

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	26 Nov	No Mass
Tuesday	27 Nov	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm Mass: 5.30pm
Wednesday	28 Nov	Mass: 7am
Thursday	29 Nov	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (Reconciliation Available) Mass: 5.30pm
Friday	30 Nov	St Andrew Mass: 9.30am
Saturday	1 Dec	<u>First Saturday</u> Novena to Our Lady: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm
Sunday	2 Dec	First Sunday of Advent (Year C begins) Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.45am (Polish)

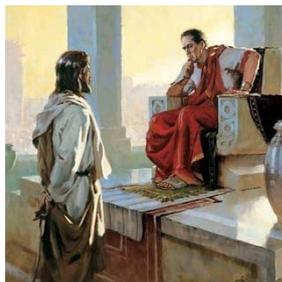
CHRIST THE KING – YEAR B

25 NOVEMBER 2018

READINGS: Daniel 17:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

On the last Sunday of the Church's Liturgical Year, we meditate on the end of time. Daniel's vision sets the tone (**FIRST READING**). He foresees the coming of a 'Son of Man', a title used for the future redeemer. Basing itself on this text, the Book of the Apocalypse looks to Jesus' coming at the end of time, when He will take full possession of His kingdom (**SECOND READING**). Before Pilate, Jesus speaks of the true nature of His kingship (**GOSPEL**).

The Second Reading reminds us that Christ's sacrifice has freed us from sin and made us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using the gifts God has given me to serve Him and others?



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Corrado MASCIOVECCHIO

Anniversaries

Michael BLATTMANN

Edna & Bill MARMONT

John RICHARDS

Winifred STAUNTON

Bruno CORBANESE

Alice & Guillermo PARDINA



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEAST MASS AND SUPPER

NEXT WEEK we will celebrate our Patronal Feast — *The Immaculate Conception* — with Sung Mass on Friday evening, **7 December 2018** at **7.30pm** with supper to follow.



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

to intercede for more priests



**Every Saturday morning
up to and including
Saturday 22 December**
7.15am: Novena Prayers
7.30am: Mass

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

December	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 1 Dec	Church Cleaning	M Lloyd, J Allen, J Haywood	
	Lawns	Peters Family Winner Family	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 1 Dec 6pm Mass	A Carlotto	M Gillis	D Gelfius
Sun 2 Dec 7am Mass	L Burns	M Walsh	Walsh Family
Sun 2 Dec 9am Mass	N Dwyer, C Carolan	A Kelly	C Hailstone, K Hertsch
Counters	M Murphy (FT), R Wilson, J Carolan, S Alessi		
Children's Liturgy	C Hailstone, L Galea		

Gospel Reflection

Jesus said 'My kingdom is not of this world'.
 Jesus does not rule as earthly kings rule.
 He has no palace, no throne, no crown, no army.
 Yet we give Him an allegiance and a loyalty which we would not give to any other person or institution on earth.
 Alone and unarmed He stood before Pilate.
 Pilate had thousands of soldiers to call upon.
 Jesus had no soldier to call upon.
 Yet Jesus was incomparably the greater of the two.
 Jesus is the hope of the human race.
 He rules, not by force, but by love.
 Lord Jesus, may Your kingdom come, and may You remember me on that day.



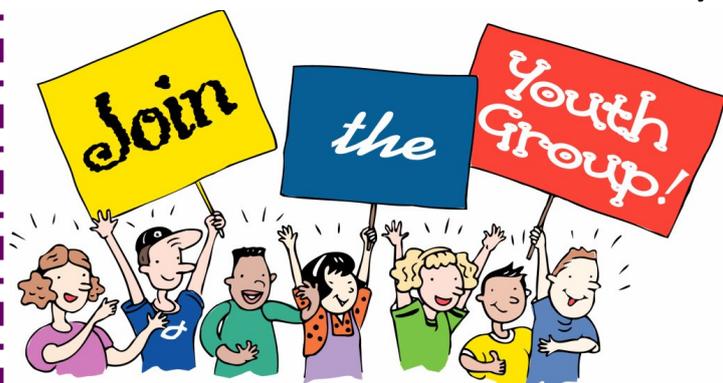
PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Catholic Women's League:** 2nd Thursday of the month - 10.30am in St Joseph's room
New members always welcome!
Please contact: Barbara - 4271 1584
- St Vincent de Paul Conference:** Every Tue 7.30pm in St Joseph's room
- Parish Pastoral Council:** 2nd Monday of alternate months 7.30pm in St Joseph's room
- Nursing Home Masses**
- Hillside Nursing Home:** 1st Tuesday of the month - 2pm
- Figtree Nursing Home:** 2nd Tuesday of the month - 10:45am
- Villa Maria Nursing Home:** 3rd Tuesday of the month - 9:30am

Refreshments after 9am Mass on 1st weekend of the month

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Immaculate Conception Parish – Unanderra



On **Friday 30 November 2018** an expression of interest meeting will be held for youth who will be entering High School next year. The Youth Group will commence in February 2019 and students in Years 7 and 8 during 2019 would be most welcome.

Come along to **St Joseph's Room** located at the back of the church at **6.30pm** and get all the details, so you won't miss out.

For catering purposes, please RSVP via either email clearyv01@dow.catholic.edu.au or mobile **0415 926 132**.

WIZARD OF ID BY PARKER AND HART



ADVENT PROGRAMME 2018

"Saviour" available now —
\$4.00





“Seek first the poorest and most neglected parts of God’s vineyard.”

St Mary of the Cross — 1900

MEMORIAL MONTH’S MIND MASS

Bishop Brian Mascord has arranged a Memorial “Month’s Mind” Mass for his late father, Ron Mascord, who died on 2 November 2018 in Newcastle. The Mass will be held at **2pm on Wednesday 5 December 2018** at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong**.

All are most welcome to join Bishop Brian at the Mass to remember and farewell his father, Ron.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2018 –

This week on The Journey, Fr Mike Delaney reflects on the Gospel of John; Sr Hilda from the Abbey shares some ancient wisdom on the Mystery of God; Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent, talks about “Testing Our Faith”; and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, encourages us in “Seeking God”. The Power of the Spirit is our featured song this week on the Journey Catholic Radio program, where faith, hope, love and life come together.



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A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus says when we give alms, we “do not sound a trumpet before [us]”.

According to St Ambrose, “God does not consider what one gives but what one keeps.” Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

The Giving Christmas Tree is now placed in the church full of tags for children’s toys and Christmas food. The gifts received from this tree are used by the Unanderra Vinnies Conference to distribute approximately 40 Christmas hampers and toys for about 60 children and to the needy within the Unanderra area.

Gifts need to be placed under the Christmas Giving Tree by **Sunday 16 December**, as hampers and toys will be delivered on Tuesday 18 December.

A big thank you to all the generous parishioners who have supported the Vinnies Giving Tree for many years.



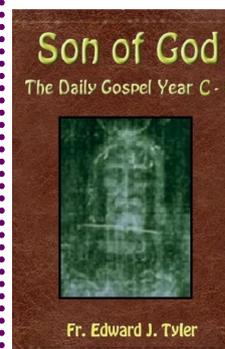
FREE E-BOOK

A free e-book (with church imprimatur) is now available for your computer/tablet/phone:

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-1

This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer/tablet/phone, offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year C-1 beginning with the First Sunday of Advent (2 December 2018). Each daily Gospel has with it a reflection of some 750 words. The e-book

may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher given when he was Bishop of Parramatta.



Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-1 may be accessed at the following:
www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The Unanderra Conference of St Vincent de Paul will be selling Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars each weekend after each Mass until sold out.

A pack of 10 Christmas Cards — \$6.00

The 2019 Columban Calendar — \$9.00



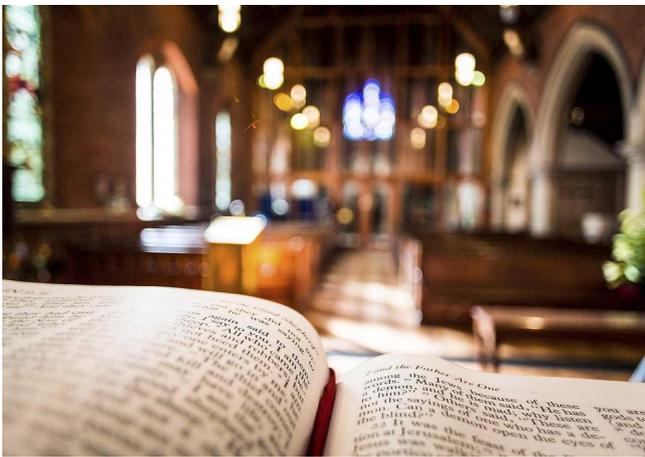
My dear people,

Today's solemn feast of Christ the King is the most recent of the feasts of Our Lord, having been instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The First World War was over. People had never before seen hatred unleashed on such a grand scale and, of course, they never dreamed that something worse was around the corner. Pius intended this Feast to be, in a sense, a social Feast – Christians, taking to heart that Christ had full dominion over their lives, would take Christ's reign into every sphere of social life. "It is necessary that the royal dignity of Our Lord be recognised and accepted as widely as possible," he said.

In those days the great majority of Catholics practised their Faith, and the Liturgy was a great teacher. Sunday after Sunday, Catholics were instructed in the great truths of the Faith. A Catechism was widely used in schools and for converts (the "penny Catechism" it was called – or the "green Catechism" because of its cover – it was sixpence when I used it). Mary MacKillop's Sisters infiltrated the continent and brought the Faith to areas where priests were available only on a limited basis. Other Religious Orders, too, laid the solid foundations for a generation of Catholics who knew their Faith and took their place in Australian Society. Times were tough and people stuck together. The fact that Catholics who wanted their own schools were penalised by the Government only drew them closer together.

We face a different world. Christ's laws are no longer the foundation of law in our country. Law now depends, mainly, on majority opinion even if that opinion is contrary to God's expressed will. We are all now, by and large, better off than our parents and grandparents. We take luxury for granted. We have more free time.

But after the Second Vatican Council in the '60s we seemed to go through a period of uncertainty. The "old" Catechism was dropped, Religious began to leave the schools, a new feeling of "freedom" crept into both society and the Church. Many people no longer felt constrained to live by "laws". In that time I feel we lost a couple of generations of Catholics in the sense that they no longer knew the basics of their Faith. Mass attendance began to drop. Now only ten percent of Catholics in our Diocese attend Mass on a regular basis.



"Why this emphasis on the Mass?" some ask. "Surely the practice of the Faith involves more than just going to Mass on Sunday." We all remember the expression "Sunday Catholics" to describe what we considered were hypocritical Catholics.

But, looking back over history, it seems to me that a regular pattern occurs. Let's go back to the very beginning. When our First Parents no longer put God in His proper place in their lives there were several consequences, the worst of which was that their children began murdering each other. Time after time the Prophets bewailed the profaning of the Sabbath – lack of attention to the worship of God, incumbent

on every Jew, resulted in gross social injustice. In the second century before Christ, Jews were encouraged to adopt paganism in Israel. Many did, even to the extent of "sacrificing their sons and daughters to demons".

Let's look at the present age – widespread profanation of the Lord's Day which is once again resulting in lack of respect for human life – abortion which in biblical terms is sacrificing children to the demons of inconvenience, and euthanasia: lack of respect for life at the beginning and lack of respect for life at the end. The wars of the last century have seen gross disrespect for life, many of those being driven by human greed.

When Christ is not King, society suffers. Yes, the Mass is important, the Mass is central to our Faith because Christ's sacrifice on the Cross is central to our Faith. Man's inhumanity to man Christ took on himself. Daily He renews His sacrifice on the altar. Daily He renews God's covenant of love with His people. Daily He offers Himself in Word and Sacrament to feed our souls. A Catholic who rejects the Mass and the Sacraments rejects Christ Himself. Love of God does seem to go with love of neighbour.

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