



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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday 20 November 2022

Readings for this week:



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

Readings for next Sunday:



Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44



Liturgical Jottings *Ars Celebrandi 2*

The art of celebration is not something that can be improvised. Like every art, it requires consistent work. For an artisan, technique is enough. But for an artist, in addition to technical knowledge, there has also to be inspiration. The true artist does not possess an art but rather is possessed by it. One does not learn the art of celebrating by frequenting a course in public speaking or in persuasive techniques of communication. (I am not judging intentions, just observing effects.) Every tool can be useful, but it must be at the service of the nature of the Liturgy and the action of the Holy Spirit. A diligent dedication to the celebration is required, allowing the celebration itself to convey to us its art.

*Desiderio Desideravi n 50
Pope Francis 19/6/22*

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Looking at the Readings

The three readings all include the concept of kingship and reality of kings. David is anointed king, St Pauls write of the kingdom of the Son of God and in the Gospel the crowd mocked Christ's kingship yet the good thief recognised him as true king and Pilate allowed INRI (Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews) to hang on the cross. But! There is a big BUT to the concept of kingship: David a former shepherd ruled like a caring shepherd. The Kingdom of the Son in Colossians is closely connected to Christ's death on the cross and repeated in today's Gospel. We arrive at this Feast of Christ the King, depicting a shepherd, one who suffers and dies on the cross

The good thief crucified alongside Jesus, speaks: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus is a Hebrew name that means: "God Saves!" In the Hebrew scriptures, it is nearly always God that remembers and it is the people who forget. And to complete this man's acclamation of faith he acknowledges that Jesus is going to the eternal kingdom. With him we may also respond with today's psalm: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

Did You Know?

Luke 23:35 "The people stayed there before the cross *watching* Jesus" There were all sorts of people: the jeering crowd, his mother and friends, an apostle, the Roman soldiers, the elders. Luke uses the Greek word "*theorein*" translated as watching (39 times), beholding (8 times), looking on (7 times) and staring and abiding (one apiece) in 56 different English bible versions. "*Theorein*" may be best translated as "*con-templating*" and so inviting his readers to also contemplate this scene.

Prayer for the Week

O Cross, mighty love of God and light of heaven!
Cross, eternal salvation, Cross, terror of sinners,
support of the just, light for Christians,
O Cross by whom on earth the God made man became our servant,
by you, the man of heaven has become king!
The light of truth has sprung up, the evil night has been conquered!
You are the peaceful link that unites one to Christ, his mediator"
You have become the ladder by which one climbs to heaven.
May you always be for the faithful a pillar and anchor:
Hold up our dwelling-place, guide our ship!
In the Cross, Lord, ground our faith, as it prepares our crown!
St Paulinus of Nola, died 431 AD



On the Lighter Side

A Haitian Christian youth group took 79 hours to read aloud at normal rate the complete bible in their church.



St Mel's Parish Is...

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

REFLECTION FROM FR PETER

To have understanding of the Feast of the Christ the King we need to go back to the year 1925. The Pope at the time was Pius XI. He saw a rise in secularism, ultra-nationalism, as human forces leading people away from the Church and where today we might be called to say ... 'What's new?' As I mentioned awhile back, the last census mentioned of a decline in religious practice and where an understanding of Kingdom as word is something requiring of us to see, to live and relate with!!! supporting our communal and Parish life as we continue to build the life of St. Mel's.

I often draw upon the word Kingdom as one inviting for our deeper consideration.

In his book "The God of Surprises", the writer Gerard Hughes says : "God is calling us to a new depth of trust, allowing God's power to be released in our weakness in moments where uncertainty happens". By bringing this thought to Jesus and the kingship he seeks from us is seeing each one's ability to being a kingdom person.

By bringing this to the forefront of our continuing commitment to our Parish and Church life I see Paul's thought of the Church being the body with Christ as its head a beginning, being the first in every way. Holding this as a direction might also give us reason for our lives being taken up in and through the cross Jesus sees us being in our journey in faith. For Jesus the cross was his supreme sign of death giving way to glory and where glory sits comfortably in our hope as a Christian people.

May Christ as King give each of us a stronger foundation of unity, being a community of disciples forming ourselves as 'Kingdom People' and where hope is our means for living deeply and lovingly.

PREPARATION & CONSULTATION MEETING FOR THE SANDHURST MISSION AND PASTORAL COUNCIL (CATCH UP SESSIONS)

On 27 April 2022 Bishop Shane Mackinlay announced a year of Preparation and Consultation for the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council (SMPC). Dr Chris Cotter (Sandhurst Director of Mission and Pastoral Life) and Ruth Lawlor (Sandhurst Youth Ministry Coordinator) will be conducting a Preparation & Consultation Catch Up Meeting via Zoom for those that have been unable to attend through their parish/organisation. The meeting will run for no more than 90 minutes, there will be two sessions available. At the meeting you will, find out about the SMPC, participate in a 'Listening and Dialogue' process (as used in the first phase of the Plenary Council) and provide feedback and ask questions which will contribute to the establishment of a structure that will support synodality in our diocese. All are welcome!

The dates, times and links to join are indicated below:

13 DEC 2022 9:00AM

Join Zoom Meeting Click link below and enter - Meeting ID: 418 084 0629 Passcode: 1530

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4180840629?pwd=R1BxU2FtQktTVjlvR21kWXZ5WGZxdz09>

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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.

ELECTION GUIDE FROM THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA The Bishops of Victoria have written to the Catholic community to provide an election guide to assist Catholics in considering key issues of significance, particularly those related to the common good. You are invited to read the guide and to prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. The guide can be found at:

www.melbournecatholic.org/stateelection2022

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.

CHRIST THE KING CELEBRATION

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

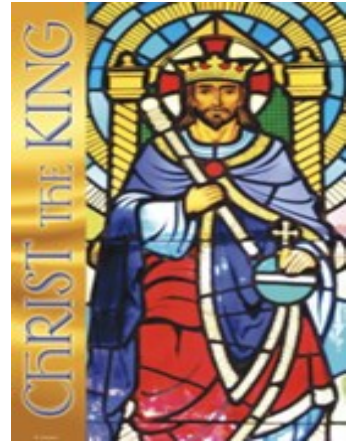
The wait is over...

TODAY, Sunday, November 20th at the St Mel's Parish Hall (next to the school)

Doors will open at 11:30am

All welcome!

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



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM Our congratulations to Leo Oliver, child of Gary and Maria, baptised into our Church here last Sunday.

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).

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES These are available for you to collect from the Narthex. Thank you.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY As we approach a busy time of year, then take time away to be with our families, we are planning ahead. Please, if you wish for loved ones names to be included in the bulletin during December or January, could you send these through to the office as soon as possible. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.



L'ARCHE RAFFLE \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5. Drawn 4pm December 16th at 8 Duncan Court. Tickets available at both St Mel's Masses on Sunday, November 27.
1st prize - \$600 petrol voucher, 2nd prize - \$350 jewellery pendant
3rd prize - \$155 home appliance package, 4th prize - Christmas basket,
5th prize - Toy basket, 6th prize - Pampering basket
7th prize - Garden basket, 8th prize - Toy basket
9th prize - Baby basket, 10th prize - Wellbeing basket

MEN'S GROUP Our next gathering will see us travel south to our near neighbours St Mel's Parish. We have men from different Parishes join our fortnightly gatherings, which is great strength of the group. Our men's group offers an environment where we can enjoy the company of other men, we share breakfast, friendship, and a place where we can talk and share our faith. The group encourages each other by their presence each fortnight, if you would like to join us at St Mel's Parish on Saturday, November 26th at 7:30am please be assured of a warm welcome. Any questions to Anthony 58212633, Tuesday and Thursday.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICER (2 POSITIONS) This is an exciting full-time opportunity exist for two suitably qualified, passionate, and vibrant individuals to join the Youth Ministry 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/youth>
APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 5 December 2022.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27th 2022

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’ He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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 Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Gospel of the Lord



Weekday Masses this coming week November 21st to November 27th 2022

Monday November 21st - No Mass
Tuesday November 22nd - 9:15am
Wednesday November 23rd - 9:15am
Thursday November 24th - 9:15am
Friday November 25th - 9:15am
Saturday November 26th - 9:00am
Sunday November 27th - 9:30am & 5:00pm

READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER Sunday, November 27th 2022

9:30am - Sr Pam Barlow (Commentator) Mick Hanlon (L1)
Denis Muto (L2)
9:30am - Special Ministers: Sr Pam Barlow & Loretta Hanlon
5:00pm - Tim Kelly (Commentator) Luisa Cassise (Lector)
5:00pm - Special Ministers: Angie Knez & Cathy Cannatelli

Recently deceased: Melien Groat (sister of Fr Paul Sireh)

Anniversaries: Ciampone Family, Giuseppi Primerano, Copat Family