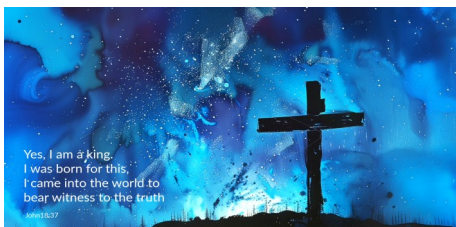




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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B 24th November 2024



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PARISH PRIEST MESSAGE

Christ the King: Building His Kingdom Here and Now

As we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, we are invited to reflect on the nature of His kingdom—one of truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love, and peace. This kingdom is not merely a hope for the future; it is a call to action in the present. It becomes real whenever we extend compassion to the hungry, offer shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked, and defend the oppressed.

Our Shepherd-King leads by example, rescuing the lost, healing the broken, and bringing strength to the weak. His final promise to the repentant thief on the cross—"Today you will be with me in paradise"—reveals the depth of His mercy and love. To honour Christ as our King is to imitate His example: to hear the cries of those in need, to see the suffering of others, and to respond with courage and kindness.

Being a disciple of Christ the King means more than avoiding harm or living in comfort. It calls us to actively serve, to be shepherds for others, and to work tirelessly to bring His kingdom to life in our midst. Each act of love, no matter how small, is a service to Christ Himself, who identifies personally with the poor, the suffering, and the marginalized.

Advent: A Sacred Time of Preparation

Today, as we celebrate Christ the King, we also look ahead to the beginning of Advent next Sunday—a season of anticipation and preparation. Advent invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christ’s birth and, His coming again in glory. It is a time to pause, reflect, and make space for God amidst the busyness of life.

During the four Sundays of Advent, I encourage you to set aside time for prayer and meditation. Let us prepare our hearts together by arriving five minutes early for Mass, where a brief two-minute contemplative meditation will help center us in the presence of God, just as we’ve done in previous years.

This small practice can open us to the deeper meaning of this holy season.

Advent is not only a time for spiritual growth but also an opportunity to renew our relationships—with God, our families, and our community. Let us journey through these weeks with intention, using this sacred time to grow in faith, hope, and love, so that when Christmas comes, we may welcome Christ into hearts that are truly ready to receive Him.

Let us pray for one another, asking God to fill our hearts with His grace and to guide us in building His kingdom in our midst.

May you and your families have a holy and blessed Advent.

Fr. Joe
Parish Priest



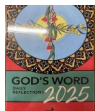
PARISH NEWS

PAVILION FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Dear Parishioners,
 With heartfelt gratitude, I extend my thanks to everyone who has contributed to making our Fellowship Pavilion Raffle a resounding success. This Sunday, after the 10 am Mass, we will draw the raffle for the incredible Bali trip prize. I am deeply grateful to all who have been part of this journey—those who purchased raffle tickets, made generous donations, and supported this project with prayers and encouragement. A special thanks to the parishioner who donated the amazing Bali trip, adding such excitement to this initiative. We also appreciate the parishioners who shared their thoughts and the need for the Pavilion in the promotional videos. Your words truly highlighted the value this Pavilion will bring to our community. I would like to recognize our dedicated parish staff, parish finance council, volunteers, and especially the Chancery Parish Support Coordinators, whose tireless efforts in promoting the raffle ensured its success. This was a true community effort, and through this collaborative spirit, we not only raised funds but also strengthened our bond as a parish family. I am thrilled to announce that as of Friday, we have raised \$24,200 of our \$25,000 goal from our raffle! This success reflects the generosity, encouragement, and commitment of everyone involved. Once we receive council approval, the Pavilion will be built—a space where fellowship and community can thrive. I invite you all to continue praying that this dream becomes a reality. Thank you once again for your unwavering support and dedication. May God bless you all abundantly.
 Fr. Joe Manjaly

GOD'S WORD 2025

A limited number of copies are available from the Parish office, weekdays 9.00am - 5.00pm and after masses this weekends at the carpark entrance door.



Price: \$20.00

The Parish will be taking photos during major liturgical celebrations and other events to promote the Parish mission and may use these photos in the Parish Bulletin, Facebook page or website. If you have any concerns please contact the Parish Office.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S HOUSES TO HOMES 30 NOVEMBER / 1 DECEMBER

This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home to rebuild their lives?
"Let all that you do be done in love." - 1 Corinthians 16:14



This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help Catholic Care

Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provide homeless mothers and their children with practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code or use the envelopes available at the doors of the Church and bring back next weekend to give your gift of a new beginning today.



Thank you.

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 PMR1 on **Saturday 14th December** or **Sunday 15th December**, approximately **one** hour before or after each mass. Please see the noticeboard 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 to be included in the hamper.



Hamper Deliveries: Once again, we ask for your generous help in the distribution of hampers. If you can spare an hour on: **Saturday the 21st December**, between 8am and 11am in PMR1. We will provide face masks, gloves, sanitiser etc. available to ensure the safety of our parishioners. If you have any enquiries, please contact Brian Brainwood on 0433 256 518 or Joe Tabone on 0412 234 651. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless.

HOUR OF GRACE

We will be holding an Hour of Grace on the 9th December, from 12.00pm - 1.00pm

CALENDAR

Mon 25/11	Tue 26/11	Wed 27/11	Thu 28/11	Fri 29/11	Sat 30/11 St Andrew Feast	Sun 1/12 First Sunday of Advent
					Bishop's Christmas Appeal	
9.30am Mass 7.00pm Baptism Preparation	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 6.30pm Prayer Group 7.00pm Mothers who Pray for their Children	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary 6.30 RCIA Mtg 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass Thornton Park	6.45 am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7.00pm St Nic's Flicks Movie Night	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass - Children's Liturgy 11.45am Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 30 NOVEMBER / 1 DECEMBER

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFIL YOUR MINISTRY PLEASE ORGANISE A REPLACEMENT.

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Margaret Cobden Brian Scott	Lucas Besa Llyla Tiamson	Sharon Falleiro	Christine Besa	Lyn Olander Alan Linga	AMDG Youth	Sharon Clarke
7.00am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	<i>Not required</i>	Sherica Valladores	Margaret Scicluna	Ramon Bru Yvonne Baccan	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	Caitlin Nepomuceno Rodney Howard	Claire George Pio George Vincent George	Sue Von Bock	Peter Nematalla	Evette Isaaks Orlan Nugpo Darlene Strehar Mary-Stella Sultana Carol Wright	Jeffrey Mizzi	Philip Margerison
10.00am	Remy Wood John Jordan	Zachary Christie Sreya Dias	Jennifer Letran	Evette Isaaks	Ninea Nepomuceno Kathleen Pemberton	Jane Chifley	Samara Dias
6.00pm	Jose-Elmer Simeon Rey Esteban	Joshua Esteban Ram Esteban	Margaret Wilson	Natasha Joseph	Kathryn Wrightson Lynda D'Lima	BNP Youth	BNP

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