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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (YEAR A) - 26TH NOVEMBER 2023

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

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. see v.1

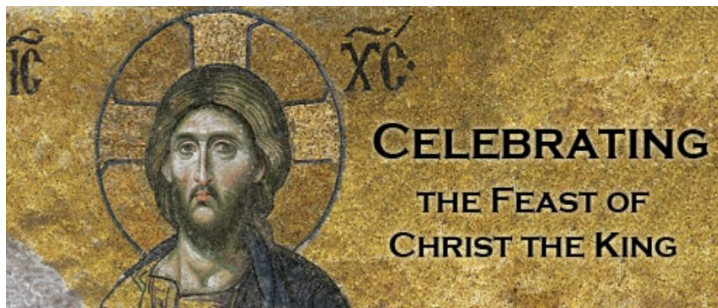
(R) *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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

Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

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

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

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 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.'

We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Food for thought.....Reflection by Sr Dianne Bergant CSA

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.



A VOCATION VIEW

The Church year ends today. We can proclaim Christ as King because we sense our vocation as being members of Christ's Royal Family, called to serve God and one another.

Fr Peter Addicoat CP

50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
Parishioners are invited to the Parish Celebration
Holy Eucharist and Light Refreshments
Sunday 3rd December at 11am
St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hobart
Enquiries: 6234 4899

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP

All are invited to come together with other parishioners during Advent as we prepare for and anticipate the Celebration of Jesus Birth. Get away from the hustle and bustle of your busy lives, spend a little time in prayerful reflection, developing a closer relationship with our God, and the true meaning for our celebrations.

Our Advent Reflection will be **"The Sign"** prepared by the Wollongong Diocese. Donation of \$5 for the booklet.

Friday morning 10.30am-11.30am in the Pastoral Centre commencing Friday 1st December
(instead of the Lectio Divina reflection)

Limited copies of "The Sign" are available from the Office for those who may wish to use this resource at home.

Mass for the Unborn

To celebrate the feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, the Office of Life, Marriage and Family presents this special Mass in **St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart on Tuesday 12th December, at 7pm**

Please pray for the protection of Human Life in the womb. Enquiries: rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Oliver and Emily Goodluck** (Aidan and Rachel) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Will Smith, Greg Hopwood, Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Merrill Thompson, Deacon Vinco Muriyaden, Fr Terry Yard, Kim Izard, Irene La Palombara, Tina La Palombara, Alana Oehm, Kathy Aldred, Greg Hopwood, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Teresa McMahon, Louisa Buttazzoni, Lalla Smethurst, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall..

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Douglas Scott, Joel Illingworth, Bernard Morgan, Mark Aspinall, Charlie Maher, Patrick Cannon, Ellen Williams, Ron Butterworth, Mel Cuschieri, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus, all those we have been asked to pray for in our November Mass book, all those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the Holy souls in Purgatory.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: As the COVID virus continues to affect our lives, we pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. We pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass **today** at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., West Launceston, concluding with Benediction at 3pm. All are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in prayer to honour Christ the King.

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS *Next Sunday, 3rd December at the Carmelite Monastery.* You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY is being held each Monday night in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome.**

MORNING MEDITATION at the **Emmanuel Centre Tuesdays at 11am.** Newcomers are welcome. Enquiries: ph: 6334 1082

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

THE CARMEL SHOP: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS are available to purchase in the Church or Parish Office \$10 each

St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses next weekend.

Parish Sausage Sizzle

Sunday 3 December, 12noon

Riverbend Park, Launceston

An opportunity for our Parish community to gather and celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent, (new liturgical year) and our Parish's 22nd anniversary.

Sausages will be gluten free. Gluten free bread available.
For other dietary requirements please self cater.

BYO chair and/or picnic rug.

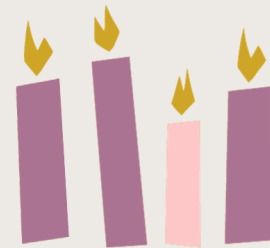
For catering purposes please RSVP by

Wednesday 29 November

via the QR code or contact
the Parish Office on 6331 4377



PREPARE



Advent Reflection Day

Saturday 9th December
9.30am for a 10.00am start (until 3.00pm)

St Patrick's College Chapel, 282 Westbury Rd, Prospect
BYO Lunch. Morning Tea provided.

Facilitated by Maureen O'Halloran and Belinda Chapman



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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
9.00am	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
9.00am	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
10.30am	Apostles	
6.30pm	Apostles	

WEEKDAY MASSES 26th November—2nd December

Tuesday:	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday:	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	12noon	Invermay
Friday:	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	7.30am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	9.30am -10.30am	Apostles
	5.15pm -5.45pm	Newstead

Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:

Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish

BSB: 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153.

Reference: "your surname"

MASS LIVE-STREAMED Each and every Sunday at 9am

On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston

if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/
videos/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/)

**Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN
and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.**



PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..

Children's Corner

Fill in the spaces using the words below

When I was hungry, you gave me something to ____.

When I was thirsty, you gave me something to ____.

When I was a stranger, you _____ me.

When I was naked, you gave me _____ to wear.

When I was sick, you took _____ of me.

When I was in gaol, you _____ me.

welcomed drink care
eat clothes visited

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 27th: Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday 28th: Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday 29th: Luke 21:12-19
Thursday 30th: Matthew 4:18-22
Friday 1st: Luke 21:29-33
Saturday 2nd: Luke 21:34-36

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1,3-8

Psalms 79:2-3,15-16,18-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Matthew 13:33-37



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

St Vincent de Paul Society—Dining with Friends

Operating in two locations in the North, Launceston and George Town. Volunteers prepare a meal for, and share a meal with those in the community who may be feeling lonely, want to make new friends, or simply just wish to share a meal with others.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us on 6326 5551 or north@vinniestas.org.au

We would open our arms to those who could share some of their time, knowledge and skills with us as we;

- Participate together as a follower of our Lord.
- Collect bread from a local bakery for distribution to those in need.
- Sit with those in need to listen and offer assistance.
- Distribute breakfast and open washing facilities at the old YMCA centre in Kingsmeadows
- Be part of our Team on the Vinnies van
- Other emerging works as they occur and you may suggest

All works are relatively small and are taken on when members are able to within their own personal circumstances and capabilities.

To talk to us about the works of your local St Vincent de Paul conference please call;

*Marcus Hughes 0438 265 047

*Warren Dargusch 0419 266 556

*Vyvyan Allchin 0428 655 592

Or any other member you know



Our membership is presently drawn from the Apostles and St Finn Barr Mass centres.

St Vincent de Paul Society Launceston Conference



Your local St Vincent de Paul conference is seeking new members to share the call of Our Lord to help those most in need.



Archbishop Julian warmly invites you to attend the 2023 Light a Candle for Christmas

Saturday 23 December

10.00am – 2.00pm

Elizabeth St Mall, Hobart



Archdiocese
of Hobart