

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

You say that I am a king.

‘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.’

The Gospel of the Lord

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is “King of the Jews.”

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday. In John’s Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favorable light than in the other Gospels. In today’s reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John’s Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate’s questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus’ mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be. Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John’s Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see [John 17:6-18](#)), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world’s salvation. In today’s reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John’s theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John’s Gospel to understand the context for Jesus’ words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John’s language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness. Truth has been another important theme in John’s Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus’ kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today’s Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.



Parish Bulletin

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE, Year B 23/24 Nov 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:13-14

His sovereignty is eternal.

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 ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 92:1-2, 5

Response:

**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

Rev 1:5-8

The ruler of the kings of the earth...made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, 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.

The word of the Lord

You say that I am a king.

BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness. His role as king is to bear witness to the truth that God is love (1 Jn 4:8, 16). He does this through his words but most especially through his death on the cross. By listening to his voice and participating in the Eucharistic banquet we are drawn closer to him. Then, as sharers in his kingship, we are commissioned to go out and promote the kingdom of God in our world.


PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today—our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Workshop Opportunity: Walk for Life – founding director Mrs Jodie Pickard will be speaking about “What it means to love life”



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VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

How to Donate to Vinnies Christmas Appeal

In the Bulletin boxes there are envelopes. Please fill out and return to the **Poor Box** or send in by post. You can donate by phone 131812 or on line at www.vinnies.org.au Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Vinnies Christmas Hampers

Last year we were able to help 56 local families with hampers. The requests for assistance throughout this year has increased by 50% so we are anticipating many will request help this Christmas. We invite parishioners to donate items for hampers during the coming weeks. For those in dire need, we need your help. *Please leave your items in shopping bags at the main entrance.* Details of suitable items are on posters at the side doors. The last date for contributions is *Sunday 15th Dec.*

Columban Calendars \$11 and Vinnies Christmas Cards \$8 Pack of 10

These are available at the main entrance. Please place money in envelopes provided and then deposit in Poor Box.



ROSTERS FOR VOLUNTEERS 2025

Thanks to all the volunteers who have regularly served our parish in 2024. We are preparing the Roster for 2025. Please contact the parish office if you need to make any changes, or if you will not be able to stay on the roster.

Please contact the office at:
Phone: 8431 6931, or email: info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

Vinnies Assistance Hotline
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

**Rosters—30 Nov/1 Dec 2024
1st Sunday of Advent**

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Stephanie Roach Antonetta Bartley Mikayla Bartley
Children's Liturgy	Nickie Palumbo Jessie Yesudas P
Count team	Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	16/17NOV 2024
Open Plate	\$664.25
Planned Giving	\$508.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$1,172.25

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$818.65



November Mass for Deceased
The month of November has traditionally been dedicated to the prayers for the deceased. Please collect the November envelopes and write the names of your loved ones you wish to pray for. A daily mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025
If you have children who would want to enrol in the Sacramental Program in 2025, please contact the Parish Office on 8431 6932 or info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au.



Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.


For the Repose of the Soul:
Donata Maria Tronolone

Death Anniversary:
The 8th Anniversary of
Leo Ryan

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex

War is always a defeat. I call again for the madness of violence to end. May we commit to just and lasting peace. Let us pray for the people of Ukraine.

World Community for Christian Meditation Australia - Advent Twilight Retreat
You are invited to begin your Advent at our Advent Twilight Retreat – **THE WAY OF LOVE**. On Friday evening, November 29, 6pm-8pm, with coffee, snacks and book sales at 5.30pm. At St Theodore's Anglican Church Hall, 46 Prescott Terrace, Toorak Gardens. In a time of quiet, we will meditate together, pray together, reflect on Scripture using *Lectio Divina*, and walk contemplatively together. Please bring your own cup. A donation for the WCCM A National Appeal would be appreciated. Register at chr.med.southaust@gmail.com

PARISH NOTICES

A reminder of Emergency Evacuation Procedures
To comply with the safety requirements, at the end of each service this weekend, we will announce a reminder of the church emergency evacuation procedures. We thank you for your attention.

Volunteers Needed
Any little help will be appreciated! If you have spare time to assist in any general duties, no matter it is cleaning the altar, polishing the Holy Hardware, making the gardens, etc., you are welcome to join the volunteering teams. Please contact the parish office.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Carols on Christmas Eve
All children are invited to sing with the Cathedral children's choir at the Christmas Eve 6pm Family Mass. There will be a rehearsal before Mass. Children are welcome to dress up. For more information: music@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Christmas Concert
A free concert of beautiful Christmas choral motets sung by the Cathedral Choir with members of Choir of the Holy Cross and Flinders University Chamber Ensemble, featuring contemporary and traditional works.
Friday December 13, 7pm, at the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier.
Sunday December 15, 1pm, at Church of Holy Cross, Goodwood.
For more details: <https://www.adelcathparish.org/music-in-the-cathedral/christmas-concert>
E: music@adelaide.catholic.org.au

SA Catholics of an Evolving Church – Advent Reflections 2024
Jesus, Gospel narratives, Christmas.
Hallett Cove Catholic Church: 7pm Thursday November 28; Wednesday December 4, 11 and 18.
Mercy Centre, 4 Victoria Street, Mile End. Wednesday November 27; December 4, 11. Alt venue December 18
Presenter: Kevin Liston.
Sponsor: SA Catholics for an Evolving Church (SACEC)
For more information and to register for pre-reading: E: Kevin.liston1@gmail.com or P: 0411 197 829.

A Celebration of Christmas - Christmas Concert
The Metropolitan Male Choir of South Australia presents a Celebration of Christmas Concert at the Elder Hall, University of Adelaide, North Terrace 5000, on the evening of Saturday December 14 at 7.30pm.

Churches Together Thanksgiving Service
Churches Together SA invite you to a Thanksgiving Service on Saturday November 30, 9.30am at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wakefield Street, Adelaide. Morning tea will follow the Service.

Workshop Opportunity: Walk for Life – founding director Mrs Jodie Pickard will be speaking about "What it means to love life"
What does it mean to love life? – Please come to the Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide on Wednesday November 27 at 6pm - 7.30pm to hear founding director, **Love Australia**, Mrs Jodie Pickard, talk about the upcoming **WALK FOR LIFE** event to be held on the second Saturday in February 2025. For more information, please contact the office of Justice, Healing and Inclusion at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Youth forum - First Nations Voices
November 26 6.30pm, 22 Stamford Court, Adelaide
YCW are working with young Indigenous women to run a youth voices forum focused on learning about First Nations culture - a combination of faith from different Christian denominations and discussion on our identities as young people of culture and faith. We have also collaborated with the City of Adelaide Council who are helping to facilitate the event - through their venue, the Minor Works Building.



The Kids' Bulletin
Feast of Christ the King
Sunday, November 24th, 2024



Jesus is Our King!

Today we celebrate Jesus as the great Lord and King of Heaven and earth.

The crown is a symbol of Jesus' kingship.

Christ is the King!

Every year on the last Sunday before Advent, we celebrate the feast day of Christ the King.

Jesus is a good king who loves His people so much that He died so we could go to Heaven.

What can you do to show Jesus that He is the king of your life? What can you do to show other people that Jesus is your king?

What is something special that you can do today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King?



Answers to the crossword puzzle:
Down: 1.fairful, 2.king, 3.Jesus, 5.kingdom, 6.be, 11.of
Across: 4.witness, 7.sins, 8.freedom, 9.God, 10.glory, 12.him