

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

### Jesus Christ King of the Universe - Year B

21 November 2021



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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#### New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM



From Chapter 10 in John's Gospel, the Kingship theme comes into strong focus. In John 10 Jesus uses the image from the Old Testament of the Shepherd-Kings of Israel and speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd, one who will lay down his life for his flock (10:11). Then in Chapter 12, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey, just as King Solomon once did to claim his kingship (see 1 Kings 1:32-40). In John, the crowds acclaim Jesus as 'King of Israel,' and wave the same types of palm branches that were used to greet Judas Maccabeus after his victory over the Greeks in 142 BCE. We read in the book of Maccabees, 'the Jews entered in [Jerusalem] with praise and palm branches, and with harps and cymbals...' (1 Macc 13:51). Even in his Passion the soldiers ironically give him a crown and a royal purple cloak to wear. And when Pilate presents Jesus to the crowd he says, 'Here is your King' (19:14), Jesus is still wearing the royal purple. So throughout John's passion Jesus is King.

Poor Pilate! He just doesn't get it. He is thinking of a kingdom with soldiers and armies, but Jesus speaks about truth. Armies can be conquered – even Rome's – but truth outlives Emperors. Even in oppressive regimes small sparks of truth refuse to be overcome by the darkness. Jesus is God's truth for us.

I speak now more personally as this is the final reflection for this liturgical year.

I have tried to bring to these words both biblical scholarship and reflections born of my own faith. I name this clearly, as sometimes I meet people who are afraid that scholarship and faith are enemies to each other. Not so! Theological education has the goal of helping the searcher gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of his/her faith. It does challenge us to keep allowing our faith to grow and change to the rigorous faith of an adult. This will involve, at times, letting go the simplistic and sometimes erroneous notions we have carried. Tough! Painful! And liberating! God's truth is like that.

May the peace of God reign in all our hearts. Maranatha – come Lord Jesus.

If you recall last week, I wrote about the first century expectations that God's reign was about to begin and to triumph over a world dominated by evil and so to begin a new world where God's peace would prevail. The readings from Daniel and the Apocalypse express this 'end-time' theology in very vivid imagery. This is the context for Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom of God. In Jesus, God's reign has begun in human hearts that are open to receive him.

The Gospel today breaks from our usual Gospel of Mark, to read from John's Passion account. On Sundays we hear just a small section of the Gospel and so can miss its wider context. This is particularly true today. Throughout the entire narrative of John's Gospel, Jesus has spoken of his passion, his 'Hour', not as a death, but as a 'lifting up'.

"Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what death he was to die.

This expression must be understood with two meanings. It refers to his being lifted up on a cross, but the word also means to be exalted, and, in John, the Cross is the great Hour of Jesus' exaltation. In the Hour he brings to completion the ministry he was sent to accomplish.

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## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm  
Or anytime by appointment

### Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass  
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

### Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service  
Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass  
(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Jim Kelly	Carlos Sivalingam
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	Pauline Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	John Collins
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Colleen & Pat Lowry	Joanne Agar, Arthur Moy

Parish Calendar		
Mon 22	8.00am	Communion Service (St Cecilia) Church
Tue 23	8.00am	Mass (Week 34 in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
Wed 24	8.00am	Mass (St Andrew Dung-Lac) Church
Thu 25	8.00am	Mass (Week 34 in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
Fri 26	8.00am	Mass (Week 34 in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
Sat 27	8.00am	Mass (Week 34 in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (First Sunday of Advent) Church
Sun 28	7.30am	Sunday Mass (First Sunday of Advent) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (First Sunday of Advent) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (First Sunday of Advent) Church

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



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



### Seniors Gathering Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 16 December 2021**  
12 to 2pm

If you are interested please put your name and contact details on the list which will be provided soon

Thanks, Social Committee

### Old & New Readers

Please consider being a reader at Sunday Mass from January to June 2022. We are short of readers. Please put your name down on the list provided in the foyer.

If you have not read before, there will be training before you do it the first time.

### Divine Mercy Hour

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every third Sunday of the month at 3pm.

Please join us this Sunday at 3 pm.

### Line Dancing Classes

Mondays 10am - 12noon  
Wednesdays 10am - 12noon  
\$5 per session

All proceeds go to Manning Parish  
This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis & Hellen Tay  
All are welcome; no age limits!

### Parish AGM

The AGM Meeting proposed for Saturday, 20 November has been postponed due to Fr Pat's surgery and new date to be held will be advised on his return.

We need a few new committee members to replace the retiring members on the Parish Pastoral Council. If you, or you know of someone who is able to contribute as a member please use the Nomination Form provided in the foyer.

Thanks - Fr Patrick

### VINNIES 2021 APPEAL



It is the time of the year when Vinnies are seeking support for their Christmas Appeal. Baskets for goods donations will be left in the foyer of the church. All donations will end on the weekend of 11 & 12 December and be collected on 13 December by the Como SVDP conference. Thank you for supporting this appeal.

They are also asking for new members to join their Conference. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mike Cosson on 0419 938 959.

### New Counters Needed

Volunteers are needed to count the second collection on Sunday mornings.

Due to retirements new counters are needed. If you wish to volunteer please write your name and contact details on the form provided in the foyer.

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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

### 2022 Columban Calendar

If you have ordered your calendar it can be collected in the Foyer and place the money in the tin provided \$9 each.

### Fr Pat's Birthday Thanks

Thank-you to the Social committee and all who helped with the morning tea for Fr Pat's Birthday last Sunday. Unfortunately Fr has had surgery this week and will be recuperating until the weekend 4th-5th December.

## 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

Apocalypse 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.'

### Next Sunday Readings

28 November 2021

First Sunday of Advent - Year B

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

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

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

### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Christmas

John Paul Church Willetton  
Wednesday 8 December 7.00pm

Thomas More Church Bateman  
Thursday 9 December 7.30pm

Queen of Apostles Church Riverton  
Tuesday 14 December 7.00 pm

## 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?



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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

A good king is a strong leader, who is wise.  
A good king feeds his people and cares for them.  
A good king leads his people and protects them.  
Draw in the clouds examples of things Jesus did that showed he was a good king.

