

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King of the Universe. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God in his preaching and asked people to believe in him and change their minds about their priorities. He was not like a king in the ancient world, or a modern despot for that matter, but one who set people free, lifted the burdens from their shoulders and gave the poor hope. He proclaimed we are all brothers and sisters called to have compassion for the most vulnerable and marginalised.

We come to Matthew's third 'parable' which seems to be about judgement but at a deeper level is about how we live now as we await the coming of the Lord. Matthew shares the common expectation of his time of a great final judgement to separate the worthy from the unworthy. There are only two possibilities life or damnation. This is a remote, stern and judgemental image of God. I think we need a more pastoral/caring/understanding /shepherd-like image of God. Which is what we find in both today's First Reading (Ez 34:11-12, 15-17) and the Gospel (Matt25:31-46).

The biblical scholar I rely on for these comments each week is Fr Brendan Byrne, SJ. He tells us that the translation of the First Reading from the Jerusalem Bible which reads 'I shall watch over the fat and the healthy' is more accurately read as "I will destroy..." (New Revised Standard Version). The 'fat sheep' have prospered at the expense of others in a time of great distress. Hence the conclusion 'I shall be a true shepherd to them' (JB) or more pointedly 'I shall shepherd them with justice.'(NRSV)

This sense of justice leads well into Matthew's account of the final judgment. The central figure is both 'shepherd' and 'king' or the 'shepherd-king'. The focus is not on the judgment itself but how one should behave given that we are accountable. The sole determinant is whether one has acted with active care and compassion toward people in need. This is what Jesus describes (Matt 23:23) as 'the weightier matters of the law': 'justice, mercy and faith' and the 'greatest commandment of the law': love of God and neighbour (Matt 22:36-40). Jesus is Immanuel, 'God with us', who so identifies with 'the least' of his 'brothers and sisters' that compassion shown or not shown to them is shown or not shown to him. There is no need to wait for the Son of Man to come in judgment; every time we encounter a fellow human being in need we stand before our Judge and King.

—*Blessings, Greg*

Come and join us this Monday Annual Community Meeting 23rd November at 7pm in parish hall

You are all invited to come and join your parish community for the annual community meeting.



The reports from our Parish Priest, Fr Greg, school principal, Paul Hille, Finance Committee chairperson, Bob Burns and Parish Pastoral Council chairperson, Nevellene Linqvist will be presented and the floor opened for questions. Please come and take an interest in what has happened during the year and see how our parish has been going. After the meeting, you are invited to stay for light refreshments.

Reports from parish ministries/groups coordinators, PPC, Parish Priest and Finance Committee are available on the foyer bench from this weekend.

Advent Online Carmelite Retreat with Blessed Mary of the Incarnation Madam Acarie. Embark on a journey of faith in the impossible with the mystic and woman of action, Blessed Mary of the Incarnation, who was the foundress of the Discalced Carmelite nuns in France, better known to many of us as Madam Acarie. This online retreat is free of charge. Register at retreat-online@karmel.at



PROCLAIMER MINISTRY

Have you considered serving as a proclaimer (reader) at Mass??? We are in urgent need of proclaimers to build our team. All you need is a desire to serve and a commitment to preparation.

You will be well supported through training, practice, mentoring and ongoing support. Your availability is built into the roster.

If you wish to know more please speak to Marina MacLean on 9276 8500.

Adore—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections

Inspired by the Shepherds, Magi and our Blessed Mother, this year's reflection book, Adore, provides a wonderful opportunity for us to take a quiet step out of our daily lives and refocus our attention on the Lord in adoration of what he has done for us through his Son. Adore is available from piety stall after Masses and from parish office for \$4 a copy. Christmas cards and 2021 Columban calendar are also available.



FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTIONS

As per government COVID-19 regulations, collections are not able to be taken up during Mass. Any Planned Giving and monetary offerings for the first and second collections may be placed in the box at the back of the church.



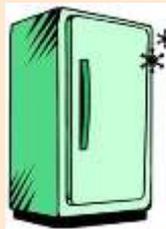
Lectio Divina Group

The four-week Advent series will commence on Monday 23 November in the library after 9am Mass. Papers are available for collection from the hospitality cupboard. All welcome

ADVENT RETREAT—Journey with Mary this Advent as she becomes the meeting place of human and divine longing and risks bringing God's future into being with Dr Pina Ford. On Saturday 5 December at Retreat House, Redemptorist Monastery, Camelia St North Perth. Registration: 9328 6600/6380 5335.

URGENTLY WANTED

After giving our parish 15 years of faithful service, our donated 2nd hand-freezer finally packed up last weekend. We urgently need a freezer for our parish centre. Please if you have an unwanted upright freezer or contribute for a new freezer, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Billie in parish office on 9276 8500.



Sacrament Co-ordinator position at St Peter the Apostle Parish

This position starts from Term One 2021. Initially a 12-month contract with option to renew, it is a part/time paid position, 20 hours per week during term time, with some flexibility. Training and support are available for the successful applicant. Applicants must be practising Catholics, knowledge and understanding of Catholic Sacraments an advantage. For a detailed job description, please contact Chris on stpetersstc@gmail.com

Christmas with the Giovanni Consort at St Mary's Cathedral

Friday, 11 December at 7.30pm

Perform by Perth's finest young singers conducted by the Giovanni Consort's Artistic Director, Hugh Lydon. Booking is essential. Tickets at www.giovanniconsort.com

Garden FUNraiser

We have now set the date for the Garden Funraiser - Saturday 1st May, just in time for Mothers Day 2021! So it will be a Mother's Day Garden Fair, with all kinds of garden related gifts for Mums and others. Please mark your calendars now and put up your hand to help.



Thank you to those who have contacted us to tell us they are planting and potting up for the Funraiser. If you haven't told us yet, please email us at gardenfunraiser@gmail.com or phone the parish office on 92768500 to let us know what you are doing, or plan to do. Even send us a photo! We are also happy to hear your ideas - we have had a couple of great suggestions already.



Thanks to Chris Lambert for offering to co-ordinate the Garden Cafe and Carol Smith who is co-ordinating the raffles. We would love someone to offer to co-ordinate the Children's activities and the craft section. If you think you could help in these areas, please email us on the address above. Thanks—and let's get planting!

Study Opportunity

The Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring (SAM) Leadership Program offers both financial and personal support to mature-aged Catholic women as they undertake undergraduate or postgraduate theological/spiritual study at a recognised theological Institution. Applications for study and mentoring are now open for Catholic women over 30. Applications close 29 November. See: <https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/applications-invited-for-study-and-mentoring-sam-leadership-program/>

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

24 Nov: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & companions, martyrs
28 Nov: BL Denis and Redemptus, martyrs

In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm
Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 6.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.—Ph: 9276 8500

Our Parish Team

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NEXT WEEKEND — 29 November 2020— 1st Sunday of Advent

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	<u>Sunday 6pm</u>
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomczak	Chris Wray	Chris Yapp	Marion Wayne
Altar Servers	Marc; Ethan and Meghan	Madeleine and Frank	Leandra; Jules and Andrei	Dylan; Shaun and Alyssa
Proclaimers	John and Sylvia	Sacred Heart and Stella & Fleur	Fely and Rita	Maureen and Alan
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy and John T	Mike and Kathleen	Aileen and Joan	Marie and Maureen
Hospitality	Rose and Milly	Angela and Mercia	Ancilla and Marlene	Marie and Maureen
Church Cleaning	Team A — Saturday, 28 November @ 9.30am			
PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.				

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently deceased: Diego Morabito, Sebastiano Trusso, Margaret Walker, Phyllis Bolanca, Anna Care and Ruggero Colli;

Deceased: Patrick Kinsville, Anna Opacak, Maja Grle, Vieda and Toni Redden;

Anniversaries: All the Holy Souls, Bernadette D'Amico, Jim Butler, Giuseppe and Maria Marrapodi, Michael Yu, Dean Pegrum;

The Sick of the Parish: Alan Summersett and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever."

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OPENING OF W.A BORDERS – WHAT IT MEANS FOR OUR PARISH

With the opening of our borders on 14 November, the need to revisit our commitment to the Phase 4 COVID-19 regulations is of paramount importance.



- While family groups will be able to sit together, a distance of 1.5 metres between a family group and the next person needs to be observed. Please follow the distancing measures on the pews.
- At communion time, please follow the floor measures and maintain a 1.5 metre distance between you and the nearest person.
- ALWAYS sanitise your hands as you enter the church.
- Observe the designated entrance and exit doors.
- After each WEEKDAY Mass and WEEKEND Mass, please assist in sanitising the church by spraying the pews with disinfectant. The bottles are kept in the flower room.
- The toilets need to be cleaned after each Mass by spraying with alcohol based disinfectant. Volunteer your help with this.
- Sanitise your hands whenever you visit the parish centre and follow the floor markings for appropriate distancing.
- If you are a group or ministry co-ordinator, ensure your group or ministry members are aware of the requirement to follow Phase 4 regulations.

Together, we can ensure that our worship space and community areas are safe places for our whole community, especially our very elderly and vulnerable community members. The opening of our borders will cause increased anxiety amongst many of our parishioners. Please help by doing everything you can to ensure that we are all safe.

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