

Gospel Reading Luke 23:35-43 Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Saviour of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all.

We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace. Pope Francis



#### PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

Weekend Mass		
Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	
Sunday	7.00am 8.30am 10.00am	
	6.00pm	
Weekday Mass		
Monday	9.30 am	
Tuesday	6.45 am & 9.30 am	
Wednesday	9.30 am & 7.00 pm	
Thursday	9.30 am	
Friday	6.45 am & 12.10 pm	
Saturday	9.00 am	
Healing Mass	9.00am 1st Saturday of month	
Filipino:	11.00am 1st Saturday of month	

#### Prayer Groups

- Prayer Meetings please see the Church Notice boards for dates and times.
- \* **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** see Church Notice Board for dates and times 47 33427(*John&Helen*).
- Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary & Scripture Sunday 8 December, 2019, 3—5.30 pm All backgrounds - most welcome to unite and pray with Mother Mary Contact Steffi Sequeira - 0436 395 763 or email <u>steffi.parry.sequeira@gmail.com</u>
- \* **Rosary Statue** will be in the home of Pauline Landrigan at 4 Hand Avenue, Penrith.
- Legion of Mary Meeting every Saturday at 10.30 am in PMR1.

Western Cluster CLC end of year celebration Saturday 30 November 11.00am to 3.00pm in PMR1. Fr Pat Mullins SJ will celebrate the Eucharist followed by fellowship. Please bring a plate to share and if possible a gift for Vinnie's Christmas appeal, tea and coffee will be supplied. Current and past CLC members, their families and friends are most welcome. Jenny Hogan 4731 5268.

On Sunday 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, there will be an "Hour of Grace" at 12 noon in Hall 1. All welcome.

**Please pray for** George Attard, Reno Camilleri, Frank & Joseph Mintoff, Calixtus & Lesnie Pinto, Arthur Potts and Peg Williams whose anniversaries occur at this time and for all those whose names have been entered in the Book of Remembrance. May they hear the words of forgiveness and welcome in the glory of heaven.

Please pray for sick : Maya Betar, Charlie Camenzuli, Joan Cassidy, John Daniel, Darren Gallagher, Milly Gallagher, Maria James, Maria Teresa Limbaga, Jane McCann, Amani Nemattala, Fr Peter Njau, C.S.Sp, Anthony Pace, Joan Renshaw, Denise Ryman, Michael Sealy, Harry Slaughter, Elizabeth Sutherland, Fidelis Winkle, Denis Woodward, Joe Xuereb, Daniel Young and Kathy Young.

#### St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Hampers

The Penrith Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society invites parishioners to prepare Christmas hampers for the poor and disadvantaged families in the Penrith Area.

Hampers will need to be returned to the Parish Meeting Room 1 on: **Saturday 7th Dec or Sunday 8th December.** Approximately 1 hour before or after each Mass.

Hamper Deliveries: Once again, we ask for your generous help in the distribution of hampers. If you can spare an hour on: Saturday the 14th

**Dec, between 8.30am and11.00am** in PMR 1. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please see Notice board for all details of Hamper categories, stickers and suggested items.

Please do not include food items containing nuts or perishable items.

Please ensure that food items are **WELL** within the expiry date and **NO liquor** is included in the hamper. If you have any enquiries, please contact Brian Brainwood 0433256518 or Joe Tabone 0412234651 Thank you and God bless.

Vacancy : Maintenance Worker at Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, Mulgoa . Please contact Kathryn Yates 4773 8338 Ext 4. For more details see the Noticeboard in the Foyer of the church. Applications close 10th December.

**The committee of St Nicholas** are celebrating the feast of St Nickolas on the 1st of December starting with 3.00 pm Mass at Good Shepherd Plumpton followed by a procession to the hall at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall 130-136 Hyatt Road Plumpton, opposite the shopping centre. Entry and parking is free for everyone and plenty of food and drinks Emmanuel Vella: 0405 677 064.

# Have you ever thought about being a foster carer for a child with special needs?

Please contact Tenielle or Vicky at Mount Druitt Department of Communities and Justice to discuss further on : (02)8887 7400 or 0429 057 403 Tenielle.Thick@facs.nsw.gov.au Vicky.Labiris@facs.nsw.gov.au Please see Noticeboard for further details.

Hearing Loop - reception level is much higher in the back rows and seriously degrades towards the front.

#### PARISH OUTREACH

#### **Cherry Picking**

Together with the Young at Heart, the parish will be organising cherry picking at Orange on the 18th December. The bus will leave at 8 am and will be back at 5 pm. This will cost \$65/- which will include coffee and lunch at the Bowling Club. The total cost is calculated based on the minimum of 40 people. Please call the parish office and book your spot.

#### Bishop's Christmas Appeal on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December, 2019

Help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help Catholic Care to connect people with support and services, to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal your catholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY BETTY McKAY with all God's blessings.

#### Parish Roster 30/1st December 2019

Vigil : Acolytes : Altar Servers : Comm. Rep : S Sequeira Eucharist Ministers: Music : AMDG Youth

7 am : Acolytes : Altar Server : Comm.Rep : H Ryan Eucharist Ministers :

8.30 am : Acolytes : C Walsh Altar Servers : Comm. Rep : O Plucinski Reader Eucharist Ministers : J Wakel E Isaaks, B Keavy, P Wheller, M Stynes Music : J Mizzi AV : V

10 am : Acolytes : Altar Servers : Comm. Rep : L Alimangoha Eucharist Ministers : Music : CD

6 pm : Acolytes : Altar Servers : Comm. Rep : N Joseph Eucharist Minsters : Music : BNP Youth D Wellfare D & L Lestal Reader : C Clark R DeBono, A Calub, N Calub AV : J Linga

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C Walsh, R Wood

Reader: R Walsh J Wakeling, B Brainwood, R Bryan, A Stynes AV: V Rodrigues

J Tabone S Dias, W Ezekiel, S Perera **Reader**: L Gal A Alimangoha, P Samuelu, D Streher **AV:** S Clarke

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# St. Nic's Flicks Movie night will be showing *"A Passage to India"* on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm at our Parish hall.



Based on the renowned E.M. Forster novel, this expansive period drama centres on the changing dynamic between British colonials and native locals in India during the 1920s. The film explores themes of racism, imperialism, religion,

and the nature of relationships both friendly and marital.

(Recommended for mature audiences)

Please come along with your friends and family. The movie is free, drinks and Popcorns will be served. You may also come up with the food that you may like and have a relaxing evening.

Roster for the next six months is being prepared. Please send any changes to Jacinta at enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.com.au

#### REMINDER

Acolytes and Senior Servers Meeting on Tuesday 26th November at 7.30 pm in the Church.

#### THIS WEEK AT ST NICHOLAS

Tuesday 26th 10.30 am : Legion of Mary (PMR1) 11.30 am : AA Meeting (Hall) 7 pm Prayer Meeting (Hall) (2nd & last Tuesdays)

#### **Hospital & Nursing Home Masses**

- Governor Phillip Manor 1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm
- Mountain View Village 1st Friday of each month at 10am
  - Nepean Hospital every Friday at Midday
- Summit Care (Jamison Gardens)
   3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.30am
- Newmarch Nursing Home 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10.30am
- Lemongrove Gardens 10.30 am 1st Tuesday in January, March, May, July, Sept, November
- ♦ Edinglassie Lodge 10.30 am 1st Tuesday in Feb, April, June, August, October, December



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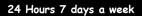
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