

Today is the Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year A. Next Sunday we will start a new Liturgical Year B with the First Sunday in Advent. On this Last Sunday the Church solemnly celebrates the feast of "Christ the King". It is one of the so-called 'idea feasts' that do not celebrate an event in the life of Jesus but rather some aspect of his identity. In it we recognize and honour Christ as ruler and universal shepherd. Also, this feast helps us to look towards our future and our ultimate future is, when Jesus will return in glory for the final judgment and award reward or punishment. Actually, this feast is, as it were a synthesis and culmination of the entire salvific mystery. The feast brings the Liturgical Year to a close. All during the past year, we have celebrated the mysteries of the life of the Lord. Now, we contemplate Christ in his glorified state as King of all creation and of our souls. So, the Feast of "Christ the King" is the occasion for us to give glory to the Lord of Heaven and Earth. Today's Scripture Readings revolve around the final judgment of Jesus Christ when he comes in glory and power. The First Reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel provides an image of God leading His people with the care of a shepherd. In the context of the passage, it is God Himself who vows to take personal responsibility for tending His sheep, because the entrusted shepherds have not been found worthy of their charge. God will come to tend to the sick and ailing sheep but will separate and punish those who have made themselves strong at the expense of the weak. In the Second Reading from his 1st Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds the Christians at Corinth of the fact of the resurrection from the dead, just as Jesus Christ died and rose to life. Death, inherited from Adam, will itself be destroyed. Those who belong to Christ will form part of his Kingdom. In this Kingdom all will be subject to Christ the King. The Gospel Reading from St. Matthew speaks about the Last Judgment and presents Christ as the King coming in his heavenly glory to judge us. Each person will be distinguished as a sheep or a goat according to a simple standard of practical attention to those who suffer. The standard of judgment is simple enough, "whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me". What may surprise us is Jesus' identification with the most insignificant.

**SUNDAY LITURGY PREPARATION
WORKSHOPS FOR READERS -
WEDNESDAYS AT 6.45 PM (30MINS).**

**BIBLICAL STUDIES WILL BE
RESUMED ON THE 1ST SUN OF
ADVENT 30TH NOVEMBER.**

The "God's Word 2015" books for everyday have arrived to our church. We may try for the fifth time getting one book for home and the other with dedication for the pews in our church (\$10 for two books – **this weekend**).
The Word of God is LIFE.

OTHER NOTICES: ☛ **SVDP Compeer Volunteers** (aged 18+, in particular male volunteers aged 40-70) to provide friendship to someone who is lonely. Training and ongoing support provided. For more info, ring 9568 0237 or email sydneycitysoutheast@vinnies.org.au.
☛ **St Mary's Cathedral – Lights of Christmas** will be launched on Tue 9th Dec and run through to and including Christmas Day night from 8:30pm to midnight. Bring you family and friends to Cathedral Square for a free stunning display of laser lights and the true meaning of Christmas. ☛ **Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening:** Wed 10th Dec. 6:30-8:30pm at the Caroline Chisholm Centre, Bldg 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills. For more info, ring 9307 8461.

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23rd Nov. 2014 (A)

Christ the King Sunday

1ST READING: Ezekiel 34.11-12,15-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2ND READING: 1Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

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: St Matthew 25:31-46

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The Catholic
Weekly and help
WYD 2016
pilgrims with 30
cents of each \$2.



WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm

Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME & WEDDINGS:

By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

100% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 9:15am: November Mass
Sat Vigil: †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera
Sun 8am: †Hazel Bunyan
Sun 9:30am: November Mass
Sun 5pm: †Vicente Valencia

Mon: Special Intention
Tue: Special Intention
Wed: †Nicole Moussa
Thur: November Mass

OUR SICK: Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Moira Butler, Alan Sargeant and Robyn Bevan...

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – waiting list available. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 for further details.

Happy Birthdays to: Luis Ibanez (24th), Nathan Sarmiento (26th), Anton Anu (28th) and Hae-Jung Kim (30th)

We welcome Isabelle Trassari and her family to her Baptism this weekend.

THE NEXT ANOINTING MASSES WILL BE HELD ON THE WEEKEND OF 6TH / 7TH DECEMBER

☛ **Parish School: 1) Family Mass: Sat 6th Dec: Yrs 5&6. 2) End of year Mass: Thur 11th Dec @ 9am.**

☛ **Theology on Tap: Speaker: Archishop Anthony Fisher on Mon 1st Dec from 6:30pm-8pm @ Le Pub, 66 King St, cnr of York St, city.**

Piety Stall: 1) Prayer Books \$5 each. 2) SVDP Christmas cards: \$2.50 for 5 cards 3) Columban calendars 4) Fr Mac's puddings



Thank you to Tony De Bono and Norma Cook for sponsoring 20 copies of the "Daily Mass Book 2015"



Parish X'mas Party Sat 20th December in the church grounds after the Vigil Mass.

Please bring your picnic blanket and baskets. Coffee/tea and sausage sizzle provided by the parish.

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) B Purdon, T Bell (R) S Kim, S Boen (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) A Burke, Volunteer (R) G Gates, A Brinck (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) M Tjokrowidjaja, Delwin T (R) C Goncalves, L Tjoe (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) M Butler, V Hage (R) F & G Hogan (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) M Marshellia, T Long (R) P Chen, L Hart (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) H Evening, K Wong (R) S Pedisich, K Wong (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** G Hogan

SDM: Swiatowy Dzień Młodzieży WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016, 25 July – 1 August

The event's logo has three specific elements which represent the place, the main protagonists, and the theme of the celebration. The logo, provides an illustration of the gathering's theme, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy," taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The image is composed of a geographical outline of Poland inside of which there is a yellow cross, representing Jesus Christ, who is the soul of World Youth Day. Inside the country's outline is a yellow dot, marks the position of Krakow on the map and serves as symbol for the youth. The red and blue flames...are the flames of divine mercy that emerge from the cross, which represent with their colours the phrase "Jesus, I trust in you" that accompanies the image of divine mercy revealed to Saint Maria Faustina. Another reason for choosing the colours of yellow, red and blue is that they are the official colours of Krakow and its coat of arms. The logo was designed by Monika Rybczynska, 28, following the canonization of St. John Paul II. The official prayer for World Youth Day 2016, which is an entrustment of humanity and the youth to Jesus' divine mercy, asking for the grace to obtain a merciful heart. It also invokes the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John Paul II, who is the patron of World Youth Days.



English is the second language in Poland, however for those travelling for WYD 2016 it would be a good idea to get familiar with basic Polish.

☛ **WYD 2016 CAR BOOT SALE: Sat 6th Dec at CEO carpark from 8am to 2pm. To book a car space (\$25), please ring Patricia on 0409 718 665. Limited spaces. No food or drinks stall please**

☛ **Youth Leaders' Formation Course (YLFC):** Are you aged 18-30? Are you looking for the next step? Are you willing to take a leap of faith? From **24th Nov to 22nd Dec** the 8th YLFC will be held at **Benedict XVI Retreat Centre**. This is a unique opportunity for 20 young adults to live in community while being immersed in a transformative spiritual, pastoral and intellectual life. See the promo videos and find out more at www.catholicyouthservices.org/ylfc or email ylfc@catholicyouthservices.org.

☛ **Synod on the Family.** The recent Synod attracted more attention, both inside and outside the Church, than any other Synod in living memory. Was it relevant to me, or my family? Ron & Mavis Pirola, parishioners of St Mary & St Joseph, Maroubra Bay participated in the 2-wk meeting in Rome. Their parish is hosting an evening for feedback and discussions on **Wed 26th Nov from 7-8pm** in the Parish Hall, cnr Gregory St & Malabar Rd. All are welcome.