



kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

The Living Word

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A 26 November 2023

First Reading Ez 34:11-12.15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26.28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessings on him who comes
in the name of the Lord!*

*Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David!*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the



MASS TIMES (English):

Vigil Mass 5 pm (Saturday)
Sunday 8.00 am & 10.00 am
Weekdays: Wednesday 6 pm
Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri. Sat. 9.00 am

VIETNAMESE MASS

Vigil Mass 6.30 pm (Saturday)
Sunday 5.30pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30pm-4.55pm
or anytime on request

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday 5.00pm—6.00pm
Friday after Mass 9am-10.30am

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Offered to those in need on
1st Tuesday at 9.00am Mass

Baptisms: Sunday 11.00am
Bookings are necessary

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ADDITIONAL NOTICES If you are interested in any diocesan events, please collect a copy of the additional bulletin at the back of the church.

REQUIEM MASS FOR MARY

STRAMBIO will take place at 11am at Christ the King, Bass Hill on Monday 27 November. Mary's husband Tony (and other members of the family) was an active member of the parish and involved in the building of our church and the child care center (when it was the presbytery). Tony is still going strong being looked after by his son Peter, however, Tony's dementia has escalated where he needs 24-hour care.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL -

St Vincent de Paul Society will run the appeal from 25 November to 7 December. For more information, please take a flyer from the back of the church.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL the CWF is a centralized fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Sydney Archdiocese. Our final CWF Appeal for this year was held early November and this will be the last weekend that the envelopes will be available. CWF is a practical way for each of us to feed the hungry and clothe the naked and to spread the Gospel, and thus be counted among those on the right side at the resurrection and the final judgement. Please pray and reflect and place yourself at the receiving end before you donate, for the measure we use is the same measure that will be used for us. Your donations are 100% tax deductible. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 26 NOV

The next Children's Liturgy will be held this Sunday during the 10am Sunday Mass. We encourage all primary school-aged children to attend. Pre-school children who attend must be accompanied by a parent.

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Our altar servers are growing in number and a roster will be created for those who wish to serve at weekend masses. Altar servers can begin once they have had their First Holy Communion and attended training with Bernie Freeburn. Please contact

parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com if your child would like to join the roster. Training will be provided.

ALTAR LINEN AND CLEANING

CHURCH ROSTERS Both of these rosters run out at the end of November. If you can assist on either roster please provide your details on the sheets at the back of the church or email parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com
Many hands make light work!

CHRISTMAS OLDIES LUNCH Our next bus outing will be held on Thursday 7 December - a leisurely drive down the south coast. We'll stop for morning tea and then go on to enjoy lunch at the Illawarra Yacht Club - both at your own expense. Cost \$25 to cover the bus. Please collect an envelope from near the sacristy, complete your details and enclose money to secure your seat, put the envelope in the collection box near the sacristy. Enquiries: Lorraine 9724 9519

PARISH CENTRE A meeting with our architect and members of our Building Committee will take place on Monday.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

Rehearsal for the Children's Choir will begin upon commencement of the school term. This act of service is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in our Mass and beautiful community. If you are interested and would like further information please message Jess on 0414 187 081 or Natalie on 0431 102 408.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF PRAYER

FOR THE DEAD The Holy Mother Church, like a good mother, consecrates the whole month of November to the memory of the dead. This pious practice of praying through an entire month for the dead takes rise from the earliest ages of the Church and was preached with zeal by all the great Church Fathers and Doctors. Praying for the dead is clearly shown in Scripture. The custom of mourning thirty days existed among the Jews. People mourned for Moses for thirty days. Pope St. Gregory the Great established the practice of saying thirty Masses on thirty consecutive days, and they are called Gregorian Masses.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS Try to pray for the holy souls often. Perhaps include the prayer for the holy souls in your daily prayers: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
• Remember deceased family members on

their anniversary by requesting a Mass to be said for them.

- Include all your deceased friends and relatives in the altar list of the dead in your parish church during November.
- Make little sacrifices for the holy souls during the month of November. Perhaps encourage your children to eat a meal or food they do not particularly like without complaining.
- If it is possible, visit the grave of a friend or relative on their anniversary or during the month of November. If not, perhaps light a candle or say a decade of the Rosary for them.
- If you hear of a tragic accident, pray for the souls of those who have died.
- Pray often to go straight to heaven when you die.

NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE - is located at the back of the church. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book. In each Mass during the month of November we will pray in the Prayers of the Faithful for those listed in the book.

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES If you'd like to have a Mass offered for the deceased members of your family, please fill in the November Mass Offering envelope located at the back of the church. It is sufficient to write "Deceased members of Smith's family" instead of listing names of individuals. The individual Masses will be offered on first come first serve basis. You can

Date/Mass	Greeters	Commentator	Proclaimers	Extraordinary Ministers	Acolytes	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
November 25/26 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A							
5.00 pm Sat	Lorraine Impala	Brian Kurrle	Irene Zenere	Annette Simpson Barbara Kains	Laurie Simpson	Gabriel Azar Charlie Delfino	Anthony Torbay
8.00 am Sun		Danuta Maka	Carmen Heredia	Geotz Family Karen Worley	Mike Anderson	Lucas Ross Harry Ross	Nicholas Coorey Gabriel Serratore
10.00 am Sun		Alex Driessen	Cramp Family	Alex Driessen Maurice Gili		James Ghanem	
December 2/3 - 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B							
5.00 pm Sat	Chris Lockart	Zenna Azar	Brian Kurrle	Eileen Stevenson Pauline Tonkli	Chaben Azar	Gabriel Azar Charlie Delfino	Anthony Torbay
8.00 am Sun		Carmen Heredia	Coorey Family	Jenny Freeburn Karen Worley	Bernie Freeburn	Lucas Ross Harry Ross	Nicholas Coorey Gabriel Serratore
10.00 am Sun		Rosemary Lim	Maurice Gili	Gill Cramp Alex Driessen		James Ghanem	



Please Remember In Your Prayers Our Sick

Jayden Turk, Joseph Akkary, Paul Tonkli, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Paul Evans, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson, Christine Hughes, Sue James, Barbara Kains, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, David Sanders, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk

Let us Pray For All Those Who Have Died

Mary Strambio, Wood Fml, Janet & John & Debbie Wood, Mary Strambio, John & David Huskinson, Jan & Jozefa & Bernard & John, John & Joe & Bruno Lozinski, Jaduiga & Maria Kazob, Hayat Busuleiman, Pientka fml, Dening & Sanders fmls, Norma Younane, Elias & Elie & Bahia & Nabih Maroun, Wadia & Roumanos Nehme, Martha & Youseph & Chalita & Msseehiye Tannous, Marina Nassar, Newton fml, Ernie & Mavis Primmer, Karen Isreal, Albert & Kathleen Simpson, Gattone fml, Raymond & Linda Hanna, Lise & Henry Goetz, Warren Ashley, Alf Tallon, Sue Gardiner, Jodie & Wendy Lanyon, McHugh fml, Counihan fml, Lucia Zenere, Sayed & Badiha & Ghabach Ghabach, Maria Bui Thi-Don, Dominic-Doan-Duc Tiem, Joseph Nguyen Van Thuy, Maria Hoang Thi Thinh, Andre Doan Viet Dat, Joseph Nguyen Van Phuoc, Antonio & Assunta Ingenieri, Marjorie & Arwoos & William & John & Margaret Moore, Robert Herrick, Heather Loudorf, Thomas & Eileen & Patrisha Roberts, Therese Coleman, Marie & Alfred Carter, Gobo & Sluga & Sain fmls & friends, Antoinette Srouji, Peter Ayoub, Nasta fml, Ball & Shanahan fmls + Mary & Eric, Hans & Tita Studer, Marcia Dimond, Karen & Vicki, Georgette Thomas, Tania Porreca, Joe Bartolo, Joe Feletto, Joe Mammone, Gina Kosabudsky & Mary & Michael & Alex, David Newman, Margaret & Lofty Plowman, Rega fml, Addolorata & Nicola Rega & grandparents fmls, Severina & Rosinella Pezzullo, Garry Wheeler, Jean & Max & Ross Graham, Dumbrell & Waldron & Danaher & Creed & Clements & Hickey fmls, Moreen McGinley, Ellen Carlisle, Catherine Doherty, Bill Quirk, Vince Murray, Bakehouse fml, Marijan & Iva Suto, Marijan & Ivan & Ana, & Mijo & Mate and Suto fml, Ivan Napanj, Sestito fml, Joanna & Giuseppe & Lino & Dawn Sestito, Maria & Vito Sabella, Gibbons, Hurworth & Perry fmls, Saju, Milavec, Slavez & Potepan fmls, Bronwin Leigh Williams, Kathleen Jones, Stanley Jones, Elsie O'Reilly, Stevenson & Tierney fmls, George Stevenson, Molly & Bill & Michael Tierney, Srs Geraldine & Marie & Joan Harrison, Buckley & Cassar & Eiskine & Galea fmls, Baulman & McCartin & Hughes fmls, Thompson & Shepherd fmls, Matesic & Orlic fmls, Dinka Jurjako, Maria Turcato, Chaben Azar, Emilio & Yousef Nohra, Lamia Saad, George Saad, Rana Saad, Martha Abraham, Nicholas Abraham, George Kheir,

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*