

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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners).

Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is *completely* incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'

We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

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The Living Word

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A 22 November 2020

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



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SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm.
Spanish Speaking Mass 12:30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Mon 8:30am, Tues 7:00pm, Wed 8:30am, Thur 8:30am, Fri 7:00am,
Sat 8:30am. **Public Holidays 8:30am**

Reconciliation: Saturday after morning Mass or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00am to 3:00pm Mon – Fri

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Next Week: 1st Advent (B) Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9,28; Mark 13:33-37.

Fr Stan writes ...

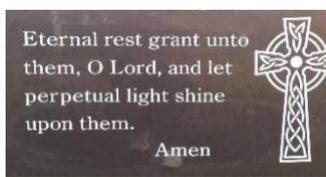
Today we come to the end of the Church's liturgical year with the **Solemnity of Christ the King**. Each year on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. A relative newcomer to the Church calendar — established in the 20th century — this feast is designed to give special recognition to the dominion Christ our Lord has over all aspects of our lives. We are encouraged to see this annual celebration as a time to consecrate ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, explicitly tying the celebration to devotion to the Sacred Heart and to the living Christ in the Eucharist. Let us be grateful, then, for the chance to celebrate each year the Solemnity of Christ the King — for the world needs now, more than ever, our witness to His rule over all things.

With the disruption to our Sacramental Program this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Brady was unable to accommodate a further Confirmation session in our parish. Therefore, Bishop Brady delegated me to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 16 young people from our local Public Schools. This took place last Friday in a beautiful celebration of Mass in our church, and live streamed for family and friends that could not be present due to the restrictions in the number of people that could attend.

Please keep our newly confirmed and their families in your prayers.



Jessie Bartholomew, Christina Gouel, Julian Guerrera, Noah Hodges,
Niamh Krenmayr, Aiden Lindsay, Estelle Mesa, Sophia Miller, Joshua O'Shea,
Ileana Pelagio, Isabella Petraglia, Justin Robson, Lucas Robson, Zara Scarano,
Harrison Rhys Signor, Levane Tam



Our yearly **Remembrance Mass** will be celebrated this coming Tuesday, 24th November at 7:00pm, when we will especially pray for our dear parishioners who have died this past year as well as for our family members and friends. This Mass will also be live streamed www.holyspiritnorthryde.org.au

PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF: Leo Callachor, Audrey Barker, Kathy Rabl, Francis Varkey Munjanat, Oscar Zepeda recently deceased.

During the month of November, Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of all those named in the November Mass Offering Envelopes that will be placed on the altar at each Mass.

Please place your November Mass envelopes with your offering in the collection boxes on the table in the foyer of the church or hand in at the parish office. THANK YOU!

PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Marie Serdyska, Barbara Kortynski, Dorota Gorzkowski.



Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual **Catholic Mission Church Appeal**. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life. Please take an envelope from the table outside and return it next weekend.

Advent Reconciliation/Confession

Again, due to the restrictions currently in place, the procedure for our usual pre-Christmas Reconciliation session will have some changes.

Reconciliation will be available over two evenings on **Monday 21st December and Tuesday 22nd December from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.**

Several priests will be available. Please come along at any time between 6:30pm-8pm

Christmas Mass Times – ALL IN THE CHURCH

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm & Midnight

Christmas Day: 7:00am, 8:30am & 10:00am (No Evening Mass)

Congratulations to Riley & Isaac Mason who will receive their First Holy Communion at the 10am Mass this weekend. We pray that you will always be close to Jesus our Bread of Life.

Our Flame Gift Shop is OPEN! Check out the great selection of cards and gifts for all occasions. Come in and visit us and see our range of sacramental and general gifts. Beautiful Christmas gifts are now available too! There is something for everyone. All proceeds benefit our parish!

