



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Year B Cycle II

24 November 2024



Congratulations Confirmation Children!

A beautiful Confirmation Ceremony was held last Friday evening. Bishop Anthony confirmed 64 children from Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School and 38 from our parish state schools. We would like to congratulate these children on their commitment to their preparation and their readiness to receive the Sacrament.

We also want to thank the families for their wonderful support throughout the program, which made this a memorable experience in their children's faith journey.

Additionally, we greatly appreciate the support and dedication of our Catechists, who teach religion to Catholic students in our state schools. The fruits of your efforts are evident in the number of students participating in our Sacramental program.

We also extend our gratitude to our School Teachers and Principal for their assistance, especially during our Enrichment Day and the Confirmation Ceremony.

The King of Truth

The last Sunday of the Church Year celebrates the universal kingship of Christ, with encouraging and hope-filled readings! Daniel reminds us that Christ's sovereignty and empire are eternal and everlasting. The Psalm affirms our king's trustworthiness is forever. The Second Reading assures us that Jesus Christ loves us and calls us to service. After hearing the Gospel, pause a moment to imagine Jesus in the harrowing hours before he faced Pilate: being arrested, knowing he'd been betrayed by his companions; being struck, bound and dragged before the ruling authority because the Jewish leaders feared how he stood with and for the people.

Pilate asks Jesus a question which seems out of 'left field': 'Are you the king of the Jews?' When Jesus affirms this, we learn what kingship means to him. We are blessed to be 'subjects' of the king who does not choose power for the sake of 'power over' and does not seek possessions or fame. Jesus desires only to empower the hearts of those he loves with truth ('I am the truth', *John 14:6*) while asking that we bear witness to the truth and listen to his voice. In doing this, we live enabled by our king who is Love.

God's Word Sr Judy McLeod rsm



**Feast Days
this Week**

**St Andrew
Apostle**
30 November



**Nursing Home
Mass**

Mass and
Anointing will be
celebrated at
Bupa Bateau Bay
on Tuesday
at 10am.



Maronite Mass

The Maronite
Divine Liturgy will
be celebrated
in our Church
Sunday evenings
at 5pm. Enquiries:
Fr Yuhanna Azize
0435 764 824.



Anyone
interested in
praying for
the Souls in
Purgatory during
November please
join us Thursdays
at 2pm in the
Church. Enq:
0438 320 927.

A Royal Family

If we were to play a game of word association, and we chose the word "king", it's likely we'd come up with related words such as "privilege", "wealth", "palaces", "status", "monarch", "sovereign", "power", and so on. Kings, queens, and members of royal families enjoy lifestyles we can only imagine, and they're shown a deference few other members of society are afforded. Kings and queens, then, aren't thought to be like most human beings – if they were, they'd appear "ordinary" and would lose that certain mystery and "otherness" required to maintain their position. It'd seem very odd to bump into a king buying his morning newspaper in the local news-agent's, or to find yourself having your hair done in the same hairdresser's as a queen! Royalty, its trappings and status mean "not being like everyone else" in order to enjoy the privilege and prestige that goes with being a monarch.

This image of what it is to be a king, to be "royal", is in stark contrast to the man mockingly called "the King of the Jews" in today's Gospel: Jesus Christ. How could it be that a king spent his life wandering from town to town, with nowhere to lay his head, never mind owning a palace; who wasn't respected by political and religious leaders, but was despised by them; who, instead of being a pillar of the establishment, upset the establishment so much they had him crucified between two thieves?

When we read about how Jesus lived and died it's as far removed as we can get from our idea of monarchy and yet the Church today celebrates the solemnity of "Christ the King". Christ is King, not because he's been invested as such by human beings, but by God. Christ is sovereign of the universe because he's the image, or manifestation, of God, and he created all things; he holds all things together: without him the Universe wouldn't function. He's supreme over all things; the first to rise from the dead; who reconciled the world and us to God; the head of his Body, the Church. Jesus' reign isn't over a country, or even a continent, but over the whole Universe, because he created it.

Jesus' idea of kingship and kingdoms subverts our conventional understanding of these terms: his understanding of them has nothing to do with power – he spent his life avoiding that. It's not about being superior or having immense wealth but, rather, about being of service to our neighbour, putting him or her first whenever necessary. Jesus' kingdom doesn't consist of vast swathes of countryside whilst being a kingdom where justice and peace reign. It's a kingdom for the oppressed, the underprivileged, those without power. So, Jesus is our king, but we're more than subjects. We're his brothers and sisters, members of a Royal Family: God's family.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

Our Brother's Keeper

Do not imagine that the upheavals and persecutions in other countries are merely sideshows we can watch at a distance. Do not think we have no part to play in them. Do not dream for a moment that God expects nothing from Western Christendom. The world is filled with the homeless, the persecuted, the refugees in whom Christ pleads with us to love and support. We ignore them at our own peril.

Truly we are our brother's keeper.

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society will once again be holding a Christmas Appeal on the weekend of November 30/1 December. Please help them to support families who are struggling with the escalating cost-of-living crisis. Through your donations Vinnies will provide food, clothing, living expenses and crisis support for vulnerable people in Australia. Envelopes will be available on the pews and can be added to the collections.

Advent Reflection Days

You are welcome to join Deacon Rosan for Advent Reflection Days on Wednesdays during Advent after 9am Mass, in the Reynolds Room. We will be using the reflection journal from the diocese "A Journey of Hope".

Dates: 4, 11 and 18 December **Time:** 9.30am **Where:** Reynolds Room

First Friday of the Month Cuppa

On Friday 6 December after 11:45am Mass, we're excited to celebrate our monthly cuppa with a Christmas theme, and we warmly invite everyone to bring a plate to share. They may be dropped off at the parish hall before the Mass. It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old



friends and make new ones, before the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season starts in earnest. We hope to see many of you there. And if you have a bit of extra time to help out with serving or cleaning up on the day, your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to a festive gathering together.

Defibrillator

The church is now equipped with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for emergency situations. It is located in the First Aid wall cabinet in the Sick Room at the back of the Parent's Room.

This device (along with CPR) significantly enhances the chances of survival for individuals experiencing cardiac arrest before professional medical assistance can arrive.

While we hope to never require its use, it is crucial for everyone to be aware of the AED's availability and location, as well as to understand its basic functionality. Defibrillators are designed to be user-friendly. No formal training is necessary to use them; the device provides clear spoken instructions, guiding users through the process. Importantly, an AED will only deliver a shock if it is deemed necessary.

For any inquiries about the AED, please contact the parish office. Additionally, if you hold a current First Aid Certificate, CPR training and are interested in being included on a list of First Aiders, please inform the parish office 4332 2216 or email info@ourladyoftherosary.org.au.



Welcome to the

Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.



Reception Into the Church
Welcome to **Rory Stacey** who is being **Received into the Church** this weekend.



AED

Defibrillator located in the First Aid cabinet in the Sick Room.



November Mass Envelopes

November is a special time to pray for the Holy Souls. Mass offering envelopes will be placed on the Altar during the month.

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

A beacon of Faith, Hope and Love

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court) Maronite Mass 5pm.
Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am
Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm
Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am
Cenacle Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

Christ the King

Daniel 7:13-14

Apocalypse 1:5-8

John 18:33-37

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

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.

Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

Recently Deceased: Rita Zerry, Alison Kennedy, Jonah Langley, Stephen Desmond, John Burke.

Remembrances: In November we especially pray for all the Holy Souls. The Mass intentions are placed on the Altar during the Masses. Please place your envelopes in the November Mass Offering box on the Sanctuary.

Sick: Dino Gava, Margaret Ayres, Glenda Way, Jacob McCarroll, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Frano Stitic, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Zalia & Kai Allen, Delilah Edwards, Isabella Huggett, Ruby Hogan.

Sacramental Programme: Please pray for the 102 children who were Confirmed last Friday evening.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT
CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Welcome!

The Gift Centre is open weekends before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays, and during the week upon request.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Enquiries 4332 2216