

CHRIST THE KING - YEAR B

22nd November 2009

GOSPEL: John 18: 33-37

Today we celebrate Christ the King. Christ is not an earthly king, and we are called to be heavenly subjects.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.

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 will reign for ever and will give his people the gift of peace.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 24th November Andrew Dung Lac, priest, martyr and companions, martyrs

HAIL SERVANT, LEADER, KING

When a witness is being sworn in at court, the bailiff asks, "Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?"

Telling the truth can be difficult. In some cases you can get a punch in the nose if you honestly answer, "Yes, you do look fat in those pants." Maybe that's where we got the expression "You can't handle the truth." People speak of the ugly truth, the real truth and discerning the truth. And for some the truth is worth dying for.

In the concluding words of today's Gospel, Jesus puts an end to the interrogation of Pontius Pilate. Jesus says that he was born in this world to speak the truth. He says, "Whoever belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate next asks, "What is truth?" We must ask ourselves the same question. Do we know the truth? Is Jesus the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth for us?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

My friends, we are invited to live in the kingdom of God, a kingdom Jesus says is among us. It is not necessary for us to wait for heaven to live as citizens of his kingdom. Let us pray together today.

That the testimony of love offered by the saints may fortify Christians in their devotion to God and their neighbour, imitating Christ who came to serve and not to be served.

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That the Christian communities of Asia, contemplating the face of Christ, may know how to find the most suitable ways to announce Him, in full faithfulness to the Gospel, to the people of that vast continent so rich in culture and ancient forms of spirituality

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

In the kingdom of God, there is love. For an increase in charity toward all people; for attitudes of acceptance, encouragement and generosity.

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In the kingdom of God there is gratitude. For the grace to count our blessings when we are troubled and to remember those less fortunate when we are happy.

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those who are sick especially Br Gerry Dick, Liam O'Brien, Margaret Corrigan, Patrick Larkin, Fr Bob Leaver, Andy & Marie Carter, Catherine Flannery, Dawn Salmon, Tom Ryan, Audrey Willis, Kathy Dyball, Eileen Foley, Robert Driscoll, Russell Baude, Mat Talbot, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Lillian Roberts, Norm & Joan McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melva McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris, Patricia Bourke, Effie Ray, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Sandra Varrasso and Marie Cook. for the elderly in nursing homes; for those in hospitals and hospice care.

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer

We remember our loved ones who have died especially Brock Choate, Katarina Horvat, Vicki Bacash, Alf O'Connor, Deborah Cousins, and Michael Sandral.

Anniversaries:

Allen Josephs and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Deceased Members of the Ward & Slattery Families, Bert Scammell and all our dear ones deceased. We pray for all who have gone before us and for each of us as we prepare for eternal life with you.

Lord hear us Lord hear our prayer

BAPTISMS

Last weekend we welcomed into God's Church the following newly baptised:

ANTONIO IARIA

ELIJAH ROBERTSON

LEO ROBERTSON

FOR YOUR DIARY

ST PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL

Five new members are required to join St Patrick's Parish Council. Nomination forms are available at the church doors this weekend at all Masses. Nominations close next weekend, 28th November. Nomination forms should be placed in the white voting box or lodged at the presbytery front door by 9.00pm Sunday evening. Voting Sunday 6th December.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY AND CAROLS

St Patrick's Parish Children's Christmas Nativity Play and carols will be held on Friday 18th December at 6.00pm sharp. Drinks, nibbles and a visit from Santa will follow. Flyer with rehearsal dates and information are at the rear of the church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas cards are now available at the church door. \$6.00 per pack of ten different cards. Columban Calendars are now available at \$7.00 each.

COME ALONG TO YOUTH EXPO 2009 NOVEMBER 27, 28 & 29

For young people 13-30 at St Patrick's, Smollett Street Albury. This weekend will open your mind, enrich your faith and give you an opportunity to meet other young people your age. Pick up a copy of Together Youth for registration details and more information.

Online registrations are now open. www.youthexpo.site90.com Contact Miriam Kirley 0438 484 000 or email: wwdyouth@gmail.com

ALL NIGHT ADORATION

An opportunity to join in all night Adoration in St Patrick's Hall to coincide with Youth Expo from 11.00pm Friday 27th until 8.00am Saturday 28th November. Sign up sheets are at the back of the church for anyone who would like to add their name and spend an hour with Our Lord.

BILLETING REQUIRED FOR YOUTH EXPO 2009

We are looking for billets to host youth for this years Youth Expo. They will require accommodation for Friday and Saturday night. If you are able to billet 2 or more youth over the weekend November 27-28, please contact Miriam on 0438 484 000.

INFORM

Copies of Inform are available for free distribution this weekend at the church doors. It answers difficult questions on homosexuality and gay 'marriage'.

PETITION

Please sign the petition to the Legislative Council of NSW against the move by some individuals and organisations to demand New South Wales' Adoption Laws be changed to permit homosexual couples to adopt children. Signing tables outside church doors.

SISTERS OF MERCY TRAVELLING EXHIBITION

You are invited to view the exhibition of the Sisters of Mercy celebrating 150 years since their arrival in Goulburn at the Sacred Heart Hall North Albury on:

Saturday 21st November 12-6pm

Sunday 22nd November 9.30-5.00pm

Monday 23rd November 9.00-2.00pm.

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Holy Spirit Hall, 590 Mutsch Street, Lavington on Saturday 28th November at 5.00pm. Cost is \$10.00 per family, \$5.00 per person. Please bring a plate to share. For more information please see the noticeboard.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The St Patrick's Meals on Wheels Team will deliver meals the week commencing Monday 23rd November.

SNIPPET

The family is, so to speak, the domestic church. In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children; they should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each of them.

Paul VI