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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 21 November 2021

Today we read from John's Gospel again before switching to Luke for the third year of our Lectionary cycle (C). This pericope (John 18:33-37) was the one chosen when this feast was instituted soon after World War I because it highlights Christ as King, but of a kingdom different from those of this world; the euchology too emphasises him as above them, but not in a worldly way. The feast does not suggest that the Church in its earthly institutions has superiority over secular rule and dominions, but that Christ himself does, and to him all are ultimately responsible. This excerpt also forms part of the long Passion reading on Good Friday; that day therefore provides the broader context, for we know that Christ's coronation and his enthronement (both on the cross and at the Father's right hand) are of a different order from those of rulers in the world. The first reading (Dan 7:13-14) is also encountered every year as part of the first reading on the feast of the Transfiguration. The second reading (Rev 1:5-8) too reoccurs each year, in the Chrism Mass, where the opening "Grace and peace from" originating from verse 4 is employed, while today the verb "is" is inserted instead. The themes then of Christ crucified, Christ transfigured, and Christ who sanctifies and heals all converge in a sense in this feast, but they are overlaid by the image of him as Judge.

Since readings are chosen specifically for feasts there is greater correspondence than usual between the second reading and the others. The first two share a reference to the apocalyptic image of one "coming on the clouds", and both share, at least in the Greek, a reference to "all tribes", which in our translation appears as "all peoples, nations" and "all the races". And in the way that only John masters, the second reading and Gospel both contain threads linking them to other passages. From the second reading we have references back to the crucifixion in "everyone will see him" (since he was lifted up for all to see) who was "pierced" (a feature peculiar to John), and who "washed away our sins with his blood". The end of the Gospel passage draws together key Johannine themes, of Christ coming "into the world" and "the truth" which were first uttered in 1:9-14, while "listen to my voice" (literally, "each... hears my voice") draws from the Good Shepherd discourse and its follow-on (10:16, 27), which employ the ancient Hebrew description of kings as shepherds of their people. The verse in the Gospel acclamation also takes us back to Mark's version of the triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, although here Mark 10:10 is in an amended form that speaks of one "who inherits the kingdom of our father David" rather than of "our father David's kingdom that comes".

This King, unlike those of this world or the corruptible leaders in any realm, cares for all people, and he laid down his life for them; he does not merely rule from on high, but, emptying himself, he entered our struggle, and sharing our pain he knows how to judge both wisely and mercifully in order to heal and save—or in other words, to serve. There was a tendency in the past in Australia to treat this feast as a triumphalist manifestation, but that approach reflects less this theme of service and more the marked tribalism that had grown in antipathy to Protestantism. That is at odds with its origin in a Europe reviving from the ruination inflicted by warring worldly powers; the King it honours came in humility and to serve. This needs to be kept in balance with his role as Judge, to whom all will ultimately be answerable.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year B

Sunday Mass Times

Vigil 6pm

Sun 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am,

6pm

Weekday Mass Times

Mon 8.30am Tues-Fri 9:15am Sat 9.00am

Masses for Special Occasions

1st Tues 7.30pm Novena Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help

7pm Novena Mass 1st Fri Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition + Benediction

1st Fri after 9.15am Mass **1st Sat** after 9am Mass after the Novena Masses

Reconciliation

After any of the weekday masses Sat: after the 9am mass until 10am 5:15 - 5:45pm before the Vigil

Sacraments

1st Sat 9am Mass for the Sick 12pm Baptism by appointment

Devotions & Prayers

Mon 7.30pm Christian Meditation via Zoom Frances Pegram 0417 406715

Tues 7pm Rosary and Novena Prayer in the church except for 1st Tues

Fri 6.30pm Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039

Our Parish Mission

The parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart.

Inspired by John XXIII's prophetic opening of the windows of the Church, we welcome the fresh air of the Holy Spirit, inviting every person to share in the responsibility of enriching the life and faith

of our community by sharing their gifts and talents."

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.

First Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92:1-2, 5

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. **R**.

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **R**

Second Reading

Revelation 1:5-8

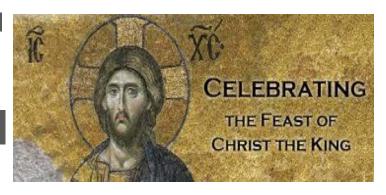
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord. **Tha**

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9, 10

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!

Gospel *John 18:33-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

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

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Maria Lilia Contemplacion

Deceased:

Anniversary:

Riolene & Aldred Weber, Alfredo Cruz, Regalado Morales

Sick: Names published with permission.

Fr Kevin Walsh, Natividad Reyes, Pat Doyle, Maria Romeo, Kristy Arceo, Iyrika D'Cruz, Owen Rogers, Dragica Julich, Virginia Santos Colleen McCunnie, Tony Muscat, Bev Lewis, Elizabeth Candame, Raymond Lanzona, Elizabeth Newnes, Christina Properzi, Geoffrey Robinson, Florentina Elisura, Anshu Mala Nand, Deidre Thomson, Greg Marcellana, Zenira D'Souza, Mavie Dela Cruz, Perla Magculang, Sophie De Leon, Isagani Ocampo, Gloria Bueno

Thanksgiving:



Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens where the love of Christ is shining in so many

Church Calendar

November

Mon	22	Saint Cecilia (M)
		8:30am - Mass

Tues 23 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wed 24 Saints Andrew Dung Lac and Companions (M) 9:15am - Mass

Thurs **25** 9:15am - Mass

Fri 26 9:15am - Mass 6.30pm - Holy Communion

Sat 27 9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass

Sun **28** 7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

Mass booking via Eventbrite not required due to the easing of rules by NSW Health.

First come first served will apply. Mask still required.

Weddings and Funerals, if not fully vaccinated, by NSW regulations only 10 people will be allowed.

COVID-19 NOTICES

Please check out the following sites for any and all updates:

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pageslatestupdates.aspx



https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

Check in and help keep everyone safe

For ease on contact tracing, as per NSW COVID regulation, a QR Code is displayed at both church doors for scanning purposes.



Doors to swing open as NSW continues to get the jab done

In response to the faster-than-expected rate of vaccination, the NSW Government will further **ease rules for those who are <u>fully vaccinated</u>** by bringing forward many of the roadmap changes scheduled for 1 December to Monday 8 November.

These freedoms will only be available for people who are <u>fully vaccinated</u>, including those who have medical exemptions and children under the age of 16. <u>COVID Safe check-ins and proof of vaccination will still be required.</u>

Those who are not fully vaccinated must still abide by pre-roadmap restrictions until the State reaches the 95 per cent double vaccination target, or 15 December, whichever happens first.

The current settings for masks, which apply to everyone, will remain in place until the State reaches the 95 per cent double vaccination target, or 15 December, whichever happens first.

Weddings

Weddings in NSW may have up to:

- 1 person per 2 square metres of space for indoor and outdoor areas.
- All people attending a wedding must be fully vaccinated (except for small wedding services).

Do not attend a wedding that exceeds the capacity limits.

People who are fully vaccinated do not have to be seated while consuming food and drink.

Dancing is permitted.

You can attend a wedding anywhere in NSW.

- If you are fully vaccinated you can attend a wedding, so long as the capacity limit is not exceeded. You must:
- carry vaccination evidence with you and produce it for inspection to a police officer or authorised officer if requested;
- check in with the Service NSW app or provide your contact details to the occupier
- follow the face mask rules.

Funerals and memorial services

Funerals and memorial services in NSW may have up to:

- 1 person per 2 square metres of space for indoor and outdoor areas.
- All people attending the funeral service must be fully vaccinated, (except for small funeral or memorial services).
- Do not attend a funeral or memorial service that exceeds the capacity limits.
- People who are fully vaccinated do not have to be seated while consuming food and drink.

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PARRAMATTA DIOCESE UPDATES ON COVID19

THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA ENCOURAGES YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR LIFE OF PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH DESPITE CHURCH BUILDING CLOSURES.

For more updates and useful resources visit https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#faa

Parish Pastoral/Ministry Corner

FAITH FORMATION

⇒ Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Oh Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank



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the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I
will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you
prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help. Mother of Perpetual
Help, pray for me and grant me the favour I confidently ask of you. (Then
say three Hail Marys).

"A family that prays together, stays together - Fr Patrick Peyton"

If you want the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home, please contact Bart Sarlabus via email bart.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto emcipi85@yahoo.com.au

Novena prayers 7pm every Tuesday except every First Tuesday it's a Novena mass 7:30pm

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	Feb	1	8	15	22	
		Tangunan	Sebastian	Ring	Jacob	
,	Mar	1	8	15	22	29
ı I		Jayakody	Paguinto	Richards	Shalini	Jacob
,	Apr	5	12	19	26	
		Barnouti	Erasmo B	Ring	Shalini	

Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.

"Mary joins us, she fights at our side. She supports Christians in the fight against the forces of evil. Especially through prayer, through the Rosary. Hear me out, the Rosary. ... Do you pray the Rosary each day?" Pope Francis

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Mahatma Gandhi

We are in urgent need for volunteers to assist in the different pastoral ministries in our Parish.



⇒ SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FACILITATORS

We require assistance at the children's baptismal rites during Sundays 12pm. For interested parties please contact Deacon Andrew on andrew @john23rd.org.au or the Parish Office.

⇒ GARDENERS AND CLEANERS

Garden Bees - our gardens look magnificent thanks to the work of our abled parishioners but more help is needed. The commitment would be whatever time you can spare – a few hours a fortnight to assist in the maintenance of the church's garden surrounds.

Cleaners — we have four teams of cleaners who clean the church on a monthly cycle and four teams who clean the votive candle stands every few months. Both groups needs more bodies to help out, urgently. The commitment would be a few hours each month. For more information contact maintenance@john23rd.org.au

\Rightarrow SRE Teachers

If you could spare an hour during weekdays to spread God's word teaching the scriptures to children, **WE NEED YOU**. We currently have 4 public primary schools and a high school in our parish where we hold scripture classes during school hours for 30 minutes during Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information call Asoki 0430 020265 or Renuka 0414 795814.

Training and resources will be provided.

⇒ WEEKDAY WARRIORS

The church pews are undergoing refurbishment. We are looking for volunteers to help carry some pews down to the basement where they are being repaired. If you can assist, please let Fr Jolly know or call the parish office.

⇒ VINNIES VAN

The Vinnies Van provides food, friendship, compassion and dignity to those experiencing homelessness and social isolation in the Mount Druitt and Parramatta areas. To become a volunteer of Vinnies Van you must be 16 years of age and over and available to attend induction training upon commencement.

For more information on joining the SJ23rd Vinnies Van team, please contact Naomi Reynolds at naomi1.rey@gmail.com



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Parking Reminder

Please make sure when you come to Mass, let us consider our neighbours. Do not block the neighbours' driveway.

Paying our debt together

FIRST COLLECTION – for the support of the priests and deacons of the Diocese.

SECOND COLLECTION – used to meet our parish running costs of the church and provide for ministry expenses; it is also needed to pay off our church mortgage.

Planned Giving Program as part of the second collection

A Planned giving Program is in place to help us with the planning/budgeting for the church expenses. To register, an **SJ23rd form** is available at the church fover or the website.

The Parish Finance Committee encourages all parishioners to register for direct debit or credit card deductions instead of the envelope system.

We encourage everyone to contribute financially as you leave by using the *TapnGo* machines or online via BPoint. We have *TapnGo* at both the doors.

SPONSOR A PEW

WE are refurbishing our church pews, as a cheaper alternative, to make mass attendance more comfortable and safe for everyone in the parish.

On this note, we would like to invite parishioners, if able, to sponsor a pew. It can be in memory of a deceased loved ones and wish to be remembered or it

could be your family's gift to the parish community. It could also be a way of thanking God for the graces of a lovely family you have and the blessings you received from the Lord. Each pew will cost from \$2,500 each.

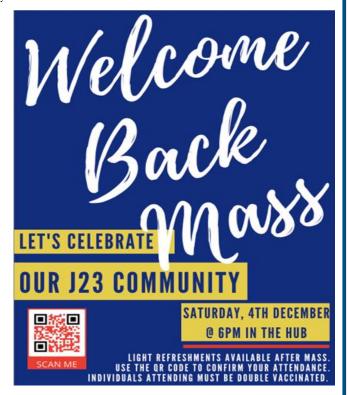
To remember the donor family and their loved ones, a small memorial plaque or Donated by plaque will be placed on each Pew, upon request. If you are interested please contact the Parish office on 8883 5981



YOU ARE INVITED!

St John 23rd have organised a community Mass on Saturday December 4th at 6pm in the HUB*. It has been a long and challenging year for many people, and so we wanted our Parish and School community to come together, celebrate Mass and reconnect over some light refreshments.

Below flyer has some detail, scan the QR code and RSVP your attendance.



We would love to see you there!!!

*Please note: this event will be taking place on our St John XXIII school premise and therefore are bound by the CEDP School's COVID Safe plan. This plan stipulates that all individuals coming onto our school site must be double vaccinated; check in via a NSW Health QR code; and must wear a mask indoors.

Job Vacancies

- Could you share the stories of suffering Christians?
- Are you looking for flexible part time work?

Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across the Archdiocese.

For all details visit, www.aidtochurch.org/work

Now that the our NSW Health has eased COVID restrictions, we invite our parishioners to return to mass.

Please find below the link for the invitation video on Coming back to Mass. https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/skNicrSH1E



Diocesan News



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9 November 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

As you are aware, we communicated to you last week that the NSW Government has shifted density limits from 1 person per 4 sqm to 1 person per 2 sqms.

For places of worship, all can attend regardless of vaccination status. However, we have now received further advice from NSW Health that there are some exceptions to the rule in relation to weddings and funerals which were not previously clarified. According to the new information sent to us, "the number of unvaccinated at a <u>funeral</u> or <u>wedding</u> is the lower number allowed based on the venue type OR the activity type".

This means that a wedding or funeral will have capped numbers if there are people who are not fully vaccinated in attendance even when held inside a place of worship. The following will apply:

Weddings:

- If all attending are fully vaccinated: Weddings in the church are permitted capped only by the 2sqm rule.
- If there are attendees who are not fully vaccinated: 5 guests can attend. This does not include the couple getting married, the priest celebrating the wedding, two witnesses and a camera operator recording the ceremony. This means a total of 11 people can be present.

Funerals:

- If all attending are fully vaccinated: Funerals in the church are permitted capped only by the 2sqm rule.
- If there are attendees who are not fully vaccinated: a 10-person limit will apply if people who are not fully vaccinated are in attendance. This does not include the priest and funeral company representatives.

A person is considered "fully vaccinated" if they have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, or has a medical contraindication certificate, or a medical contraindication recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register.

Yours in Christ,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams

Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

YOUTH MINISTRY

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

BLAZE

BLAZE youth group is held every second Friday throughout the school term in the St John XXIII school hall. Youth runs from 7:15 to 9pm and accommodate a fun and engaging night of faith-based talks encouraging teens to walk with Christ in a nurturing community. If you would like to come along to one of our sessions, please contact the team at blaze@john23rd.org.au

Youth Coordinator Amanda Lee - 0413 545 318 Assistant Youth Coordinator Caitlin Green - 0425 579 594 Youth Leaders

Anna Todhunter Taylor Coutinho Johnathan Soosaipillai Natasha Surjanto Charlotte Todhunter

For all youth ministry enquiries, ⊠ blaze@john23rd.org.au or visit our FB page https://www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/ ♂



Come and Join!

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)
CRL YOUTH LEADERS

Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210 Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009 YFC (Youth for Christ)

YFC YOUTH LEADERS

YFC International

Vince Erasmo - 0406 253 698

YFC Australia

Jonathan Montaos 0401 478 733

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John XXIII & St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens Principal: Dr Peter Webster

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160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

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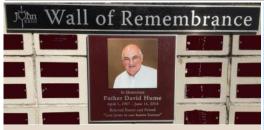
SUGGESTION BOX

We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

If you would like to advertise your business please contact the parish office.

St John XXIII Parish cannot take responsibility if the service provided by an advertiser does not meet expectations.

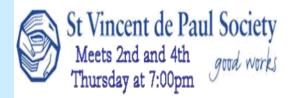


MEMORIAL WALL

The wall in front of the church is devoted to the memory of our deceased family and friends, especially if they are buried overseas. For any enquiries please email columbarium@john23rd.org.au



PRAISE AND WORSHIP 3rd Saturdays at 7:30pm SJ23rd Prayer Group





The plaques cost \$400.00.		cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com
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