

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / A

26 NOVEMBER 2023

WELCOME INTO THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU. Neither baptism nor the profession of faith in Christ guarantees our entry into Christ's kingdom. What is most important is the way we treat the least of Christ's brothers and sisters. What we do for them we do for Christ. By our care for them, we reveal that our profession of faith at Mass is more than just words.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Apoc 5:12; 1:6

**How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.**

### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

### COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may

render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. **R.**
2. Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. / He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

### SECOND READING 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has



come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk 11:9, 10

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Mt 25:31-46

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a





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## Our Lord Jesus, Christ King of the Universe / A 26th November 2023

<u><b>SUNDAY MASS TIMES</b></u>  <b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b> Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am  <b>OUR LADY OF GRACE</b> Sunday 8.00am	<u><b>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES</b></u> <u>REFER TO MASS TABLE BELOW</u> <b>NO Monday Mass</b> <b>Tuesday:</b> 8.00am <b>Wednesday:</b> 8.00am <b>Thursday:</b> 8.00am <b>Friday:</b> 9.00am	<b>Volunteers are needed</b> for Mass linen washing, Church cleaning, dusting, and watering the garden. Please see Fr. Mathew  <b>November Mass</b> envelopes are available for Mass intentions.
<u><b>RECONCILIATION</b></u> <b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b> Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm <b>OUR LADY OF GRACE</b> Sunday Before 8.00am Mass	<u><b>CELEBRATIONS</b></u>  <b>Baptisms:</b> Contact Parish Office <b>Weddings:</b> Contact Father	<u><b>FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK</b></u>  30/11 St. Andrew, apostle 03/12 New Liturgical Year begins, Cycle B

### PARISH EVENTS:

**The Prayer Group** is starting the **Advent Program** this coming Thursday **30th November** at 11:00am. For more information please contact Kathy 0407 777 387. Everyone is welcome!!

**Next Parish Morning Tea** will be Sunday **3rd December** after 9:30 Mass. All welcome!!

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25	6.00pm	Harry Moffitt (Ann)
Sun 26	8.00am	Des Hart (1st Ann)
	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tue 28	8.00am	Holy Souls
Wed 29	8.00am	Holy Souls
Thu 30	8.00am	Holy Souls
Fri 01	9.00am	Holy Souls

### PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE WORLD

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust to you the people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine and all peoples who suffer from injustice. Protect them all in this time of peril. Let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all.

We are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
 Mary Our Mother, Queen of Peace, Pray for us.

### Planned Giving

The Planned Giving program is an important part of the Parish as it allows us to maintain all aspects of the Church, Presbytery and Parish Centre. In order to keep the Parish viable we must maintain a target of 95% and above each week. Last week's giving was 76% of target.

**Thank you!**

### Safeguarding of our children in the Parish

The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Project was started in 2016 by Archbishop Timothy Costello SDB with the aim of providing a safe and secure environment for all its members, leaders and especially children and vulnerable adults. Our Lady of Lourdes is committed to creating a safe parish.

### SCAM ALERT!

**Dear parishioner unfortunately scammers are targeting our community yet again, by impersonating Fr. Mathew via email and text messages, instructing people to purchase gift cards and send the details so other people can cash them in. Please do not respond to any of these!**



## SPECIAL PARISH INFORMATION AND ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones. Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself. When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones. *(Source: Loyola Press)*

**St Vincent De Paul** The Lesmurdie Vinnies conference has placed a Christmas collection box in the Church foyer for donations of appropriate foodstuff to be distributed to the needy over Christmas time. Due to the circumstances this year our Christmas hampers will be made up only from our generosity of non-perishable foods as they are no longer supplied by head office. **Please have your donations in by Friday 15th** December. Should you'd like to make a cash donation please deposit it in the Poor Box. May the Lord bless your generosity.

**Columban Calendars 2024** still available for sale \$10. Proceeds in support of St. Vincent de Paul.

**Attention Proclaimers** (Existing and Aspiring Proclaimers) Formation sessions for Proclaimers of the Word are now available on 27th November at Infant Jesus Parish, Morley from 7:00 - 9:00pm. Register online: <https://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au/workshops/> Cost: \$10.

**Farewell to the Parish Secretary** In just over a week on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023, we will farewell Ms Maria-Sol Moscoso who has resigned to pursue full-time employment. Over the past two years Maria-Sol has provided friendly and courteous service to parishioners visiting the office, via phone, and email. On behalf of the parish community, we thank Maria-Sol for her commitment to the parish and wish her well for her future employment.

Christmas Mass Times		
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Day	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Day
6:00pm	8:00am; 9:30am; 6:00pm; <b>9:30pm</b>	8:00am; 9:30am

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** : Mark Blackwell, Louise Miller, Elvin Fernandez, Matt Don, Pekka Marttinen, Ann Elliott, Barbara Chodorowski, Jim Everett, Colleen Searle, Ralph Leon Mendoza, Olive Ferguson, Emma Newman, Oliver Reid, Marc Fernandes, Mary J Wilson, Reece McCuthcheon, Herman Z, Rita Z, Beatrix Zureich, Phillip Everett, Liz Lennon, Lin Sole, Ryan Campbell, Fiona Ball, Jill Turner, Marjorie Bly, Lucy Barranca, June McGinnity, Katie Searle, Tom Ryan, Len Brajkovich, Bruno Toffoli, Annemarie Domican, Michael Gillum, Ron Byrnes, Josephine Rondena, Cecilia Norris, Fr. Paul Raj, Fr. Vittorio Ricciardi, Delta & Eris Toop, Patrick M., Blair Richards, Fr. Wayne Davies, Theo Oorschot, Jenny Conti, Mary R., Fevziye R., and those battling with illness *and all those who have asked for our prayers.*

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Harry Moffitt, Des Hart and all Holy Souls. *Eternal rest unto them O Lord and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.*

DECEMBER	02	03	03		09	10	10
MASS	6PM	8AM	9.30AM		6PM	8AM	9.30AM
PROCLAIMER	Peter	Chris L	Mitch		Christine	Chris D.	Sabrina
ACOLYTE	Lou	George	Terry		Richard	Dermot	Lou
COLLECTION	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers		Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
MUSIC	S. Spencer	Quiet Mass	Mark & Eddie		S. Spencer	Quiet Mass	Mark & Eddie
CHURCH CLEANER	Veronika & Bernadette				Aida		
MORNING TEA	Kathy W.						



stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** APOSTLES' CREED  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you,

we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

## PREFACE OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

## COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

## LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 28:10-11

**The Lord sits as King for ever.**

**The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

One of the duties of a king in the ancient world was that of being the judge of the highest court in the land and the last court of appeal for anyone seeking justice. In the readings for today, we are invited onto a large stage to witness a drama in which the lives of individuals, nations, and all forms of authority and power, must stand before God's judgement.

In Ezekiel, the cries and suffering of the people have not gone unnoticed by God. The religious leaders had proved themselves to be unworthy and God will now provide the care and leadership that had been entrusted to them. Using the beautiful image of the shepherd who shelters, comforts, and heals, Ezekiel shows how God's judgement and rule are accompanied by loving care for those who suffer.

For his part, Paul reflects on the role of Jesus in the larger scheme of salvation history. The resurrection of the Lord had convinced him that a new age, a new creation was dawning. Jesus had been exalted as Lord and King and his rule would last until death had been conquered. Then he will offer a renewed creation back to God the source of all.

The fascinating development in the Gospel passage is that we are called to share in the development and growth of the kingdom by means of our loving concern for others. The responsibility of caring for the flock is one in which we are all called to share, and it is on this basis that we will be judged.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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