



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Feast of Christ the King

Year A Cycle 1

26 November 2023



Practising Virtue

When Jesus commends or criticises people in this Sunday's Gospel parable, it is on the basis of actions of mercy done or not done in the simplest of circumstances. Both groups of people didn't recognise Jesus in the needy people but one group acted compassionately towards them. The other group just ignored them. We could be tempted to think that the first group were naturally kind as they didn't realise what they were doing. Not so, life isn't that easy and God's salvation isn't that unfair. No, those actions seemingly done almost spontaneously, without thought of salvation, only come after some time practising virtue. We discipline ourselves to follow Christ, taking up our cross, consciously being kind, sacrificing our preferences for the sake of others so that, in the end, loving kindness comes so naturally that we don't even realise what we are doing. Having consciously practised the steps of kindness and thoughtfulness, we can then spontaneously dance the mystery of love.

God's Word Sr Kym Harris OSB

Our Account

The account of the last judgement given towards the end of Matthew's Gospel is interesting in both its contemporary use of example and its offering of a clear moral imperative for the future. The separating of sheep from goats would have been a frequent task for the shepherds of Christ's day; the animals were herded together and separated when it came time for market or stocktaking. Matthew uses an everyday image to convey an easy-to-understand principle to his hearers. We too shall face judgement; it is a certainty of our faith. It is a simple judgement, not complicated by questionnaires or examinations; the Lord – to whom all hearts are open – will point us one way or the other.

Matthew reminds us in the story that when that separation of the "sheep" from the "goats" takes place, it will be too late to do anything about it. There is no opportunity to put our side of the story, no bargaining or appeals process, no jury of our peers. If we want to influence the decision, we had better do it now, while we still have the chance. St Benedict puts it eloquently in his Rule: "Run while you still have the light of Christ!"

The Gospel gives clear, unequivocal examples of how to make sure we are the right side of the line. Our judgement depends on how we live our lives now. Every day, as we pray the Our Father, we ask: "Thy kingdom come." This is not an appeal for God to get on with it and complete the work of creation so we can all live in peace and harmony.

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Anointing of the Sick

will be celebrated
Friday 1 Dec
during 11:45am
Mass for those
over 65 or with
serious or long-
term illness.



Adoration

Adoration of the
Blessed
Sacrament is
held on each first
Saturday (2 Dec)
following 9am
Mass for one
hour closing
with Benediction



Peg Doll Painting is Back!

All are welcome to
join us for a
cuppa, chat and
some fun painting.
No skills required!
Fridays 9:30-
11:30am in the
Parish Centre.



Feast Day this Week St Andrew Apostle

30 November

Our Account *(Continued)*

It is a presenting of ourselves to become the instruments of that kingdom-building in offering our own lives in imitation of Jesus, whose kingdom-building comes to its climax in the power of the cross. Our commitment to the kingdom is to be of total self-giving in a life of Christian service – feeding those who are hungry, giving drink to those who are thirsty, making the stranger welcome, clothing those who are naked, visiting those who are sick and those in prison. Our faith is a faith of service, and it is that which will determine whether we stand on the right or the left hand of the Lord.

Judgement is both something that will take place in the future and – at the same time – something that takes place at every moment of every day of our life. A shepherd is constantly faced with decisions to make about the care of the sheep, to find food, water, shelter; for so many in our world today those human rights are limited, withheld or denied. We shall be judged on our responses now, not on our aspirations or desires. The American civil rights campaigner and priest Philip Berrigan said: "If they come for the innocent without walking over your body and mine, then a curse on our life and a curse on our religion."

The celebration of Christ the King is far from cosy and comfortable; it is a renewed challenge for us to act now, through our lives of service, for the building of God's kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. If we listen to scripture and act on it in lives lived in imitation of Christ, the servant king, we too shall reveal our love of the Lord in the service of others; we shall have no need to fear judgement.

Sunday Living Word - Majellan Family Media

Convert with Kindness

We have no time to listen to the poor - often they have to come again and again, walk long distances, sick, tired, in pain, to tell us of their want, of their suffering and we, because we are busy about many things, we have no time to sit at their feet and listen. To all those who suffer and are lonely give them always a happy smile, give them not only your ear, but also your heart. Kindness has converted more people than zeal, science or eloquence.

The Words and Inspiration of Mother Teresa

On War

Pace and war begin at home. If we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our own families. If we want to spread joy, we need for every family to have joy.

I beg you with my whole heart to work for, to labour for God's peace and to be reconciled with one another. In the short term there may be winners and losers in this war that we all dread, but that never can, nor never will justify the suffering, pain and loss of life which your weapons will cause... please choose the way of peace. You may win the war but what will the cost be on people who are broken, disabled and lost.

Letter to Presidents George Bush and Saddam Hussein January 1991 Mother Teresa

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal is being held in our parish on the weekend of 9/10 December. Support families struggling with the escalating cost-of-living crisis this Christmas. Help provide food, clothing, living expenses and crisis support for vulnerable people in Australia like Anna and her family. Envelopes will be available on the pews and may be added to the collections. Thank you for your kindness.



Welcome Fr Sam

Next weekend Fr Sam French, the Diocesan Vocations Director, will be here to speak on vocations at the 8am and 9:30am Masses. He grew up in Woy Woy on the Central Coast.

With the encouragement of Broken Bay Bishop Anthony Randazzo, his top priority is visiting parishes on the weekends to celebrate Mass, promote priestly vocations and be available for any questions people have about discerning priesthood and life as priest.

Let's Get Moving Senior's Classes

We still have vacancies for our group exercise classes, catering to all fitness and mobility levels. Designed to improve your cardiovascular fitness, strength and balance in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Mondays 12.15pm – 1.15pm in the Brogan Room. You can join anytime and one free trial lesson is available for all parishioners. Bookings essential 9481 2659.

Invitation to Christmas Service and Carols

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church—The Entrance—Women's Association invite you to attend a Christmas Service on Wednesday 6 December at 10am. Guest Speaker: Mrs Kala Pragasam. Morning tea following the service. RSVP Fran Beek by 1 December on 0401 302 517.

Divine Intimacy Fr Gabriel OCD

Jesus is our King in the full sense of the word: He has created us, redeemed us, vivified us by His grace, He nourishes us with His Flesh and Blood, He governs us with love, and by love He draws us to Himself ... Far from trying to escape His dominion, we should beseech Him to be the sole Ruler of our mind and heart, and the complete master of our will.



Bible Reflection with our Seminarian Tân. Last 2 Sessions Wednesdays 29 Nov & 13 Dec in the Reynolds Room 9:30am.



Welcome to the Lowe family for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.



Nursing Home Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at Bupa Bateau Bay at 10am on Tuesday.

Ministry Roster					
St Andrew's	St Vincent's	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's	St Paul's
Christmas Eve	Christmas Eve	Christmas Eve	Christmas Eve	Christmas Eve	Christmas Eve
Christmas Day	Christmas Day	Christmas Day	Christmas Day	Christmas Day	Christmas Day
Boxing Day	Boxing Day	Boxing Day	Boxing Day	Boxing Day	Boxing Day
St Andrew's	St Vincent's	St John's	St Mary's	St Peter's	St Paul's
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Christmas Mass Roster Please let us know of your availability for the extra Christmas Masses i.e. 7pm and 12midnight.

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)

Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am

Cenacle Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

Christ the King

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Matt 25:31-46

Entrance Antiphon: 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.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

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

Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

Recently Deceased: Fr John Alt, Fr Ken Sargent, Kathleen Desmond, Dallas McDonald, Joseph Timp.

Funerals: The funeral of Kathleen Desmond was held during the week. Please pray for Kathleen and her family.

Remembrances: In November we especially pray for all the Holy Souls. The Mass intentions are placed on the Altar during the Masses. Please place your envelopes in the November Mass Offering box on the Sanctuary railing.

Sick: Susan Simmons, Barbara Greaney, Anne Knoke, Robert Bower, Greg Firms, Michael Webb, Lyle Dunn, Anne O'Rourke, Paul Smith, Collette O'Grady, Trish Knoke, Emma Horton, Marc Sabat, Linda Read, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will, and all with serious illness.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT
CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Gift Centre

Beautiful Christmas gifts and Nativities - come and see! We are open before and after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and before and after the 9:30am Sunday Mass in the Church foyer. EFTPOS is available. For any enquiries call

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