

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
25th November 2018**



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The Solemnity of Christ the King

John 18:33-37

For this I was born,
and for this I came into the world.

The Holy mother Church today celebrates the Solemnity of Jesus Christ as the Universal King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Pope Pius XI instituted this Feast in 1925, calling on humanity to submit once more to the authority of Christ who came to serve and not to be served. With our common knowledge of kingship, every king has a throne, symbolizing his power and authority. From there he administers justice, conducts diplomatic relations, receives petitions, and issues his commands. The throne reminds the people that the king is not just another citizen; he is the supreme authority. The throne is the symbol of this unique royal identity. Our Lord Jesus Christ, as the eternal King of the universe has a throne too, but his throne differs radically from those of the kings of this world.

While the kings of the world rule from thrones of great power and influence, our Jesus' throne is a lowly one where he lies down in weakness; in a position of surrender to those who nailed him to a cross. The cross is rough, plain wood; its only decoration is the blood of the king who gave up his life for the salvation of his people. The rulers of the world slaughter animals of choice to entertain their guests but Jesus gives his own body as food and his own blood as drink. The kings and queens of the world, when they are about to die, divide their kingdoms amongst their relatives and cronies; but Jesus, having no estates to share, offers himself as a ransom for our sin – as a memorial: "Do this in memory of me!" he says, and then gives away his own mother to his followers.

In the kingdoms of the world, everything is done to exclude strangers, to keep them "offshore", and the rulers say to them: "Go back to where you came from". But in the Kingdom of Christ, everything is done to welcome strangers, even many servants of the kingdom shed their blood to facilitate the inclusion of "outsiders", and the King says to them: "In my Father's house are many mansions" (John 14:2) – there is room for everyone. This is the distinctive character of our Lord Jesus Christ, the universal King, whom we celebrate today.

In the Gospel, Pilate questions Jesus about his alleged claims to be a king. Jesus clearly explained that his kingdom is not of this world so he shifts the emphasis to the Kingdom of Heaven, where he wears a crown not of gold but of glory and honor, and where he receives tributes not in taxes but in worship and fidelity to the truth. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "Jesus did not come to rule over peoples and territories but to set people free from the slavery of sin and to reconcile them with God". The kingdom of Jesus Christ is not that of opulence and showiness, it is not a kingdom of sirens and long motorcades, but rather a kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. It is not a kingdom of envy, hatred or division, but rather a kingdom of love and right relations with God.

Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus, by sharing in our suffering, actually allows us to share in his kingship, to join him on his throne, if only we unite our sufferings to his, if only we place our crosses on his altar of mercy and love. In Christ, we are not only servants and followers of the King, but fellow rulers with the King. Each one of us is a royal son or daughter of the everlasting Lord, called and equipped by our share in the cross to conquer evil and extend the frontiers of mercy, justice, and the Kingdom of God.

Let us therefore ask the servant-king Jesus Christ to grant us the humility to follow the path of love and service for it is only through him, with him, and in him can we attain the deepest longings of our hearts.

Peace be with you!

Fr Lucius Edomobi

LITURGY TIMES

26th November - 2nd December

Grovely St William's

Monday 9:15am Mass

Wednesday 6:15pm Adoration - *Silent prayer before the exposed Eucharist until*

7:00pm Mass

Thursday 9:00am Mass

Friday 7:00am Mass
St Andrew

Saturday: 7:00am Mass

5:00pm - 5:45pm
Reconciliation

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 6:30am, 8:00am,
9:30am, 5:30pm.

Oxford Park St. Joseph's

Sunday 9:30am Mass

Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours

Monday: 8:30am Mass

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass

Friday 8.30am Mass

Saturday 3:45pm - 4:30pm
Reconciliation

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

Samford Sacred Heart

Thursday 6:00pm Mass (*Reconciliation after Mass upon request*)

Next Weekend Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

 **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
Wednesday 6.15pm - 7.00pm
St. William's Church

This Week's Readings
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dan 7:13-14;
Apoc 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33-37

Next Week's Readings
First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16;
1 Thess 3:12-4:2;
Lk 21:25-28,34-36

GROVELY NEWS

Family Rosary:

Rosary will be prayed in the home of Emma & Amel Girjes at 10 Lapilli St, Keperra at 7pm on Tuesday.

Counters this week:

Gavin Taylor, Denise Quinlan, Geraldine & Dennis McLaughlin.

Baptisms:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Kimi Spink, Rory Dawes, Penelope Morris and Archie Sauer and welcome them into our faith community.

The Grovely Shop:

Advent and the Christmas Season extends from 02 December to 13 January. **This year we have two different Advent booklets for sale: The Little Blue Book**, which has been popular for many years, and which contains six-minute reflections on the **Sunday Gospels of Year C** and **SAVIOUR**, which is produced in Wollongong, and which has **daily** reflections, and some exquisite artwork. Both booklets are priced at \$4. Columban calendars at \$9 are also available.



Christmas Hamper Appeal

Thank you everyone for your great response to our Christmas Hamper Appeal last weekend.

However we do have some hampers still to be filled for Mitchelton and also Grovely/Samford.

Enquiries.
Grovely & Samford - Hugh & Maria ph. 33511020
Mitchelton - Mary ph. 33555875

MITCHELTON NEWS

Family Rosary:

This week: Zeny Alcorn
Next week: Carol Puchalski

Counters this week:

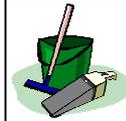
Group C - Michael Saide

Counters next week:

Group D - Dermott O'Moore

SAMFORD NEWS

Available for sale **next Sunday 2nd December**, Advent booklets, Columban calendars, Christmas cards and church shop items.



It is time for a spruce-up of the church prior to Advent and Christmas on **Wednesday 28 November at 8.00am** is the start time. All are invited to attend with buckets, mops, dusters, window cleaning gear, vac cleaners with extension cords and brooms. Even a little time and effort is appreciated. More hands on deck make the task easier! For further info contact Cathy mob 0409 871 209"



A Reflective advent prayer gathering with the theme

"A Revolution of Tenderness"
Led by the communities of Sacred Heart Church, Samford and St Paul's Anglican Church.

SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER at 6.30pm
At Sacred Heart Church, Samford

All welcome

PLenary COUNCIL



Thanks to those parishioners who have come along to the meetings about the Plenary Council which have been held in both Mitchelton and Grovely. Thanks too, to those small groups which have been meeting in informal settings to pray and discuss the questions posed by the Council.

Special thanks also to those who came to a most engaging discussion last Wednesday night – all of them will respond to the Council with what they gleaned from the night's discussions.

The AFE website (www.stwilliams-afe.com) is starting to come together as far as the Plenary Council is concerned. Click on the "Plenary Council page" link on the top left corner of the home page, and have a look.

Lower down that page is a link to an Oct. 31 article of Fr. Richard Leonard (Jesuit priest and well regarded religious writer).

In this article he argues for the return of the Third Rite of the Sacrament of Confession.

This one and a half page article is well worth a read, especially if this is one of the matters you wish to write about in responding to the Council.

Faithful Departed

Recently:

Ida Ruiz-Ladera, Kevin Murphy,
Angus Inglis, Brian Flynn,
Elizabeth Jordan, Br Ray Mulvogue,
Fr Ray Kearney.

Anniversary:

Jose Justo Flor,
John & Mary Costigan

Prayers for the sick

We pray for:

Vincent Arthur, Colyn Bieron,
John Campbell, Maureen Campbell,
Fr David Catterall, Kathleen Edden,
Bev Fraser, Hannah Kroehnet,
Jim O'Leary, Linda Moffatt,
Ron Needham, Jen Nilon, Cheyne Nulty,
Joyce Powell, Cindy Roberts,
Patricia Turner, Carina Venning,
Rudi Wagenwood, John Weier.

Please note All requests to have a Mass offered for someone, or newsletter requests for the name of recently deceased family members, prayers for the sick and anniversaries, need to be given to the parish office in writing. Forms and Mass request envelopes are available from the sacristy at all 3 churches, or from the Parish Office. Completed forms/envelopes can be given to the priest or handed in at the office.

Book of Life

Every November, Catholics have a grand tradition of remembering the dead in prayer. It is a core belief we profess each Sunday in the Creed that we are joined in the "communion of saints" - linking the living and the dead in the family of God. You are invited to add names to the Book of Life as they come to mind.

Bible Quiz

Who hid two spies but claimed not to know of their whereabouts when asked?
Answer next Week

Last Week's answer: What was David's occupation before he became king?
Shepherd (1 Sam 17:15)

November 25, 2018

Feast of Christ the King

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" JOHN 18:36
How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?



Adult Faith Education

Last week's item referred to the setting of Easter as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the **spring equinox**. In the early years of Christianity these matters were worked out in the Northern Hemisphere (hence spring equinox). Most of the Southern hemisphere still had to be discovered much later on.

Today is the feast of Christ the King. By the fourth and fifth centuries, this concept of "king" and "kingdom" had become more in line **with the characteristics of Constantine and his Roman Empire** - a far cry from what Jesus' concept was of "king" and "kingdom" when he was on the earth.

Sadly, much of the power, authority, pomp and ceremony etc of the Church after that time (until fairly recently) continued to develop from the model of "empire". Thankfully, the efforts of Pope Francis to alter this form of "being Church", have produced some good results, irrespective of the opposition he has encountered from some of the clergy (in Rome as well) who are resisting any form of change.

Pray and think about this aspect of the Australian church today and tell the Plenary Council what you think.



Social Justice Group

White Ribbon Day 2018 is Friday 23 November and is Australia's national day for raising awareness of men's violence against women, and how to prevent it in our community.

The term "domestic violence" is heard so often. What behaviours does it actually refer to?

The White Ribbon Australia movement provides Fact Sheets about: causes; myths and realities of domestic violence; how men can help; what to do if someone tells you they have experienced violence or abuse; and challenging friends. They are particularly useful in clearly describing situations and actions where women are not respected nor treated like an equal person, and what we can say and do in response.
<https://www.whiteribbon.org.au/understand-domestic-violence/facts-violence-women/factsheets/>

"God of the entire universe, all people are made in your image. They are known by you and loved by you. All the resources of the world are yours. God, please bring your boundless resources to help women and children around the world who are experiencing violence of any kind. You know each of them by name. We only hear of them, but you see all.

We pray for governments around the world to rule wisely and to make and enforce laws to protect women and children from violence. Please provide support agencies with the resources they need to provide for the needs of victims.

And please change the culture that permits, ignores, downplays or excuses violence against women and children throughout the world. Please give your grace, comfort and healing to all those who suffer. Amen." Common Grace prayer

 In support of
White Ribbon



The St Vincent de Paul Society has launched our **annual Christmas appeal**. Parishioners who would like to donate to the Christmas appeal can do so by placing their donation in the envelopes to be found at the entry to the Church. Envelopes can be handed into the Parish Office or placed on the Church Collection plate at Mass. All funds raised will be used by the local **St Williams Conference and Our Lady of Dolours Conference** to assist those in need in our local area.
Thank you.

GROVELY-SAMFORD & MITCHELTON NEWS

GROVELY 26th November - 2nd December

Monday	10:00am	Daley Centre	Faith Circle
	7.45pm	Church	Grovely Choir
Tuesday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Playgroup
	7:00pm	Church	St W Christian Meditation

SAMFORD 26th November - 2nd December

Monday	6:00pm	Church	Samford Choir
Friday	9:00am	Church	John Main Meditation Prayer Group Kath 3289 1245 Heather 3289 2393

MITCHELTON 26th November - 2nd December

Monday	4.30pm		OLD Liturgy Team
Tuesday	7:00pm	Church	Treble M Choir

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Calling all our Parish Children who have celebrated their Sacraments and most especially our Year 3 Sacramental children who have completed their Reconciliation celebrations last October to come along and attend the Children's Advent Communal Reconciliation which will be celebrated on the **8th December at St. William's Church at 9:30 am.**

The children who were unable to celebrate their 2nd Rite of Reconciliation last October due to illness will celebrate on this day 8th December. Mrs. Sue Allen will be there to be with us. Please come at 9:15 am. I will be there to meet you.

Just a reminder to our Sacramental Families who still have not met with me to make an appointment with the office if you did not attend the First Communion Workshop. Please get in touch with me so we can have a meeting to go through the program. Please do that now rather than later as I have to be away from the beginning of December and will not be available for 8 weeks on sick leave.

Also for all our Sacramental families, please put your celebration forms in **now**.

May your hearts and homes be filled with the peace and the love of the Infant Christ as we await the important event of Advent and then Christmas .
Marie-Louise Singson, Sacramental Coordinator



Six-year-old Angie and her four year old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

Position Vacant

Coordinator of Lay Ministries

Applications are open for a position at the Regents Park Parish. A person with group facilitation, sacramental & liturgical knowledge is required for a part time position of Coordinator of Lay Ministries.

Parish Secretary

Applications are open for a position at the Wilston Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a permanent Part Time position of Parish Secretary for 25 hours a week (days of the week to be negotiated).

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. *The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/ or vulnerable adults.*

PlenaryCouncilPrayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.
Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.*

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray
For us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*

Verse For Vinnies

On a Sunday's a show
where you really should go
Maria Forde's, internationally known:
and you'll really rejoice at Maria's great
voice, she's both Irish and Aussie home-
grown.
She is really no alien but Irish-Australian
and will sing of her pride of both lands.
With her voice and her song she will take
you along you'll become one of her
greatest fans.
Eric Bogle you know sang with her in a
show and the Furies use songs that she
wrote.
and if you come along you will hear just
which song that the Furies did choose to
promote.
And where is this show? Grovely
suburb's the go at St Williams on
Dawson Parade.
Verse for Vinnies the gig, it will be really
big as the funds go to those needing aid.
And Noel will appear in his Father John's
gear with Said Hanrahan echoing fear.
It's a one-thirty start, come along and
take part help the battlers enjoy
Christmas cheer.
**Sunday Nov. 25 1.30pm 67 Dawson
Parade Grovely**

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