

# Catholic Parish of St Mary Queen of Heaven,

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# **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil: 5pm Sunday: 8 & 10am, 5pm

# Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6pm Preceded by Rosary/Novena - 5.30pm

Wednesday - Friday: 9am Preceded by Rosary -8.45am

#### Vietnamese Masses:

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm Sunday: 3pm



#### Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30 pm or by appointment

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 21 November 2021

## Pius XI instituted the Feast of Our Lord Iesus Christ, King of the Universe

in 1925 in response to the rise of totalitarianism. It celebrates Christ's reign over the human race and human hearts. The feast emphasises God's ultimate forgiveness as well as Christ's eschatological return and final sovereignty over all creation.

This Weekend - 20 & 21 November - all Masses will be celebrated as a Mass of Remembrance for deceased family and friends. Please bring a photo of your deceased loved one to place at the altar. May they rest in peace.



#### **November Masses**

November is the month for special prayers for the Faithful Departed. November Mass Envelopes are in our church so that Masses can be offered for our deceased loved ones. Throughout November the envelopes will be placed near the alter to remind us that Masses are being offered for our deceased.

#### Milk for Mates

Helping our mates at the House of Welcome. During November we are collecting 1 litre long life cartons of milk. Please place in the milk crate near the doors.



# Charitable Works Appeal - this weekend.

This weekend we are also holding our last CWF collection for 2021. The money raised helps the important work of supporting our most

vulnerable. Envelopes are available at the church entrances. Please give generously.

Donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.

Please note: There will be no 6pm mass this Tuesday 23 Nov.

#### Please Note: No Sunday 5.00pm Mass after November

From the beginning of December there will **no longer** be Mass at 5pm on Sundays.

Sunday evening Masses are held in nearby parishes:

Christ the King, Bass Hill - 6.00pm St Joseph's, Moorebank - 6.00pm Youth Mass St Felix, Bankstown - 6.00pm Immaculate Heart, Sefton - 5.00pm

# Vietnamese Community update

From Sun. 5 Dec., the Vietnamese Mass will be held at 5.30pm

#### First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held in Term 1 next year. Please keep an eye on the parish bulletin for dates of Information night etc.

### Setting up the Nativity and Christmas Trees

In line with parish traditions, this Friday 26 November at 6.00pm will be the time to set up the Christmas trees and Nativity in the church. Please come along to help - everyone is welcome.





#### Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Before, afterschool and vacation care is available to our primary school children. To register your child please contact SCECS on 02 9568 8628 or Email: scecs@svd.catholic.edu.au

# Supporting our Parish -

Our parish relies on your generosity to cope financially. Please consider joining the planned giving program - if you'd like a set of envelopes, please email parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com Please click on the **Support Us** link on the parish website: www.smgh.org.au

#### +Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Marcel Götz, Rose-Tariaz Haddad, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Ian Urquhart, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward and all infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Bishop Bill Wright, Bryan Chester, Rev Mother Sr Carmel Bambridge, John Ball, Terry Webster, Robert Moran, Peter Peitsos, Ray Etteridge, Mervyn Thompson and all who have died from Covid-19.

Anniversary: Henry Goetz, Teresa Stevenson, Albert Gotz, Doreen Cary

Sick List - To include your loved one's name in the sick list, email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com Anniversary List - To include your loved one's name in the anniversary list, please email name and date/year of passing to: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

# Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or Email: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.



The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

St Mary's Safeguarding Information: There is a folder of Safeguarding information available in the church parishioners are welcome to view. Enquiries: Veronica - 0407 231 262.



Gospel Jn 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.'

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#### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

What are we to make of the famous reply of Jesus to Pilate: 'My kingdom is not of this world'? Left there, it sounds as though Jesus is talking about a realm which is far removed from terrestrial concerns. Perhaps our task as his followers is to meditate into a blissful nothingness, to live otherworldy lives.

It is a poor translation, and it should read: 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would have fought to stop my being handed over.' Of all the ways in which our Lord could have contrasted his realm with all the other ways in which societies are ruled, he chose a contrast about the use of force. Rather, his reign springs from his Father's will that humanity should live together in a realm of nonviolence.

We can easily criticise ISIL's blasphemous use of barbaric violence in the supposed service of religion. It is the most extreme opposite of Our Lord's teaching which He embodied in his practice. But, even for us, the challenge is there to restrain too-ready resort to armed violence and to humanely moderate its exercise where it is used to protect the innocent.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the coming of the Kingdom, not as an 'out of this world' experience, but in the words of the Our Father: 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

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# The Living Word

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B 21 November 2021

#### First Reading Dn 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 be destroyed.

# Responsorial Psalm Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

- (R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.
- The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. (R)
- 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)

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.

Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. (R)

#### Second Reading Rv 1:5-8

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

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 Mk 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!