



23/24 November 2019-Year C Feast of Christ the King



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5.30pm Vigil (Includes Children's Liturgy during School Term)

Sunday - 7.30am

Sunday - 9am (Includes Children's Liturgy during School Term)

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9am

Wednesday - 9am

Thursday - 9am

Friday - 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday

4.30 - 5.15pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: Every 2 months - check bulletin for dates

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation with Funeral Directors.

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: 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.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Feast of Christ the King

1. Christ the King

In the Gospel Reading, Christ is crucified. The rulers who caused this crucifixion feel no compassion. They add to his misery by mocking his mission: he saved others; himself he cannot save. One of the two thieves crucified with him mocks him too: hey, Christ, save yourself and us! Christ the King says nothing. He just hangs there, nailed to the wood of the cross.

Love that is willing to suffer is greater than power that is able to coerce

What the *other* thief says is astonishing. He rebukes the first thief, the one mocking Jesus, in the strongest possible way. "Have you no fear of God?" he says.

If you leaned over the edge of your chair and saw a giant python inching its way across your floor, you would leap sky high, wouldn't you? You wouldn't be making any mocking jokes right then, would you? The good thief wants to get the same reaction out of the bad mocking thief. Only it isn't a python that is meant to give the bad thief a reality check. It's the awesome power of the living God.

But how about a reality check for the good thief? Look at where Christ the King is! What's to fear about the God who lets his King be killed this way? The whole earth is soaked with the tears of the suffering; and broken humanity is like the flotsam and jetsam everywhere on the ocean of history. What's to fear about God? Where is he?

On the cross—that is the answer.

God is love and all the power of God is there in the love shown by Christ's painful death. To save us, and to bring us to himself in heaven, God will suffer even the torment of death on the cross. Love that is willing to suffer is greater than power that is able to coerce, and that powerful love is there on the cross.

Someone habituated to mockery *should* fear this power. Sooner or later, the consuming fire of God's love will burn away his mockery's pretence at insouciance.

But someone who fears God because God loves him will find Christ in the way the good thief did. Sooner or later, he will hear Christ say to him, "This day you will be with me in paradise." Then he will know the victory of Christ the King, and he will be victorious with Christ.

2. Liturgy Meeting

Members of the Liturgy Committee are reminded of the monthly meeting in the presbytery on Tuesday Night 26 November from 7pm.



3. Finance Meeting

Members of the Finance Committee are reminded of the meeting in the presbytery on Wednesday Night 27 November from 7.30pm.

4. John Edmondson VC Gardens Nursing Home

There will be a Christmas Mass for the residents on Friday 22 December.

The members of the Parish Council thought it would be wonderful to give a small gift to the residents. So, we are looking for toiletries eg: soap, toothpaste, facewashers etc to give.

A box will be available under the Christmas tree for parishioners who would like to assist in this giving to the residents.

Thank you.



5. St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal this year is focussing on older people as they have plenty of toys etc for younger families.

They are getting more calls from older people for food and the essentials in order to live.

The Society is asking for essential food items eg: Pasta, longlife milk, tea coffee and tin foods.

A box will be placed under the Christmas tree over the following weeks for your donation.

Thank you.



6. Liverpool Catholic Club Carols

If there are any parishioners who would like to attend the LLC Carols on Sunday next, December 1 from 6.45pm with fireworks at 9pm but don't have transport can they see me to arrange transport.

If parishioners attending can let me know because if there aren't enough for a LCC courtsey bus, could parishioners volunteer to carpool if you have room?

See me please.



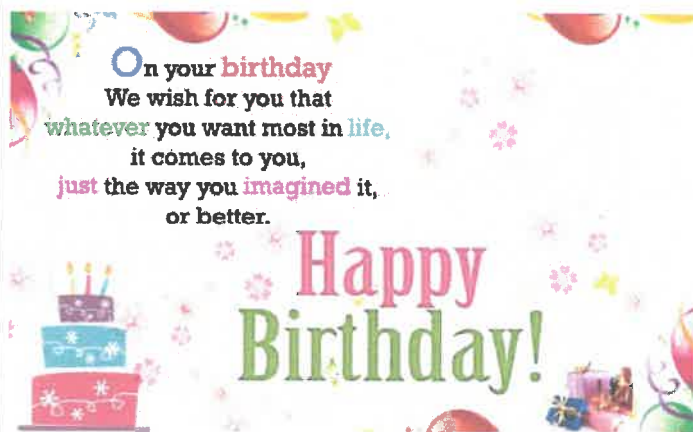
7. Christmas Pageant

Practice for the Christmas Pageant will begin on 26 November and then every Tuesday until Christmas Eve.

Children from 5 years of age and above are welcome to participate.

Parents/Guardians need to be present for all practices. Children must be available from the first week as there needs to be ample time for the children to be very comfortable and familiar with their roles.

Please see Vanessa, Sarah or Veronica for any queries.



**A Big Happy Birthday to Fr Bob for Saturday
We hope you have a wonderful Day**

May God Bless you.

Fr. Bob

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

25-30 November

L Simat, Y Refalo

2-7 December

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,
T Gimellaro, K Puric



READERS ROSTER

23/24 November

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Julie Dimech

Readers:

Julie Dimech: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Wendy Tourle

Readers:

Wendy Tourle: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Massimo Sofi

Readers:

Massimo Sofi: 1st Reading

Sam Sofi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

30 November/1 December (First Sunday of Advent Year A)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Teresa Calarco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Margaret DeVries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

23/24 November

Saturday Vigil

Veronica & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Phil Gigliotti

30 November/1 December

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Julie Dimech

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Frances Musso



ACOLYTES ROSTER

23/24 November

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

30 Nov/1 Dec

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

23 November

Sarah & V Casha

30 November

F Hockings & V Bugeja

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon



NURSING HOME ROSTER

1 December

Frances & Faye

15 December

Sister Rosa & Jayann



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



POPE FRANCIS IS ON HIS APOSTOLIC VISIT TO THAILAND AND JAPAN (20-25Nov)

BANGKOK — Chief advisor to His Majesty the King greeted Pope Francis upon his arrival for his Thailand visit on Wednesday morning on behalf of the monarch, Catholic officials said.

The Pope, who is on an apostolic rather than a state visit, was welcomed at Don Mueang Airport by Gen. Surayud Chulanont, the Privy Council President, as a representative of King Rama X. The government was represented by Deputy Prime Minister Somkid Jatusripitak. Unlike the last papal visit 30 years ago, no royal family member was present at the airport today.

When Pope John Paul II visited the kingdom in 1984, he did so as a state guest of Their Majesties King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit. King Bhumibol sent the then-crown prince Vajiralongkorn to welcome him at the airport. The Pope was also treated to a ride in the monarch's very own car.

A high-ranking Catholic official said it could be because the current Pope prefers a much simpler treatment.

"I believe th

at this visit is different. This pope likes things very simple. I believe he was just in a simple Toyota Lexus," Holy See spokesman Chainarong Monthienvichienchai said at a news conference.

Apichart Intravisit, president of the Catholic Social Communications of Thailand, said that to be received by the President of the Privy Council was already considered a very prestigious honor.

Pope Francis is scheduled to meet King Rama X Thursday at 4:55pm for a private audience – as opposed to Pope John Paul II's official audience back in 1984. He will then preside over a public mass scheduled for 6pm at the National Stadium.

"In my opinion, he is very happy to be here," Chainarong said. "The first one he greeted was Sister Ana Rosa, a kind of younger sister whom he has requested personally to be his personal translator."

Sister Ana Rosa Sivori, 77, is a nun and cousin of Pope Francis, who has been living in Thailand since 1966.

BANGKOK — Several major roads in the capital will be briefly closed to traffic during Pope Francis' visit to Bangkok starting Wednesday, officials said.

The four-day trip will take place from Nov. 20 to 23, but the traffic will be most disrupted on Thursday and Friday, when Pope Francis is due to hold an audience with His Majesty the King, Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, the Buddhist Supreme Patriarch, and preside over two masses with the public.

Use the interactive maps below to find roads to avoid and suggested detours around the affected roads on Nov. 21 and 22.

Nov. 21: The Apostolic Nunciature – The Government House – Wat Ratchabophit – St. Louis Hospital – Ampornstan Palace – National Stadium – The Apostolic Nunciature

Pope Francis will travel from the Apostolic Nunciature on Sathon Road to Government House on Phitsanulok Road at 8am via Rama VI Road and the Expressway.

He will move on to Wat Ratchabophit on Atsadang Road to meet the Supreme Patriarch at 10am and then to St. Louis Hospital on South Sathon Road to meet hospital staff at 11am.

He will roll down the streets again at 4.30pm for a private audience with King Rama X at Amphorn Sathan Palace on Ratchadamnoen Avenue via Sathon, Rama VI, the Expressway, Phitsanulok Roads.

Pope Francis will back at the city centre at 5.20pm to preside an open-air Holy Mass at the National Stadium on Rama I Road.



NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

"November is the month of the Holy Souls. It's a time for us to pray for our dead that they may be loosed of their sins and enjoy life with God. The Book of Maccabees in the Old Testament reminds us: "that it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be loosed from their sins."

Many today die perhaps not in fully God's love and so Purgatory is a cleansing in order for them to attain life with God. By having Mass offered we assist loved ones to be cleansed of sin and so enter Heaven.

November Mass envelopes can be found on the pews and on the back table.

The Archdiocese stipulates that Masses during November the offering is \$20 per envelope for Masses offered for the intention of those whose names are mentioned in the November envelopes.



Behind the scenes at Lewisham for Night Patrol

An outreach opportunity for Parishioners to join staff and parents from the school once a term to travel to Lewisham as a group and assist at the Vinnies Van Services centre between 10am-1pm. We can grab a bite to eat at a local cafe or on our way back to school for pick up time. Lewisham is a larger centre than Liverpool and provides food for the Sydney van services. Activities we will be undertake on the day could include:

- Preparing sandwiches
- Cleaning of our vehicles (inside and out)
- Preparation of toiletry gift packs for those experiencing homelessness
- Sorting of donations
- The preparation of a salad or soup
- General cleaning and sorting.

We need a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8 people to assist each day and unfortunately, because space is limited at the centre, no toddlers are permitted.

The date remaining for this year is **Tuesday 26 November**.

If you are interested in attending please email me at veronica.leva@syd.catholic.edu.au or call on 0416277334



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Giuseppe Cicala, Alba Casagrande

Anniversaries: Charlie Vella, Maria Catania

Also for: We pray during November for our deceased loved ones, relatives and friends.

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:

Ian & Shirley Farrell, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, David Angeles, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough, Paul Galea, Herb Herman, Michael Jasenko, Antoinette Grotto, Tomislav Juric, Fr David Coffey (Former Lecturer in the Seminary), Doris Gauci, Romeo San Jose & Veronica Sese.

Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Religious freedom: Catholics challenge Government
- Honouring Dignity: Feast for World Day of the Poor
- The quiet heroes of life
- NSW honours Professor Rose
- Movie Review: Midway
- Hoxton Park turns 25

Please put \$2 in the poor box

Parish Hall for Hire

The Parish Hall has had a make-over, as those who have worked in it can testify.

The room has been painted, splash tiles around the sink area, a new oven and the cupboards have been repaired.

Parishioners are welcome to hire the hall for family celebrations, baptism parties, wedding anniversaries and birthday parties for children up to age 10.

Teenage parties may be an issue so the parish will NOT hire out to these events.

The cost of hire is: \$450 plus a bond of \$100 that will be returned as long as the Hall is left clean & tidy with no damages.

Anyone interested in hiring the hall should contact the parish secretary for the rental agreement and the hirer's responsibility using the hall.

KID'S CORNER

Q. Why do shoemakers go to heaven?

A. Because they have good soles.



Lights of Christmas

Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral with a special Opening Night Concert featuring Friar Alessandro, the Voice from Assisi, and internationally acclaimed Australian pianist Vivian Choi.

A wonderful free community event starting Thursday, 5 December with the Opening Night Concert from 7.30pm.

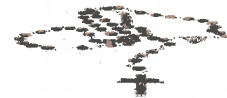
A Sydney tradition, the Lights of Christmas runs every night until Christmas featuring a range of choirs.

The Chain of Mary Association Inc

The Chain of Mary Association Inc One Decade Rosary Booklets.

Please feel free to take the Chain of Mary one decade Rosary booklet and pray it each day with faith and devotion. Ask for any grace you need and Mother Mary will listen to you. Write your name and intentions in the book provided on the table at the back of the church and once a week Mass will be offered for you and your intentions.

For any enquiries please call
Sr-in-Christ Rosa
Ph: 96067571



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MORNINGS

This service is for family and friends who grieve the loss of a loved one and the changes that loss makes in one's life.

Morning tea is provided in a relaxed and caring setting.

For further information contact:

Bereavement support Ph: 02 9646 6908 or email: bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

If you or a friend are in need of such support please ring and attend the session

Sessions held: Every Third Wednesday of the Month from 10am-1pm.

National Pastoral Ministry Conference Alive in the Spirit Being the Community

Christ calls us to Be 9-11th July 2020 St Mary Star of the Sea College, Wollongong
Save the Date for the National Pastoral Ministry Conference Thursday 9th to Saturday 11th July 2020.
Keynote Speaker: Leisa Anslinger from the United States of America and a National Leader in StrengthsFinder work and in Parish Engagement & Stewardship.
The Conference, coordinated by the NSW Association of Pastors, Pastoral Associates and Parish Workers (NAPPA) collaborating with the Christian Initiation Australia Network (CIAN), and the Oceania Mission Planners Network (OMPN) invites all people working in Pastoral Ministry to explore:
• What gives life in the Spirit and renewal in our Church • Ways to invigorate the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults within our parishes • Our engagement with Plenary 2020
The Conference will be held at St Mary, Star of the Sea College, Harbour St, Wollongong.
Spread the word and look out for more information in coming months
More information contact: Lisa Bright lisa.bright@parracatholic.org or 0448 652 720 NSW Association of Pastors, Pastoral Associates/Parish Workers.

The Epiphany Pilgrimage

The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. Registration and details at epiphanypilgrimage.org and facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage

Carols By Candlelight-Liverpool Catholic Club

Free Carols by Candlelight in the grounds of the Liverpool Catholic Club on Sunday December 1 2019. Program starts at 6.45pm, Carols commence 7.30pm.
Also, live nativity scene and a pen with nursery animals for the children.
Fireworks display to conclude the evening. All Welcome.

Using the Parish Toilets

A bin has been placed in the Ladies toilets for soiled nappies and sanitary napkins.
Please use the bags provided and the bin.
Please **DO NOT** throw them in the toilet, we have had to get the plumber out too many times, and this is a big cost to the parish.

PARISH CENSUS FORM (PCF)

Have you filled in a PCF which can be found on the table behind the pews.
Why? It's important that we have your details if we need to contact you.
Please fill in the Census Form found on the table behind the pews and leave in the Census Box.



1. Men's Breakfast: Prophet, Priest & King

All men are welcome to attend an invaluable experience of food, faith and fellowship on Saturday 30 November from 8am – 12pm at Holy Family Parish, 1D Anzac Rd, Menai. The schedule will run as follows:

8:00 Adoration

8:30 Mass offered by Bishop Umbers

9:30 Cooked breakfast

10:00 Talk by Peter Holmes on the topic of *Prophet, Priest & King*, followed by small group discussion and Q&A

COST: \$10/head. Book now at www.trybooking.com/BFULH



2. Save the date: National Association of Catholic Families Conference 2020

You can now reserve your family's place at the 2020 NACF National Conference, which will take place during the Easter Break at The Collaroy Centre. The Conference will feature an exceptional line up of speakers including Archbishop Julian Porteous and our very own Steven Buhagiar! Childminding will also be available.

Dates: 3-5 April 2020

Location: The Collaroy Centre, Collaroy

Expressions of interest: nacf.sydney@hotmail.com



3. Matrimonium Project: Made for Each Other (M4EO) Summer School

A unique event for young Catholics aged 18-35 to explore the depth of the Church's teaching on relationships, sexuality and marriage. Last year's participants found that the Summer School was an immersive formation experience that was delivered in a faith-filled and friendly environment. Key features include: Excellent speakers (Katrina Zeno, Archbishop Julian Porteous, Christine Wood and more), lively group discussions, Mass & prayer time, social occasions and an alpine bushwalk.

For more information call Ben Smith on 03 6208 6036 or email ben.smith@aohtas.org.au



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