



Christ the King Church

ST MEL'S PARISH

" BE STILL AND KNOW I AM GOD..."

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St Mel's Parish is a Child Safe community. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 13 November 2022

Readings for this week:



Malachi 3:19-20
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

Readings for next Sunday:



2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43



Liturgical Jottings

Ars celebrandi 1

One way of caring for and growing in a vital understanding of the symbols of the Liturgy is certainly the *"ars celebrandi"*, the art of celebrating. This expression also is subject to different interpretations. Its sense becomes clear if we refer to the theological sense of the Liturgy described in Vatican Council II, Sacrosanctum Concilium n7, [the Mystery of Christ present and active by means of signs addressed to our senses so that the Spirit might transform every dimension of our life, conforming us more and more to Christ]. The *ars celebrandi* cannot be reduced to a rubrical mechanism, much less should it be thought of as imaginative creativity without rules. The rite is in itself a norm, and the norm is never an end in itself, but it is always at the service of a higher reality that it means to protect.

Desiderio Desideravi nn 48
Pope Francis 19/6/22

Looking at the Readings

'The Day of the Lord is coming' (Mal 3:19) is the opening line of the first reading and the thread woven through all the readings and prayers for this second last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. The Prophet Malachi is brief but complex. The Day of the Lord brings judgement and salvation, it may be a day of great fear or joy. The Readings give the faithful person confidence: "the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays" Mal 3:20; The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. Ps 97:9; Gospel Acclamation: "Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand." Luke 21:28; Gospel: "Your endurance will win you your lives." Luke 21:19.

We, as a church community, may be weakened by crises and disasters or bewildered by doubts. Malachi calls us to persevere and be confident in the Lord's Coming. Jesus encourages us to be trusting in his presence in times of trial. While the Thessalonians were waiting of the imminent return of Christ, some stopped their daily work, St Paul had to urge them to keep on working, the Lord is coming but not yet.

Each Sunday is the Day of the Lord, Every Eucharist celebrates the Lord who has come, is coming and will come again!

A Grace before Meals

While scripture may be used in our prayer before meals, today's second reading has proven to be unsuitable. Here is an alternative:

Lord God, may this food restore our strength, giving new energy to tired limbs, new thoughts to weary minds. May this drink restore our souls, giving new vision to dry spirits, new warmth to cold hearts. And once refreshed, may we give new pleasure to you, who gives us all. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Quotes of the Day

What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, God calls the beginning of the butterfly. *Richard Bach*

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree. *Martin Luther*

On the Lighter Side

The USA Elections often coincide with the Gospel of today or similar Gospel passages warning of dark times and signs of the end of the world. Many a preacher and journalist have made a comparison with the Gospel and the results of the elections. Fortunately in Australia our elected politicians do not wield such fear and might.



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St Mel's Parish Is...

"A welcoming and caring community that helps all people grow stronger in our Catholic Faith."

REFLECTION FROM FR PETER

With our modern day living and lifestyles are so many challenges as we grapple with being authentic to these and where there are outcomes bringing affirmation. Our global crises whether they be social, ecological, political, even outer spacethe number of countries getting to the moon is conversational! Related to all these is how nothing lasts forever. Meanwhile technology keeps rolling on telling us the latest edition of the Ipad!! From these tensions, we need a hopefulness overcoming the disorder.

From this is a gospel reading of Jesus' words about the destruction of the temple. It would appear that from the perspective of Luke's gospel account this event of the destruction of the temple lies into the future. No matter what predictions are forecast, or disasters, Jesus promises spiritual resources being available to one's own faithfulness.

The very word faithful can be a testing word at this time of the year. In fact the Church year we have been journeying through is climaxing as next Sunday celebrates Christ as Universal King. I would be encouraging you to bring reflection between now and next Sunday on these lines

- . What has been positive for me and my Church involvement this year?
- . Have I seen a growth in my faith and belonging here at St. Mel's?
- . What is something I'm really anticipating presently?

These kind of statements are about looking back so to see a way forward in my faith and next week. Take time this week to reflect over the above.

CHRIST THE KING CELEBRATION

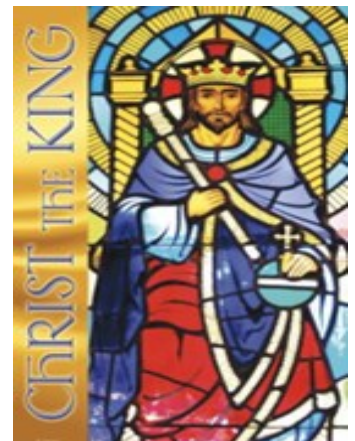
Count down... One week to go!

Please join us for our Parish celebration of the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

**Next Sunday, November 20th at the St Mel's Parish Hall.
Doors will open at 11:30am.**

**Diverse food options available & a BBQ,
drinks (no alcohol) & entertainment.**

**Thank you to all who have volunteered their time, made food offerings or donated to assist with purchase of stock.
The Hall will be open from 9am for you to drop off dishes.
If you would like to contribute please contact Xavier Tanner
xaviertanner25@gmail.com or phone 0409 388 845**



St Mel's Parish would like to acknowledge the elders past and present of the Yorta Yorta Nation, and pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish and church is situated.



CONGRATULATIONS Nanette Cahill, as you celebrate your 90th Birthday (12th November). Enjoy this great moment and all who are close to you, from us all here at St Mel's.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM Our congratulations to Darcy and Elaina Campanelli, children of Joe and April, and to Alexander and Isabella Lazic, children of Marco and Felicity, baptised into our Church here last Sunday.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION Thankyou to all who made the sacramental experience of Reconciliation meaningful for our candidates and families last Thursday evening. Especially the great efforts of our Parish Sacramental team, led most efficiently by Mel Shiels, our coordinator, and Grace Natalizio for the tech support, and for Fr Jackson for his support of me on the evening.



ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Will take place here at St Mel's *THIS* Wednesday evening at 7pm. An opportunity to gather for refreshments in the gathering room at the Parish House afterwards. *PLEASE, A SMALL PLATE TO SHARE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.*



HAPPY HOUR Our next Happy Hour will be *THIS* Thursday, November 17th at 5pm in the Parish House Gathering Room. All welcome!

SANDHURST PRIESTS GOLF DAY held once a year, is this Monday at Hilltop, Tatura. Promises to be a good social day, when many of us can "brag" a bit about our abilities... on the golf course that is!!!

PARISH FINANCE AND COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT Our final meeting for 2022 will now be held on Thursday, December 1st at 7pm in the Gathering Room at Parish House. Apologies for change of date (some said they would be away for the scheduled meeting 23rd November).

FROM CATH NEWS World Leaders have 'moral obligation' to act on climate change... With world leaders gathering in Egypt for the United Nations climate summit, the Vatican has related a 'moral obligation' to safeguard the planet and to offer aid to people suffering the "humanitarian impacts caused by climate change". "Climate change will not wait for us", a spokesperson has said. Our world is now far too independent and cannot permit itself to be structured into unsustainable isolated blocks of countries. This is a time for international solidarity, where responsibility, being courageous and forward looking not just for ourselves, but for our children.

FORMATION FOR MISSION OFFICER An exceptional opportunity exists to be an integral member of the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Life Team.

For more information, a copy of the position description and how to apply go to the Employment Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst website <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/positions-vacant/formation-for-mission-officer>
APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 5:00 p.m. 28th November 2022.

HOLY MASS, HEARTY MEALS & HEAVENLY MINISTRY An evening with Fr. Adi Indra, 22nd November; in Shepparton, all welcome, \$5. per person, no need to RSVP. For more info call Winona 0432 865 933 6pm Mass at St Brendan's Church, 7pm dinner & 7:30pm Talk at Terminus Hotel.

ST. JOHN OF GOD AUXILIARY CLEARANCE SALE 26th November, 10am - 2pm. St John of God Hospital, Lily Street, Bendigo. Raffle, Toys, Bric brac, Baby /children knit wear, handmade quilts and lots more. All at reduced prices. Raffle will be drawn at 13.30 hrs.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS The Continental Stage is here! Your thoughts and reflections are needed. We are looking for a mix of lay, religious and clergy to complete the Continental Stage of Synod. This will entail attendance at one 2 hour meeting, either in person or via Zoom.

Please contact the Project Support Officer, Mission and Pastoral life via the email, Leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au for more information or to express your interest by November 18th, 2022.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20th 2022

First Reading

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm - Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.'

But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Weekday Masses this coming week
November 14th to November 20th 2022

Monday November 14th - No Mass

Tuesday November 15th - 9:15am

Wednesday November 16th - 7pm

Remembrance Mass

Thursday November 17th - 9:15am

Friday November 18th - 9:15am

Saturday November 19th - 9:00am

Sunday November 20th - 9:30am & 5:00pm

READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER
Sunday, November 20th 2022

9:30am - Chris Summers (Commentator) Sev Cortese (L1)

Xavier Tanner (L2)

9:30am - Special Ministers: Chris Summers & Lucy Ciancio

5:00pm - Dom Poppa (Commentator) Paul Bertoli (Lector)

5:00pm - Special Ministers: Erin Tanner & Dom Poppa

Recently Deceased: Angelarosa Paragalli

Anniversaries: Anne Cullen, Michelina Mossuto, Tony Cassise, Giuseppi Primerano,

Margaret Murdoch, Bernadette Rachele, Joseph Posterino