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November 20 —Christ the King (Year C)



It is fitting that this final text from the Gospel of Luke to be read in the liturgy brings together some dominant themes and proclaims the kingship of Jesus. Throughout this liturgical year, we have noted the radical reversal that is at the heart of the gospel. Christ is proclaimed a king, not in a scene of glorious enthronement, but as a broken man upon a cross. The kingship of Jesus is revealed, paradoxically, in the moment of his deepest humiliation. Throughout the gospel, Jesus seeks out and saves the lost, and here it is a common criminal, rightly condemned, who proclaims the kingdom that Jesus is to inhabit. True to form, the compassionate Jesus of Luke's Gospel assures him of salvation, just as he had prayed for forgiveness for those who had brought him to this point (Luke 23:34). *(the summit)*

Nostro Signore Gesù Cristo Re dell'Universo (ANNO C)

I membri del Sinedrio, che avevano consegnato Gesù a Pilato e ai soldati che dovevano crocifiggerlo, pensavano di essersi liberati di un uomo pio, certo, ma pericoloso politicamente. Ora, essi sono ai piedi della croce e lo scherniscono chiamandolo Messia, eletto di Dio, re. Ma Gesù, proprio in quanto Messia e Re nel compimento del piano eterno di salvezza, ingaggia sulla croce una lotta sanguinosa contro Satana, che aveva soggiogato l'uomo sull'albero del paradiso. Ora, sull'albero della croce, Cristo gli inferisce un colpo mortale e salva l'uomo. Gesù poteva scendere dalla croce e salvarsi; ma non l'ha fatto, perché altrimenti non ci avrebbe salvato. Ed ecco che raccoglie i frutti della sua passione: uno dei due ladroni crocifissi ai suoi fianchi confessa i propri peccati ed esorta l'altro a fare lo stesso, ma, soprattutto, professa la sua fede: Gesù è Re! Il Re crocifisso gli assicura in modo solenne: "Oggi sarai con me in paradiso". Adamo aveva chiuso a tutti le porte del paradiso, Gesù, vincitore del peccato, della morte e di Satana, apre le porte del paradiso anche ai più grandi peccatori, purché si convertano, sia pure nel momento della loro morte. Del resto, noi ben conosciamo molte conversioni simili. *(lachiesa.it)*

Vinnies Vic Flood Appeal 2022

Vinnies is working to urgently help support families and businesses impacted by the Victorian floods. Any donations will help provide people with groceries and essential items including the supply of fresh sets of clothing to people who've fled their home; re-equip a home with appliances and bedding; and pay for a family's rent while their home is being repaired.

To make an urgent donation please call 131 812 or visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Krys Herrmann, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Diana Nash, Lori, Maurice, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Blake, Floriano Pivetta, Margherita Costa, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Hussan, Joe and Tony, Joe and Monica Zahra, Robert Di Pasquale, Cathy Taviane, Mena, John Privitera, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Nina Garoffolo, Giovanna Gamberale, Gin

Recently deceased: Sebastiano Tuccitto, Leonardo Rendina, Frank Rubini, Eleonora Iacopino, Stella Raphael, Denise Psaila.

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory.

Rosters for weekend masses (Nov 26/27)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: J. Manovella
 Sunday 9.00 am: M. Raymond
 Sunday 10.30 am : R. Odoardi

Bus driver: P. Capasso

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Confessions are available on Saturday 5.00 pm—bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office.

Thanksgiving envelopes 2023

Thanksgiving envelopes for next year will be available before or after masses.

Parish staff will distribute staff in the foyer. Please remember that envelope numbers will not be the same as per 2022.

Parishioners will be asked to provide address details for record keeping purposes.

John Pierce Centre appeal for the blind (13th of November)

Each year, the John Pierce Centre makes an annual Ephpheta Appeal where donations go a long way to helping improve their service to the community.

The Centre does not receive any government funding so your gift will be a lifeline that ensures JPC's Pastoral Care and Family Support Service can instantly reach even the most isolated deaf people.

There will be a special collection this Sunday.

St. Matthew's Parish raffle

The Parish is holding a Christmas raffle in 2022. Tickets are \$2.00 each (or \$20.00 for a book of 10). Raffle tickets will be available for purchase before or after weekend masses. **First prize** is a wheelbarrow full of gardening tools and implements. **Second prize** is a basket of linen. **Third prize** is a canteen of cutlery.

The raffle will be drawn on Sunday the 18th of December.

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

The electronic version of the Parish bulletin is available on the Parish website @ <http://stmatthewsparish.org.au/>