

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

Jesus Christ King of the Universe - Year B

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Christ our Anchor

# Manning Parish

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### Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



Having established the trustworthiness of God as cosmic champion and creator, the psalmist moves to the praise of God's decrees or testimonies. This takes place in the temple, which was considered a copy of the heavenly palace constructed after the cosmic battle. The primordial and cosmic feats of the Lord continue to be celebrated in the temple.

Revelations' Christological statements are followed by a doxology praising Christ for the salvation that he has won for others. Jesus is the anointed one (the Christ), a witness who faithfully mediates the message received from God, the firstborn to whom belong priority of place and sovereignty (cf. Ps 89:27a), and the ruler over all the kings of the world (cf. Ps 89:27b). The final statement reinforces the more-than-human character of Jesus. Alpha and Omega are the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet. Together they include all letters and, by implication, connote total inclusivity. Jesus, the one who will come amid the clouds, appropriates to himself attributes that belong to God.

The kingship of Jesus is the subject of Pilate's interrogation. 'King of the Jews' was a messianic title of the descendant of David who would inaugurate the reign of God. The Jewish leaders considered Jesus' messianic claim blasphemous. The title made political claims that challenged the absolute authority of Roman control. From the perspective of the Roman occupiers, such revolutionary contentions were dangerous. Jesus is asked: 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answers: 'Yes and No!' His kingdom is not of this world. It does not belong to it. However, it is in the world. Both the Jewish leaders and the Roman officials had reason to be concerned about Jesus' claims. Though not of this world, his kingdom would indeed challenge both religious messianic expectations and the political powers of this world.

Visions and dreams were traditionally considered avenues of divine revelation. The seer is on earth, but the vision takes place in heaven. Everything about this vision bespeaks revelation, yet it is symbolic with all of the ambiguous traits of symbol. The vision reveals only the symbol; the seer must interpret it. The mysterious figure comes on the clouds, the most frequent accompaniment of a theophany or revelation of God. He is installed by God as ruler over the entire universe. His will be an everlasting kingdom. Finally, this 'Son of Man' may have been in heaven when he received his commission, he may even rule from some exalted place, but his kingdom belongs to the earth.

The psalm is a hymn in praise of God's kingship. Military and creation themes are closely associated with divine kingship. In several ancient myths, creation followed the primordial battle between chaos and order. The culminating event of this drama was the instalment of the victor as king over the universe.

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### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 1.00 pm

## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.45pm

Or anytime by appointment

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

### Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

### Sacrament of Baptism

Saturdays at 10.30am

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with Fr Anthony

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6pm Vigil Mass - Harry Rai

7:30am Mass - Marie Chaperon- 9313 4585

9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065

11am Chinese Mass

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### Our Motto

At St Pius X Catholic Primary School, the values lived by Jesus Christ are the foundation for everything we do

## First Reading

*Daniel 7:13-14*

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1*

(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself with might,  
he has girded himself with power. (R.)
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time. (R.)

## Second Reading

*Revelation 1:5-8*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mark 11:9, 10*

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!

## Gospel

*John 18:33-37*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

## Reflection for Young People By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus tells his closest friends that he is the Messiah, the One chosen to come and lead Israel into a new way of life. Only, their idea of a messiah king is different. They are waiting for a Jewish political leader who will take over the nation and destroy their enemies, then persecute them the way the Jews have been persecuted by the political powers of their time. The ways of Jesus are different. He is a 'king' of nonviolence, forgiveness, unconditional love and service.

How would this difference in the expectations of a messiah king affect the perceptions of Jesus' followers?

How might it lead to them doubting that he is truly the Messiah?

How might it explain their cowardice at the time of Jesus' arrest and trial?

The Lord's Prayer we pray at Mass every Sunday includes this line: 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven'.

What does it mean for the Kingdom to come to earth, the same way it exists in heaven? What would that look like?

What would the world be like if everyone on earth did the will of God?

What part do you play in bringing to this world the Kingdom Jesus has in mind? Are you playing your part? If so, how? If not, why not?

It takes courage to play your part. When have you done something courageous for the Kingdom of Jesus? What happened? When have you had the chance, but not the courage you needed? What happened?

## Next Sunday Readings

**1st Sunday of Advent**

**1 December 2024 - Year C**

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12- 4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus was questioned by the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate.  
He asked Jesus if he was the King of the Jews. Draw Pontius Pilate.



You say that I am a king. I was born, and came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

ROSTER		Weekend of 23/24 November	Weekend of 30 Nov/1 Dec
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Maria Edith Handojo	Maria Edith Handojo
	Sun 7.30am	John Miles	Marilyn Lamplugh
	Sun 9.00am	Mary Webster	Sandra McLlheney
<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteer	Carlos Sivalingam
	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	John Collins
	<b>Counters</b>	Kas Luczak and G Shankar	Janine Stanley and Nancy Permadi

St Pius X Church Masses		
Nov Mon 25	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 26	8.00am	Mass (Week 34 in Ordinary Time)
Wed 27	8.00am	Mass (Week 34 in Ordinary Time)
Thu 28	8.00am	Mass (Week 34 in Ordinary Time)
Fri 29	8.00am	Mass (Week 34 in Ordinary Time)
Sat 30	8.00am	Mass (Week 34 in Ordinary Time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (First Sunday of Advent)
Dec Sun 1	7.30am	Mass (First Sunday of Advent)
	9.00am	Mass (First Sunday of Advent)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (First Sunday of Advent)



**Christmas Schedule**  
**Tuesday 24 December 2024**  
 No 8.00am morning Mass  
 7.00pm Christmas Family Mass  
 9.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

**Wednesday 25 December 2024**  
 9.00am Christmas Morning Mass

**Tuesday 31 December**  
**New Year's Eve**  
 Holy Hour 7.00pm, Mass 8.00pm

**Wednesday 1st January**  
**New Year's Day**  
 Mass 9.00 am



### Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays  
 10am - 12noon \$6 per session  
 All proceeds go to the Parish  
 This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis and Hellen Tay  
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### Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays  
 Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm  
 All parishioners are most welcome  
 For more information please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838



### St Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Vinnies Como conference would like to launch their Christmas appeal this weekend

Ian Lane will be making a short speech at all 3 masses

There will be 2 large plastic buckets in the foyer of the church for people to place their donations. The baskets will be collected every Sunday morning until the appeal ends

We will be distributing the hampers on December 21

Please give generously to those in most need in our community

### Come to Italy for the Jubilee Year 2025

**16th May – 29th May 2025**

Spiritual Director Mgr Michael Keating

We will be visiting Rome, Assisi, Loreto, Padre Pio, Calabria and Sicily

Pilgrims may leave the pilgrimage in Calabria or Sicily to return home to Australia at a later date. They must leave from Catania, Sicily. Any deviation will have to be discussed with Anawim Journeys. Full board cost including flights, accommodation, tours, meals for 30 paying persons is A\$8820.00

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### Christmas Nativity Play (for Christmas Eve Family Mass)

If you would like your child to be a part of the nativity play during the Family Mass on Tuesday 24th Dec 7pm, please email Karen klmgonsalves@yahoo.com.au  
 There will be rehearsals held on the three weekends in December

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