

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018

Today we celebrate Christ the King! It sounds like a most triumphant feast for the Ruler of the World. Really our notions of Kingship are formed by visits from royalty to our shores; royal jets, big cars whisking royal couples to special events, big hats, speeches etc. Royalty is so far removed from our lives, although the younger Royals do seem to strive to have relevance in the lives of the people of the kingdom. But what of the kingship of Christ? and how does he rule? and especially how does he rule for us Christians through this time of atrocities and terrorism.

"*Mine is not a kingdom of this world,*" he said, "*if it was my men would have fought for me....My kingdom is different.*" What was he doing, redefining kingship and kingdom and possibly hope. You know the line, it's not what you know but who you know. It's all about connections. Yet here the Saviour of the world was being brought to his knees explaining the kingdom, his kingdomthe kingdom is like a mustard seed? like a rare pearl? like good wheat sown in with weeds? like small children? All too hard....yet at Baptism we are made Priest, Prophet and Sovereign....sharing this kingdom we don't fully understand

"*Mine is not a kingdom of this world.... I am a king....I came into this world for this: to bear witness to the truth....*" Jesus' witness to truth was to love us to death and that everybody matters, absolutely. There is no them and us. It is He who washed the feet of all his apostles and then shared His hospitality at the table, with the knowledge of the ones who were to betray him and deny him. This is the witness to the truth of God's kingdom and the nature of the King of the Universe!

Marguerite Martin

Religious Christmas cards will be on sale the next two weekends of December (or when sold out). Money raised will go towards church maintenance. \$6 per packet for 8 cards.

This weekend we warmly celebrate and congratulate our 5 First Communicants at 10am Mass.

Oliver Crosby, Felicity Crosby, Luke Scoufis, Thomas Scoufis and Mazvita Majuru.

We welcome the ***Sisters of St Elizabeth from Belarus*** who will be showing their religious goods for sale. The Sisters finance many good works rendering spiritual, social and financial support particularly in the area of women and children who have suffered crisis, mental health problems and rehabilitation in their country. Please show your support for our visitors.



Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is **\$738**. If you are able to help the Parish meet its quota please place your donations in the special envelopes available on the seats or at the back of the church and can be placed on either of the collections or drop into the Parish office.

LOURDES DAY MASS

The Order of Malta is hosting its annual Lourdes Day Mass on Saturday 1st December at St Mary's Cathedral, celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Fisher. Lourdes Water will be handed out and a special blessing of the sick will take place. All are most welcome.

ADVENT LITURGY

There will be an Advent celebration to install the symbols of Christmas at Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel Saturday December 1 at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited to enter into this prayerful seasonal liturgy.

Storm Damage Update. The outcome of the various inspections which have taken place so far is very much still in the hands of the Catholic Church Insurance.

Michael Clay

We, the Parish community of St. Vincent's, with a genuine sense of belonging, strive to follow the example of Christ and spread the Vincentian spirit throughout the Ashfield district.

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

Men's Group Parish Christmas Barbecue will be held Sunday 16th December after all masses.

Ashfield St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Ashfield St. Vincent de Paul will be holding their appeal on Sunday 2nd December. Envelopes will be placed on the seats for anyone wishing to donate to this appeal.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Over the next three Sundays, December 2, 9 and 16, your local St Vincent de Paul branch will be collecting non-perishable food items for Christmas hampers. These will be distributed to struggling individuals and families in our area, who have been assisted by the Society during the year. Please place your donated items in the baskets under the Christmas tree. Thank you for your generosity in making sure these families are able to share in the joy of Christmas.

Some suggested items:

Tinned fruit, vegetables, soup, tuna, salmon
Breakfast cereals and bars
Biscuits savoury and sweet
Pasta and sauces
Tea, coffee, milo, cordial
Christmas cakes, puddings and other treats

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
Tuesday 7:00am
Wednesday 12 noon
Thursday 9:00am
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am
Morning Prayer: 8:40am
Saturday 9:00am
Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm
Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Sunday 9.00 am First Wednesday of the Month,
3:30pm Reconciliation, 4:00 Mass & Anointing, First
Friday of the month 9:00am Communion Service.



Social Justice Corner

Dates relevant to Social Justice Issues this week:

- Sunday 25th November is the *International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women*; it is White Ribbon day and on this day in 1981 was the UN Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.
- Monday 26th November; on this day in 1883, Sojourner Truth, an African-American and women's rights activist, died.
- Tuesday 27th November; on this day in 1998, the first Sydney Peace Prize was awarded to Muhammed Yunus.
- Thursday 29th November is the *International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People* and on this day in 1980, Dorothy Day, the founder of the Catholic Worker Movement died and on this day in 1986, Pope John-Paul II met with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Alice Springs.
- Saturday 1st December is *World Aids Day* and on this day in 1976, Sir Douglas Nicholls was appointed as Governor of South Australia, the first Indigenous Australian to hold vice-regal office.

2019 Columban Calendars now on sale for \$9.00

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us.

We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office @ 02 9390 5812.



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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: His sovereignty is eternal (Daniel 7:13-14)

PSALM: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Ps 92:1-2,5)

SECOND READING: The ruler of the kings of the earth...made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God. (Revelation 1:5-8)

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!

GOSPEL: You say that I am a king (John 18:33-37)

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



Next Sunday's Readings

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16

Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14.

1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36