

ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH NEWS

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - C

23-24 NOVEMBER 2019

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Corrie (Wed-Thurs, 9am - 3pm)



Historical Context – Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King was introduced to the liturgical calendar by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The establishment of the feast took place in a world that had suffered through the First World War and was unknowingly heading towards the Second World War. In this setting, the world was experiencing a dramatic growth in secularism and an even more dramatic growth in dictators who were rising to power in various states. The introduction of the feast was a call back from the secular and a call to remember Christ as having authority above and beyond

any earthly leader.

Scriptural context – Shepherds and Criminals

The gospel of Luke is underlined by a message of hope for those who are afflicted, outcast and poor. In this gospel, the message and ministry of Jesus are directed specifically to these lowly ones. The significance of the role played by the poor is highlighted by the framing of the whole narrative in this gospel: the birth of Jesus is celebrated by shepherds and his death is accompanied by criminals. Shepherds and criminals – two classes of people on the absolute fringe of society; not dignitaries or wise men from afar – are witness to the birth and death of Jesus.

Gospel Focus – A kingdom of inclusion

In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is *today* that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

In today's Gospel the good thief simply asks Jesus to 'remember me'. And Jesus tells him that being remembered by God is paradise. It's a wonderful way to understand the Kingship of Christ. We know that Christ our King is not about earthly power or riches or might. We know Jesus' Kingship is not about lording it over us, or making us frightened of his compassionate judgment. The power of Christ the King is seen in his memory, holding every person in this world close; calling each one of us by name.

So in this Eucharist let's join our voice with all those who long for paradise and say, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.'

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VERMONT CHILDREN'S CENTRE

At St Timothy's School Ground
6 weeks to 5 years old includes
3 and 4 Year Old Kinder
A funded Kindergarten program
will be available.

Expressions of interest are being taken.
Please call: Celine on (03) 98075208 or email at
info@vermontchildcare.com.au

AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE (ANS) AT ST ELIZABETH'S PARISH, DANDENONG NORTH 9 DECEMBER 2019 TO 10 JANUARY 2020

Australian Nativity Scene (ANS) welcomes to celebrate
viewing the traditional and stunning nativity scene in
its sixteenth year. Wilson Fernandez has been creating
wonderful display and is regarded as one of Australia's
best nativity.

Cost: Free and open to all age groups. Viewing time:
After mass times and any other time by appointments
only at 0428 927 110 or 9795 6217

LOURDES DAY MASS

7 DECEMBER, 10.30AM; ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the
Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the
Shrine of Lourdes.

FEAST OF ST ANDREW, APOSTLE 30 November

ROSTERS:

6:00PM

9:30AM

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

♦ This Week	M. Italiano S. Chen	C. L. Tay D. Hickman P. Kawalevski
♦ Next week	S. Samarasundera Sr June	E. Mendes L. Cigana A. Yee

PROCLAIMERS

♦ This Week C: P:	H. Lobo P. Kelly	Sr Betty A. Lee
♦ Next week C: P:	P. D' Cruz R. Grealy	T. Fernandes K. Barritt

COUNTERS

This Week: Barry Silvester / Christine Silvester
Next Week: Margaret Leach / Fela Colasanti

SACRAMENTS: Contact Parish office for Enquiries & Arrangement

- ♦ **Baptism:** 1st Sunday of the Month (9:30 AM Mass)
- ♦ **Reconciliation**
- ♦ **Marriage**
- ♦ **Anointing of the Sick**
- ♦ **Funerals**



2019 FIRST EUCHARIST, RECONCILIATION & CONFIRMATION

- ♦ For children attending St. Timothy's school, preparation for these
three sacraments is through the school.
- ♦ For children not attending St. Timothy's school, preparation and
enrollment is through the Parish Office every
Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Friday: 1:00 to 5:00 PM

CATHOLIC DEAF APPEAL 2019

We will have a special collection at all Masses this
weekend in support of the Catholic Deaf Appeal.

Let us welcome the following children to our
St Timothy's Parish Family. They will receive the
Sacrament of Baptism on 1 December:

- ♦ BROOKE MERRILYN NOVELLO
- ♦ JESSE DOUGLAS NOVELLO

FRIAR ALESSANDRO, THE VOICE OF ASSISI AT ST PATRICK CATHEDRAL; 7:30 PM

You are invited for an evening of Christmas music and
readings with internationally acclaimed Franciscan
singer Friar Alessandro with Artes Christi Choir and
Orchestra and Vivian Choi, internationally acclaimed
Australian pianist.

Entry FREE or By Donation with all donations supporting
Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Booking at
www.voicefromassisi.org.au

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION CORNER

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in
the inheritance of the holy ones in light." (Colossians 1:12)

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten
Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we
can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and
peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our
own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire
"things." Instead, try putting God first in all things. Ask
Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Pat Howe, William Gibson, Mary Parslow,
Maria Mariniello, Rev Charles Mayne S.J.
Maria Casano, Vita Boccacci, Felice Boccacci,
Minetta Boccacci, Eloide Leonardi.

MASS TIMES:

- ♦ Saturday: 6:00 PM
 - ♦ Sunday: 9:30 AM
 - ♦ Indian Mass: 12:00 NN every 2nd & 4th Sunday
of the month
 - ♦ Mass in Vietnamese : 5:00 PM (All Sundays)
 - ♦ Adoration 7:30 PM every 1st Friday of the month
- VIETNAMESE ENQUIRIES: AHN LOC 0434 239 212 or
ANH TOAN 0422 295 115.**

WEEKDAYS:

- ♦ 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10:30am (Strathdon)
- ♦ 4th Tuesday of the month, 10:30 am
(Livingstone)
- ♦ Wednesday & Thursday, 9:15 am
- ♦ 1st Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am,
Anointing Mass
- ♦ Every Friday, 10:00 am



POPE: WOMEN MUST HAVE GREATER ROLE IN CHURCH

People may have different ways of praying and serving their communities, but the Church needs laity, priests, religious, parishes and lay movements to collaborate in order to be truly “catholic,” Pope Francis said on Saturday.

More also must be done to include women in roles of advising and governance, but without reducing them to having just a “functional” role, he told members and consultants of the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life, which was holding its first plenary assembly since its creation in 2016.

The task of dicastery members and consultants, he said, is to see the world around them with “the heart of the Church,” that is, to go beyond one’s personal, local interests to seeing the wider, “catholic” view of the universal Church and the whole world.

The Church, as a mother, wishes for “harmony among all her children and does not engage in favouritism or partiality,” he said. “Therefore, it is important also for (the dicastery) to always propose positive models of collaboration among laity, priests and consecrated men and women, among priests and faithful, among diocesan and parish organisations, and lay movements and associations, among young and old, to avoid sterile comparisons and rivalries and always to encourage fraternal collaboration with the aim of the common good of the one family which is the church.”



PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.

We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You,

O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.

Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.

Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.

Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We trust in Your Great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray;

May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen.

VINNIES BUSH FIRE APPEAL

Bushfires are currently devastating several communities across Australia. Vinnies is on the ground helping people as they deal with the immediate aftermath of fires, and we will continue to be there as they rebuild their lives in the long term.

This emergency is unprecedented, and frighteningly, it is forecast to get even worse.

PLEASE DONATE URGENTLY so Vinnies can be there for everyone needing our help. For more details please visit: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au>

BISHOP HARRIS: RESPECT LIFE TO THE VERY END

Townsville Bishop Tim Harris advocated strongly against euthanasia in his weekend homily, saying it was important to have a conversation on the “grim” topic.

Bishop Harris joined all Brisbane and Townsville parishes and others across Queensland in outlining the Church’s firm position that the introduction of voluntary assisted dying laws would be against Catholic beliefs.

The push to legalise voluntary assisted dying in Queensland continues following the State Government’s committee hearings, which could result in new laws being presented to Parliament early next year.

“I’m not suggesting any evil intent on people with a different view to me, good people are believing that voluntary assisted (dying) is the way to go and I respect their views but I’ve also got to be in there and say there is another way and challenge it, just as they’ll be challenging me,” Bishop Harris said. “The Church wants to emphasise that we are created in the image and light of God and because of that it puts us right up there at the top in terms of God’s creations.”

POLITICIANS CONDEMN FOLAU OVER BUSHFIRE COMMENTS

Prime Minister Scott Morrison joined the lengthening line of political leaders condemning Israel Folau’s extraordinary claim the bushfires are God’s punishment for same-sex marriage and abortion.

Folau made the claim in a video posted on social media of his sermon to Sydney’s Truth of Jesus Christ Church Sydney. “God is speaking to you guys. Australia you need to repent and take these laws and turn it back to what is right,” he said after referring to legalisation of same-sex marriage and abortion.

Mr Morrison told reporters yesterday he did not agree with Folau’s “appallingly insensitive” remarks, indicating they could be seen as identifying individual fire victims as being punished by God. “He’s a free citizen. He can say whatever he likes,” Mr Morrison said. “But that doesn’t mean he can’t have regard to the grievous offence this would have caused people whose homes have been burned down, and I’m sure to many Christians around Australia for whom this is not their view at all.” Meanwhile, The Australian Christian Lobby has defended Folau and lashed the media for attempting to “paraphrase a sermon”.

TIMELINE SET FOR CARDINAL PELL'S HIGH COURT APPEAL

Lawyers for Cardinal George Pell have until January 8 to file their written submissions in what will be his final shot at overturning his child sexual abuse convictions in a High Court appeal.

Victoria’s Director of Public Prosecutions, Kerri Judd QC, will have just under a month to file her response, with Cardinal Pell then given another three weeks to respond to those submissions.

The indicative timeline has been published on the High Court website. The dates mean the case is on track for a potential March hearing, the earliest date the case can come before the court. By then, Cardinal Pell would have served more than 12 months of his three year and eight-month minimum.

The High Court has flagged it will hear his appeal against his five sexual abuse convictions, after taking the rare step of referring his application for special leave to a full bench of the court.

INTRODUCTION TO MASS:

Bearing witness to the truth. With a wooden cross for a throne, at a place where thieves were crucified, the King of the Jews meted out a judgement to a common thief: ‘this day you will be with me in paradise’. Worshipping Jesus in the least of our brothers and sisters, we too will experience His compassionate judgement. Peace begins where there is generosity, forgiveness and concern about others. This is the ‘kingdom’ that Jesus came to offer and the power that we celebrate in today’s feast.

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God .	Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.
Christ Jesus, you are the firstborn of all creation .	Christ, have mercy: Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you suffered, died and rose from the dead for our sake .	Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.

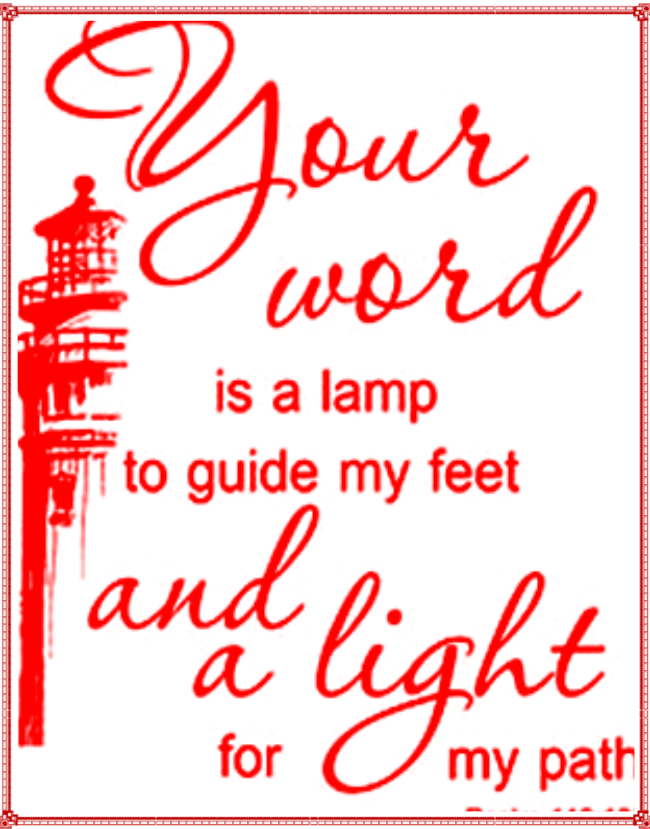
FIRST READING: *Samuel 5: 1-3*

The ancient tribes realised that all that has happened bears out the truth of the Lord’s promise to David ‘You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel’. They anointed David, King of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

- 1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’ And now our feet are standing within your gates , O Jerusalem. (R.)
- 2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. (R.)
- 3. For Israel’s law it is, here to praise the Lord’s name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. (R.)



SECOND READING: *Col 1: 12-20*

While the world seeks power through pomp and display, Jesus displays the power of God’s reign on a Cross. We are reconciled in the blood of the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL : *Luke 23: 35-43*

‘Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ The cycle of Luke’s Gospel comes to a fitting end with the image of the crucified Saviour offering life in God’s gracious love to a dying criminal. The heavens are opened for those who desire to live in God.

NEXT WEEK: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5; Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14; Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44