port Macquarie
Contact: Sr Anne Hannigan
Ph: 6589 9814 or 0419 243 259
Communion Service or Mass: 8.00am Thursday
Mass: Saturday Vigil - 4.30pm
Rosary: 1st Saturday of the month 4.00pm.

ST BERNARD'S, TELEGRAPH POINT | Rollands Plain Rd, Telegraph Point
Thursday: 6.00pm.

STAR OF THE SEA, LAKE CATHIE | Ocean Drive, Lake Cathie
Sunday: 8.00am.

ROSTERS

1-2 December 2018

READERS AND COMMENTATORS

6pm Vigil: Wayne Evans
Alan Wheatland
Barry Johnson
7.30am: Jennifer Crossing
Kevin Lewis
Pat McLoughlin
9.00am: Richard O'Brien
Adelle Groenveld
Betty Hodgson
5.00pm: Suzanne Savage
Penny Prince
TJ Avery

GIFT BEARERS ROSTER

6pm Vigil: L English & Family
7.30am: K Farrarwell & J Dean
9.00am: N & B Moore

THE STATUE OF OUR LADY

Genieve Ruhl

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

6pm Vigil: Peter Brooks
Joy Amos
Gae Green
Thelma McFarlane
7.30am: Greg Grace
Sandy Luschwitz
Elise Gardiner
Kay Farrarwell
9.00am: Cathy Stevenson
Judy Brady
Peta Rourke
Michelle Baird
5.00pm: Bronwyn Shipton
Chris McCarron
Jacky McCarron
Jim Dempsey

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Sunday of Advent Year C
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 24; 1
Thessolonians 3:12-42
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**2018 YEAR OF
YOUTH**