

## How do we know about Jesus of Nazareth (cont.) 4) Josephus

Perhaps the most significant “witness” to the life of Jesus in ancient literature is in the writings of Joseph ben Matthias, better known as Flavius Josephus (named after his patrons, the Flavian emperors Vespasian, Titus and Domitian). Josephus lived from A.D. 37 to 100, and wrote two famous works: *The Jewish War*, which was initially drafted in Aramaic, and then translated into Greek five to ten years after the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. His second work, *Jewish Antiquities*, was completed more than a decade later. This work was much longer, and recounts Jewish history from creation to the Jewish revolt against Rome (A.D. 66-70). Contrary to what many Christians may think, Josephus does not give us much information about Jesus. In his 28 volumes of Jewish history, there are only two passages that mention Jesus. And even these references are difficult to assess. The trouble is that Josephus’ writings were preserved for posterity by Christians (the Jews disowned him as a traitor). The texts available to us today contain statements that were added later by Christian editors. This is clearly seen in the famous Testimonium Flavianum, “the testimony of Josephus,” found in *Antiquities* 18:63-64. It reads as follows: At that time there appeared Jesus, a wise man, *if indeed someone should call him a man*. For he was a doer of startling deeds, a teacher of people who receive the truth with pleasure. And he gained a following both among many Jews and among many of Greek origin. *He was the Messiah*. And when Pilate, because of an accusation made by the leading men among us, condemned him to the cross, those who had loved him previously did not cease to do so. *For he appeared to them on the third day, living again, just as the divine prophets had spoken of these and countless other wondrous things about him*. And up until this very day the tribe of Christians, named after him, has not died out. Scholars of Josephus have been divided over the authenticity of this entire passage, although both sides acknowledge the obvious Christian additions (marked in italics above). (t.b.c.)

## CHRIST THE KING SOLEMNITY

was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in response to the atheist and totalitarian political regimes that denied the rights of God and the Church. The climate in which the feast was born was, for example, that of the Mexican revolution, when many Christians went to their deaths crying out to their last breath, “Long live Christ the King!” But if the feast is recent, its content and its central idea are not; they are quite ancient and we can say that they were born with Christianity. The phrase “Christ reigns” has its equivalent in the profession of faith: “Jesus is Lord,” which occupies a central place in the preaching of the apostles. Sunday’s Gospel passage narrates the death of Christ, because it is at that moment that Christ begins to rule over the world. The cross is Christ’s throne. “Above him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.” That which in the intention of his enemies was the justification of his condemnation, was, in the eyes of the heavenly Father, the proclamation of his universal sovereignty.



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## 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013 (C)

### SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Samuel 5:1-3

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** Colossians 1:12-20

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 23:35-43

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The Lord will reign for ever and will give his people the gift of peace.

Every knee shall bend  
Every tongue confess that  
Jesus Christ is Lord.  
He is Lord...

Phil 2:10-11



**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 Apts)

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend  
**1<sup>ST</sup> 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 Vigil:** November Mass

**Sun 8am:** †Clarita Jaraba

**Sun 9:30am:** †Theresa Wong Kam Choo (40days)

**Sun 5pm:** †Clarita Jaraba

**OUR SICK:** *Aloysius Chong, Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Alan Sargeant. Josephine Helback, Carmella Cicciari Joy Williams, Moira Butler and Domenico Cirillo...*

Accommodation still available in Foley Gardens. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 and you will be referred for further details to Mr. Robert O'Shea, the manager.

Happy Birthdays to: Luis Ibanez (24<sup>th</sup>); Nathan Sarmiento (26<sup>th</sup>) and Anton Anu (28<sup>th</sup>).

We welcome Riley Lay, his sister Elenna and their family to their Baptisms this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.

\* Parish School News: 1) Class Mass: Fri 29 Nov: Yr 2; Fri 6 Dec: Kindy. 2) Family Mass: Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov at 5pm: K & Yr 1; Sat 7 Dec: Yrs 3 & 4. 3) Graduations: 11 Dec: Yr 6; 12 Dec: K-Yr 2 (10am-11am); Yrs 3-5 (12noon to 1pm) in Parish Hall. 4) Christmas Disco: Fri 13 Dec.

\* NSW BUSHFIRE VICTIMS APPEAL: Total raised from sale of "God's Word 2014" books and donations: \$2,025. Proceeds have been sent to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your generous support of this appeal.

\*The next Anointing Masses will be held on the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> Nov / 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.

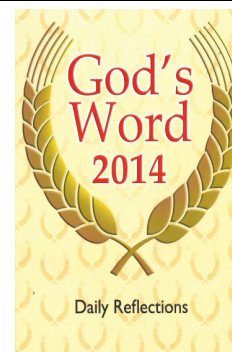
\*Next faith formation class on "Catholicism – the Journey of a Lifetime" will be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec from 3:30 to 4:30pm in the presbytery.

\*CWF APPEAL: Thank you for your generous donations. Our quota for this appeal: \$13, 494.20. Total donations collected will be announced in due course.

\* LEGION OF MARY in the Eastern Suburbs Curia is seeking lay people to join them. For more details, please contact Carrie Luke on 9698 5375.

**This weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A) F & G Hogan (R) F & G Hogan (C) Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** J Heaney (A) A Brinck, J Rapusas (R) A Burke, Sr Betty (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) S Pedisich (C) A Burton (M)  
**5.00pm:** R Yang (A), Volunteers **Counter:** G Hogan

**Next weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A) Yrs K- 2 Parents (R) F Doherty, Volunteer (C) Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** J Heaney (A) P Tjugito, A Burke (R) P Chen, R Houghton (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) I Tjahjadi, D Tjahjadi (R) C Findlay (C) A Burton (M)  
**5.00pm:** R Yang (A), Volunteers please **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris



(RRP \$14.95)

"God's Word 2014" books have arrived. One book for \$5.

WYD 2016 KRAKÓW  
**BINGO LUNCH**

This Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. from 11am in the Parish Hall. BYO lunch. Thank you to all who have generously donated prizes; for supporting this event by attending. Every winner wins at least 2 prizes. Tickets from 50cents...

**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY: SAT 14 DEC. AFTER 5PM VIGIL MASS IN THE PARISH HALL. BYO Christmas dinner and**



drinks...Prizes galore – lucky door, best dressed table, best dressed Christmas individual (optional) ...Christmas concert...games... (No "CELTIC Woman" DVD this year!)



**Other Notices:** Perfect Christmas Gift - "The Billings Enigma". This dynamic book tells the story of two remarkable Melbourne doctors who developed a method of natural fertility regulation which subsequently achieved its greatest success in the largest Communist country in the world, China. Personal friends to three popes, the Drs Billings have left the world a remarkable legacy of knowledge. Tess Livingstone, a journalist for *The Australian* and *The Weekend Australian*, is the author. For purchase telephone 1800 335 860. Order of Malta Lecture Series: Anna Krohn will lecture on "The Hour of Woman is Approaching"-Is the Church Ahead or Behind that Moment? Wed 27 Nov at 6:30pm in The Crypt, St Mary's Cathedral. RSVP by 20 Nov to 9331 8477 or info@smom.org.au.

**POPE INVITES RESPONSE ON FAMILY LIFE.** Pope Francis has called for an Extraordinary Synod (meeting of Bishops) to consider the Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelisation. This Synod will be held in Rome in October 2014. In preparation for this meeting the Pope has asked the Vatican to contact every Bishop around the world to consult within his Diocese to ensure input is received from as many members of the Church as possible on a range of issues facing the family of today. A letter from our Archbishop, Cardinal Pell explaining the call of Pope Francis can be view on [www.sydneycatholic.org](http://www.sydneycatholic.org). There is also the ability to complete an online version of the survey which closes on **Fri 6 Dec**.