



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Feast of Christ the King | Year C Cycle 1 | 23 November 2025



Congratulations Confirmation Candidates

On Thursday night we had a large group, just over one hundred, of Candidates Confirmed by Bishop Anthony in a beautiful ceremony. Family and friends filled the Church to witness this important event in their loved one's faith journey. It was a very respectful and reverent occasion for this once in a lifetime Sacrament, and it will be one to be remembered. Thank you to all for your attendance and to our Bishop Anthony, Priests, Deacon, Teachers and especially Colleen Smith, our Pastoral Associate, who prepared the children and adults and ensured all was readied for this memorable event.

Your Choice

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, and it is also the last Sunday in Ordinary time.

Jesus our King of kings came into this world and made an impact in the history of the world. He was not like other kings of humankind. He established his Kingdom by laying down his life. Though he had power to destroy his enemies, he prayed for them, asking the Father to forgive them.

His is a Kingdom of peace, love and joy. He laid down his life for each one of us, for the whole world. The rulers made fun of him and the soldiers ridiculed him, for not saving himself. Yet he did not utter a word against them. He bore everything patiently for saving us and the whole human race from sins.

You have two options: to hurl insults at Christ the King, like the first criminal and be lost, or accept him as your Lord and Saviour and be with him in Paradise, in his Kingdom. The choice is yours.

God's Word Fr Robert Das SJ

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The Sovereign

The apostle Paul refers to Jesus as God's beloved Son, as "the firstborn of all creation" who made peace "by the blood of his cross" (*Second Reading*). The Kingship of Jesus Christ is unique in that his emphasis is not on displaying power but on making himself powerless so that others may live. He wears a crown of thorns. His hands are nailed to the cross and cannot hold any sceptre. His throne is the cross, an instrument of punishment and cruelty, a stark symbol of an ignominious death for a criminal. Jesus wears no royal purple and is shamelessly stripped naked. Calvary Hill hisses and heckles like a venomous serpent, but the resplendent image of Jesus, forlorn on the cross, cuts across the sky as a gleam of glory. Jesus Christ towers over everybody else on Calvary. He only has words of forgiveness for his tormentors. He assures one of the criminals, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Jesus surprises the small group of loyal people who dare stand at the foot of his cross. He gives Mary his mother and the beloved disciple to each other. In his final hour, Jesus creates a community between Mary and John, between Mary and every future believer. In a larger sense, Jesus gives Mary to the People of God, also known by another name: the Church.

World leaders rise to power then fall to oblivion or suffer disgrace. Jesus is not just another leader who assumes power but dies afterwards. Paul identifies him as "the firstborn from the dead," and by God's grace we are all his siblings. He shows to us that the royal road to life is one of selfless, loving, and dedicated service to our needy brethren. He teaches this by sincerely caring for the sick and the sinners. Jesus is our King who welcomes to his circle those who are in most need of his mercy until his last breath on the cross.

366 Days with the Lord Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

Drowning All the Sins of the World

Jesus permitted the darkness of the world to envelop him. In the densely textured Passion narratives of the Gospels we see all forms of human dysfunction on display. Jesus was met by betrayal, denial, institutional corruption, violence, stupidity, deep injustice, and incomparable cruelty, but he did not respond in kind. Rather, like the scapegoat, upon whom "all the iniquities of the people of Israel" (*Lev 16:21*) were symbolically placed on the Day of Atonement, Jesus took upon himself the sins of the world. As he hung from the cross, he became sin, as St Paul would later put it, and bearing the full weight of that disorder he said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Jesus on the cross drowned all the sins of the world in the infinite ocean of the divine mercy, and that is how he fought. We can see here how important it is to affirm the divinity of Jesus, for if he were only a human being, his death on the cross would be, at best, an inspiring example of dedication and courage. But as the Son of God, Jesus died a death that transfigured the world.

The theological tradition has said that God the Father was pleased with this sacrifice of his Son, but we should never interpret this along sadistic lines, as though the Father needed to see the suffering of his Son in order to assuage his infinite anger. The Father loved the willingness of the Son to go to the very limits of godforsakenness all the way to the bottom of sin - in order to manifest the divine mercy.

The Word on Fire Bible Bishop Robert Barron

Masses: Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 8am & 9:30am | Reynolds Court 11am | Maronite Mass 5pm

Weekday Masses: Monday Communion Service 9am | Tuesday - Thursday 9am | Friday 11:45am
Saturday 9am | Reynolds Court Wednesday 10am

Reconciliations: Saturdays 9:30am - 10am | 4pm - 4:30pm **Liturgy of the Hours:** Saturday 8:40am

Rosary: Monday-Thursday 8:35am | Friday 11:20am | Saturday 9:30am

Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group: Tuesday 9:30am **Cenacle Prayer Group:** Wednesday 9:30am

Christian Meditation Group: Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room



A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

Kids Club Christmas Party

Let's celebrate Jesus' Birthday! KidsClub is having a very special Christmas celebration. Join us for games, activities, craft, food and lots of fun! Saturday 13 December in the Reynolds Room from 3:00-4:45pm. Then come along afterwards to the Vigil Mass at 5pm. Enquiries to the parish office on 4332 2216.



Seaside Youth Group Christmas

Come along for our last gathering of the year and our first Christmas Party together! We will celebrate our new beginnings and Jesus' beginning, with fun, games and pizza! Saturday 13 December after the 5pm Vigil Mass and finishing at 7:30pm, in the Upper Room. All youth aged 10-17 invited – and friends are welcome! Enquiries to 4332 2216 or email theentranceparish@bbcatholic.org.au



First Friday Christmas Cuppa

It's time for our Christmas Get-Together! We wish you a Merry Christmas, so join us for a very special Christmas Cuppa, some treats and a good ole chin-wag! Bring a plate to share. First Friday 5 December after the 11:45am Anointing Mass. All welcome!



Parish Bus to Mass on Sundays

If you or someone you know is in need of a lift to 9:30am Mass on Sundays, our lovely Parish Bus drivers can pick you up. Ring the parish office to book on 4332 2216. Bookings need to be made in advance, by the previous Thursday, during our office hours 9:30am to 5:00pm.

Communion Under Both Kinds

Bishop Anthony has instructed that in Broken Bay Diocese from this weekend each parish will make Communion under both kinds available at each Mass celebration. We will slowly introduce this with 1 chalice only at this stage. Those wishing to receive the Chalice need to line up on the left-hand aisle for the Host then go to the left to receive the Chalice. As is the church custom the minister will give you the Chalice to consume a small amount of the Precious Blood and then you will hand it back to the minister. N.B. After the minister says 'The Body of Christ', or 'The Blood of Christ' we reply with: 'Amen'.

A reminder that the church allows us to receive the Host either on the hand or on the tongue. If receiving on the hand, please place your hand well out in front of you for the minister to place the host upon. If receiving on the tongue, please open your mouth wide enough and place your tongue out so that the minister does not contaminate their hand with saliva.

Feast of Christ the Universal King **Sam 5:1-3 | Col 1:12-20 | Lk 23:35-43**

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him be glory and power for ever and ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.



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Please Note

Welcome!

This weekend we have the Reception of the Lawrence family whose child is being Baptised in the near future.

Feast Days this Week

St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions 24 November.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be celebrated for residents at Bupa Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10am.

Revised December Roster

There will no longer be Commentators at the weekend Masses. The 'Prayers of the Faithful' will now be read by the person doing the Second Reading. The Mass notices will be announced by the Priest. Please pick up your copy from the Sacristy and disregard the previous December roster. Thank you.

Franciscans Food Drive

Please continue to bring your donations of non-perishable items for our Food Drive to the baskets at the Church doors. It has been a great response so far so please keep it up. The items are delivered to The Entrance Food Hub for the many needy in our area.

UN Climate Change Conference

COP30 brings together nearly all countries in the world to negotiate the multilateral response to climate change and monitor progress made. Pope Benedict, Pope John Paul II, Pope Francis and Pope Leo all speak of the care of creation as being embedded in our faith. Links are made by them to armed conflict, care for the vulnerable and the sacredness and dignity of all lives. They call for personal commitment to protection of God's creation. Let us pray for Cop 30, and our personal commitment to environmental care.

St Andrews Presbyterian Church Invitation

All are invited to a Christmas Service and Carols on Wednesday 3 December at 10am, with a guest speaker and morning tea to follow. RSVP to Fran Beek by 1 December on 0401 302 517.

Marriage Preparation Programme

Catholic Engaged Encounter offers a preparation weekend for couples contemplating marriage. It is currently held at St Joseph's Centre Baulkham Hills. See www.engagedencounter.org.au or contact office.engagedencounter.nsw@gmail.com or call 0408 162 038 for more information.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Laura Tribbia, John Keating, Gaye Sweeney, Bede Hickey, Carmel Anglin.

Anniversaries & Remembrances: *November is a special time to pray for all deceased. Mass Intentions in November are placed on the Altar during the Masses. Please place your envelopes in the November Mass Offering box on the altar rail.*

Sick: Fr Geoff Bugden, Fr Brogan, Graham Heuneberry, Marlene Pennings, Eamon McRory, Donny Daniels, Julie Fletcher, Lynette Falken, Walter Knoke, Carl Sanchez Jnr, Teddy Williams, John Cox, Abigail Holt, Linda Read, Pat McCudden, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Rosanna Natali, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, Anne Knoke, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.



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**Sacred
Gifts**

Welcome!

We are open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass. Also weekdays by appointment. You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.

Enquiries: 4332 2216