



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, strengthened by the Word of God, is united by our Sacramental Life into a Covenant to make Jesus the Christ known and loved in Central Australia.

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Monday to Friday: 7 am & 5:30 pm
Saturday 11 am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm

Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community

1st, 3rd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of the
month - 11am *Aboriginal
Community Mass at South Terrace.*
2nd Sunday of the month—11 am
*Aboriginal Community Mass at
Amoonguna, Southeast of Alice
Springs, off the Ross Highway.*

Sacraments:

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

Baptism: By appointment: one
month's notice required.

Marriage:

By appointment only, 6 months'
notice required.

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 22nd - 23rd November 2014

WHATSOEVER YOU DO

By Kyle Lierk from the Creighton's Campus Ministry



Today's readings are about the momentum of God's love. When we are willing and open to it, that love transfers through us to others and back to God.

There are many powerful images for God. Today's readings speak clearly of God as a shepherd. This is such an active image of our God. In the first reading from Ezekiel, God speaks a litany of vows to the people. "I will look after and tend...I will rescue...I will give them rest...I will seek out...I will bring back...I will bind up...I will heal." I find great assurance in a God who is this way. I take time to listen to which of these phrases most speaks to my heart's needs today (and I invite you to do the same). "Kyle, I will look after and tend to you...I will give you rest." I feel the momentum and gravity of God's care for me. As I do, that beautiful Psalm rings out, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose. Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul." In the midst of a world filled with chaos, consumption and confusion, that is just what we need to hear from our God.

In the Gospel reading this reality of God's love for us gets taken one step further by Jesus. He calls us to share that love with those around us, especially those most in need of love. This is when the momentum really takes on new shape - the energy gets transferred from one to another. Jesus does not mince words in speaking to his disciples. He tells them in no uncertain terms that when they give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the ill and visit the prisoner they are doing these things to him.

An image that helps remind me of Christ's lesson today is that of the tabernacle. When I enter the sacred space of a Catholic Church, I reverence Christ's real presence in the tabernacle. As I receive the body of Christ in the Eucharist, I envision myself as a living tabernacle for Christ's presence. And as I go about my day, I work to see each and every person I encounter as a living, breathing tabernacle standing before me. It is my responsibility and call as a follower of Christ to reverence that presence of the divine in each and every person.

As a global church community we have come to the end of another liturgical year. Today's solemnity of Christ the King invites us to take stock of how we have been loved and shown love in the past year and to prepare for how we will enter into the pregnant season of Advent.

God's love for us is a powerful force. The momentum of that force moves us. We are called to allow that momentum to transfer through us to others by how we treat them. When we do this, we love God in return.

Daily Readings: starting 24 November

Mon: Apoc 14:1-5 Lk 21:1-4
Tues: Apoc 14:14-19 Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Apoc 15:1-4 Lk 21:12-19
Thu: Apoc 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9
 Lk 21:20-28
Fri: Apoc 20:1-4,11-21:2 Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Apoc 22:1-7 Lk 21:34-36
Sun: Is 63:16-17,64:1,3-8
 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

+ Pray & read your Bible every day +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

David Woods, Sean Heenan, Mary Dick, Duncan Lynch, Isobel Laverty, Janice Loria Lazo, Margaret McNaught, Rita Knchel, Graciano Mercado, Kevin Feed, Penelope Sleming, Hermon Tirkey, Tilde Cabantog, Benedicto J Chupungco, Eileen Sanvictores, Manuel Sarangay, Alice Costa, Do Quyen, Paul Rindahl, Gwyneth Allwright, Kathleen Willia, DianneMcGinn, Georgina Gilbert, Editha Baslot, Ann Vernon, Kevin Edwin, Paul Manard, Heather Cent, Jala Breanna, Singmia Fofung, Colleen Langcake, Cathy Golotta, Marissa Johnston, Allison Burgess, Rosemarie Schnell, Bill Sims, Antonio Mutia, Gill Dew, Mark McGinley, Patricia Wyatt, Lorraine Gore, Peter Strachan, Gary Brenton, Glen Clarke, Imblisa, May Lee Shah, Bill Costa, Maria Lourdes Sacramento.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Recent Deaths: Suzine Wallace, John Booker and May Steward

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Devotional Practices:

Divine Office & Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday 6:45am

Prayers of the Holy Rosary

Monday to Friday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion

First Wednesday of the month 9am

Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship

Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Adoration

Adoration every second Saturday of the month at Missionaries of Charity Convent 12 Standley Crescent, from 3-4 pm

CHRIST THE KING



Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 for the Universal Church in his encyclical Quas Primas. He connected the increasingly denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism. At that time, many Christians (including Catholics) began to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority. Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of non-Christian dictatorships in Europe, and saw Catholics being taken in by these earthly leaders. These dictators often attempted to assert authority over the Church. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when the feast was needed most.

Pius hoped the institution of the feast would have various effects. They were:

1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state.
2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ.
3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

Today, the same distrust of authority exists, although the problem has gotten worse. Individualism has been embraced to such an extreme, that for many, the only authority is the individual self. The idea of Christ as ruler is rejected in such a strongly individualistic system. Also, many balk at the idea of kings and queens, believing them to be antiquated and possibly oppressive. Some even reject the titles of "lord" and "king" for Christ because they believe that such titles are borrowed from oppressive systems of government. However true these statements might be (some kings have been oppressive), these individuals miss the point: Christ's kingship is one of humility and service. Jesus said: "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:42-45, NAB).

And "Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"... Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth" (John 18:33b, 36-37). www.churchyear.net/ctksunday.html

WELCOME!

Welcome to Sr. Ursula Gilbert, Religious Sister of Mercy, who joins Sr. Mary Bennett RSM.

Welcome to Elizabeth Coulthard, Jasmine Coulthard, and Richard Adrian Coulthard who were baptised on 16 November and Mikayla May Kelleher, daughter of Nathan Kelleher and Patricia Mabasa, who will be baptised on Sunday, 23 November.

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long time residents or those newly arrived in the Parish. Welcome to all guests and tourists. We pray that you have a lovely stay!

Parish Diary

Sunday 23 November
Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Monday 24 November

Tuesday 25 November
 • Prison Ministry 5:45 -7:30pm

Wednesday 26 November

Thursday 27 November

Friday 28 November

Saturday 29 November

Sunday 30 November
First Sunday of Advent

SAYING GOOD BYE

A number of families and individuals from our parish will be leaving Alice Springs this summer. We would like to invite all those who will be leaving not just for a holiday but for good or for a longer period of time to come for the 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 30 November. There is a paper at the back of the church on which we ask you to write your name if you are one of those leaving.

The Parish would also like to take the opportunity on this occasion to say farewell to Fr. Jan as he will be leaving in January when a lot of Parishioners will be away on holidays. We will have a card to sign and present it as a gift of our appreciation.

SHEEP AND GOATS

Why did Matthew use the images of sheep (for the righteous) and goats (for the evil)? Ancient people drew moral analogies from the habits of sheep and goats. Sheep were intelligent, yet quiet animals, submissive, yet persistent. Male sheep fiercely protected their harems from challengers. Sheep arranged themselves in a herd. In the face of danger, the adult males would surround the females and the young. In a culture that encouraged loud debate and social one-upmanship, contemporaries of Jesus admired sheep for their loyalty and silent strength.

Goats, however, were stubborn, destructive animals if left unattended. Male goats did not protect their mates from other males. The name “goat” became a derogatory term for a man shamed by the adultery of his wife. In the folklore of the general Greek culture, the goat symbolised the loose morals of the lesser gods, Pan, Bacchus, and Aphrodite. So, Jews hated the symbol of the goat, for it represented a disobedient, undisciplined lifestyle.

Larry Broding <http://www.word-sunday.com/Files/a/King-a/A-King-a.html>

An 'At Home' Retreat in Advent

Put aside half an hour each day in Advent to grow in your relationship with God using the First Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola.

Introductory Session at Campfire in the Heart on Wednesday 26 November at 7.30 pm, Lot 8204 Ragonesi Rd

If you are interested please contact
 David Woods 0416 641 521
woods@campfireintheheart.com.au

Evangelii Gaudium

“If we wish to adapt to people’s language and to reach them with God’s word, we need to share in their lives and pay loving attention to them.” *Par 158*



CHRISTMAS DRIVE

The Giving Tree will be set up at the back of the Church for three weeks from 29 November until 14 December. Please take a tag and return your food donation to the Vinnies shop at 38 Railway Tce. This year we are supporting the Women’s Shelter, Renal patients and outlying communities.

On the weekend of December 6/7 there will be the annual Christmas blue bucket appeal. Monies raised will be converted to food vouchers for the Emergency Relief program

Please note that Columban calendars and Vinnies Christmas cards have sold out. Further cards and calendars have been ordered and should be available from the Vinnies shop on 38 Railway Tce next week. **Thank you for your anticipated generosity.**

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Interested persons are invited for a meeting on Thursday, 29 November at 6:00 pm at the presbytery to discuss and plan for liturgies for Advent and Christmas. Potential members of the Liturgy Committee are most welcome.

Cleaning: 29 November **Group 7**
 Rommel Pacion, Merivon Tolentino, Mark Hosiller

Counters: 30 November
 John & Margaret Healy, Margaret-Ann McNaught

Last Week’s Collections:
 1st Collection: \$1,10.25 (for the presbytery)
 2nd Collection: \$2,276.75 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

Groups please remember to keep the Bulletin team informed if you change your days/times etc.

Roster for weekend of 29 / 30 November 2014

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	John Appleby	Margaret McNaught Matthew Smith	Christine Grant Darryl Smith Mary Dick
Sun 7:30 am	Jenny Montefiore	Tony Whitelum Joanne Pulsford	Fred Twohig Joihn Lillecrapp Margaret Lillecrapp
Sun 9:30 am	Debbie Cook	Elisha Odhiambo Josephat Odhiambo	Mark Bensted Virginia Loy Helena Casseeram
Sun 5:30 pm	Miguel Ociones	Cristina Buenviaje Francesca Ives	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
22nd - 23rd November 2014

Entrance Antiphon: Apoc 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and straight and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-3,5-6 **R/** The Lord .is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9.10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, ' I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.' And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 28:10-11 The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.