



LITURGY OF THE WORD OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR C



1ST READING: 2 SAMUEL 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 121:1-5

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

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.**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David. **R.**

2ND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation; for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignties, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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!

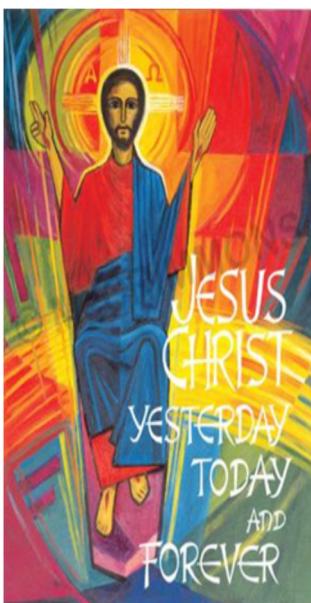
THE GOSPEL: LUKE 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**'Jesus
remember
me when you
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kingdom.'**

**'I promise you,
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in paradise.'**

PARISH NOTICES

CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB (CBC) - SUNDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2019: Each year in November the CBC remembers its deceased members at a Mass. This year, it will be during the **10:00am Mass on Sunday, 24 November**. After Mass a cuppa will be held in the Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend along with the Club members.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, 5 December at 6:00pm** in the Parish Office.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL: The Bishop's Christmas Appeal is scheduled for Saturday, 30 November and Sunday, 1 December. Help people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Appeal Envelopes will be provided at the Masses. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

PARISH WORKERS' CHRISTMAS THANK YOU GET TOGETHER: Will be held on Friday, 29 November at 6:30pm in the Church then down to the Hall for refreshments. All our parish helpers, e.g. Collectors, Altar Society members, Acolytes, Altar Servers, Ministers, Manning Foundation and all Parish Advisory Committee members, Catechists and Legion of Mary members, etc. together with your families are invited to come along. **For catering purposes could you please let Jo know the numbers that are coming by Monday, 25 November - Parish Office 9632.2672.**

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES, Westmead and HOUSE OF WELCOME, East Granville. Once again Christmas is almost here, and as always, it is a special time for families. This, therefore, is our opportunity to help others who are in need. One way is by bringing food donations to Mass on the Sundays of Advent and placing them in the baskets under the Christmas Tree. Some examples of food items are: weet-bix, long life milk, tinned fruit/vegetables/soup, spaghetti, jam, honey, coffee, tea, sugar, etc. Please check that the items you donate are in date. Due to health regulations please **NO ITEMS THAT CONTAIN NUTS OR TRACES OF NUTS.** *"The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you"* (Luke 1:28).

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS - NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL TIME TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD: During the month of November we remember, pray and offer Masses for members of our family and friends who have died and indeed all the faithful departed. November Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church. The names of those who have been remembered in the November Masses will be placed in front of the Altar.

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God we thank you for being with us always. Open our hearts to hear your voice.

Help us, Lord, to make this Parish a place of mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, respected, forgiven and encouraged.

In your love and wisdom, help and guide all of us to be good ambassadors for Christ, both in service to others and in proclaiming the Gospel.

Send your Holy Spirit among us Lord so that we may be filled with your grace and peace as we go about our lives in this world.

We pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen

DIOCESAN NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT:

Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare
Clergy Healthcare and Administration Support Officer (Part-Time) – Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

CEDP HIGH SUPPORT LEARNING CENTRES:

Kirinari, located in Llandilo and Wiyanga, located in Dundas, are purpose built centres for learning that provide an inclusive education for students with a moderate intellectual disability and high support needs. If you have a child or know someone who would benefit from an alternate platform for learning in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, please phone 9840.5689 for further information.

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE: The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on Thursday, 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. **Registration and details at:** epiphanypilgrimage.org and [facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage](https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage).

HANDEL'S MESSIAH AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - 17 DECEMBER:

To end their inaugural year, River City Voices is proud to present an intimate performance of Handel's *Messiah* for Western Sydney audiences. The performance will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on 17 December at 7:30pm. **For information and to purchase tickets, visit:**
<https://www.classikon.com/concert/river-city-voices-parramatta-2019-december-17/>

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK IS BACK! At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back from Sunday, 1 December 2019. The revised Catholic Outlook will be published quarterly as an A4 magazine with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from Sunday, 1 December.

ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT - BEING THE COMMUNITY CHRIST CALLS US TO BE: Save the date for the National Pastoral Ministry Conference. Join with others who thirst to be the Community Christ call us to be. **9-11 July 2010 - St. Mary Star of the Sea College, Wollongong.** Spread the word and look out for more information in the coming months. **More information contact:** Lisa Bright - lisa.bright@parracatholic.org or 0448 652 720. Please see flyer on Church noticeboard.

WALK WITH CHRIST - 24 NOVEMBER: Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on Sunday, 24 November at 2:30pm. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city. Meet at the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street at 2:30pm on 24 November.

ORDER OF MALTA ANNUAL LOURDES DAY MASS - 7 DECEMBER: The Order of Malta will be celebrating their annual Lourdes Day Mass on Saturday, 7 December at 10:00am at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and the Chaplains of the Order will celebrate Mass and bless the congregation, with vials of Lourdes water to be distributed. For more information, or if you need assistance, please contact 9331.8477, info@smom.org.au or macolmi@bigpond.net.au.

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM - 5-9 OR 13-17 JANUARY 2020: Campion College's Summer Program provides an unparalleled opportunity to experience college life and a taste of the Campion College course. Students aged between 16 to 20 are encouraged to attend the program from either 5 to 9 January or 13 to 17 January at the campus in Toongabbie. Program is free for all local and interstate students. For more information, contact Student Recruitment Manager Christine Vella on 9896.9303 or study@campion.edu.au, or visit www.campion.edu.au/summer-program.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020. There are many opportunities to engage in the "Listening and Discernment" phase by participating in small group sessions within the Diocese. Ask your Parish Priest or Deanery Representative for session dates in parishes and deaneries or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838.3441.

BACH AKADEMIE AUSTRALIA CONCERT - 30 NOVEMBER: Bach Akademie Australia will present its Cantatas for Christmas – Comfort and Joy, including Part 2 of the Christmas Oratorio and BWV 191 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo' at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on 30 November at 7:30pm. Tickets can be purchased through the Box Office: 1300 785 377 or <https://cantatasforchristmas.floktu.com/>

UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS ADORATION CHAPEL: St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish in the Upper Blue Mountains has opened an Adoration Chapel at St. Canice's Church, Katoomba. If you would like further information or would like to sign up for a weekly hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, please call the Parish Office on 4782.2804.

11TH ANNUAL IWITNESS CONFERENCE - LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: Join hundreds of young Aussie Catholics for an unforgettable weekend as we experience what it means to live "Life in the Spirit". It's all about fresh air, faith and fun! We've got a fantastic line-up of guest speakers, awesome activities and a beautiful venue. The iWitness Conference keeps alive the spirit of Sydney's World Youth Day in 2008 and stands to unite young people as they engage with, learn about and are inspired by their Catholic faith. Whatever state your spiritual life is currently in, you are welcome. Come as you are and prepare to return different. **12-15 December - Ages 18-35 - The Tops Conference Centre. Register at:** www.iwitnessconference.com/

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Committee of St. Nicholas are celebrating the feast of St. Nickolas on 1 December starting with 3:00pm Mass at Good Shepherd Plumpton followed by a procession to the hall at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall, 130-136 Hyatt Road, Plumpton, opposite the shopping centre. Entry and parking is free for everyone and plenty of food and drinks available. Everyone is welcome. If it rains we will move inside the hall. **For more information you can call:** Emmanuel Vella on 0405 677 064.

ST. PATRICK'S SENIOR CITIZENS

Hello everyone! **St. Patrick's Senior Citizens Club** is for anyone over **55**. We have been functioning for 40 years and new members are always welcome. We meet in the School Hall next to the Church every Monday at 10:00am, except for the 4th Monday which is our day bus trip. Bingo, bowls and cards are some of our activities. For general information please ring President Shirley Fenton on 9721.1875 or Trips Officer Jim Newell on 9632.5049.