

All Hallows' Five Dock



Christ The King | Year B | Sunday 21st November

Parish Mission

We, the people of this place,
live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a
spirit of service,
that creates a sense of
God's presence among us.

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A Message from Fr Danny

Dear Parishioners,

It is of course absurd to the people of this world to believe that a person killed by crucifixion is King. And not just King of some petty kingdom, but King of the Universe. Lord of Lords, King of Kings, Son of God. And for all time.

That is our faith. Faith unlocks the power of God. So, as we end a very tumultuous year in the history of the parish, let's turn to our King and Lord, Jesus To Him let us place the needs of our parish and all the needs of our people. Particularly let us remember our parishioners who have died this year.

If we think we've been through the wringer here, imagine the scandal of the Cross! Jesus was betrayed by one of the Apostles, denied and abandoned by all His disciples other than John, His Mother and a number of women. He was tortured and ridiculed on the Cross by his own people. He even felt abandoned by His Loving Father, Abba, Daddy – "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachtani".

Yet God works through this. Jesus' trust, love and obedience were total even to the darkness of death. Jesus, as you know, calls us to follow Him. So, we should not be surprised if our lives involve hardship and tumult. Let's follow Him into the new year. Jesus is King, He is Risen. Let us follow Him into the Kingdom of God: in His love, obedience and trust in God.

Don't make the mistake of judging by the ways of this world. Our Kingdom is not of this world. Love is our hallmark. Let's follow Jesus as radically as we can and make His Kingdom present here at Five Dock.

With best wishes -
Fr Danny.



Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Reconciliation:

Saturday:
8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm
Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

Baptisms:

Every Sunday.

Weddings:

Contact the parish office..

This Week:

Sunday 21:

Christ the King
Advent Youth Group // 4pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday 24:

3pm - Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration

Sunday 28:

1st Sunday of Advent - Year C
Advent Youth Group // 4pm - Parish Hall



Notices from Fr Danny

Church capacity

We are now allowed to seat 260 in Church. That is, the government now allows us twice the spacing in Church as before - the 2sqm rule rather than the 4sqm rule. Family groups - please sit together. Those from different households, please do try to keep the appropriate distance. Wearing of masks is still required however congregational singing is now permitted. We do need to continue to sign in.

Cleaning

We are back in full swing and our Church needs regular cleaning. A few generous parishioners have already begun cleaning. If anyone would be happy to help - say once a month - please see Fr Richard or Fr Danny or contact the parish office.



Youth Group

We are giving thought to building up our parish youth group with new members. We are thinking particularly of Year 6 students going off to high school, but wanting to keep links with their friends and the parish. Anyone interested, particularly parents, please contact Fr Richard or Fr Danny or contact the parish office.



Saturday, 27 November: A morning for reflection and healing

The parish has been through a tumultuous time and I think it is good for those who would like to come together to reflect on what has happened and, hopefully, experience some healing. This will be on Saturday morning, 27th November, starting 9.15am with morning tea. There will be prayer and conversation. We will gather in the hall for the reflection and finish with a Mass of Reconciliation in the Church. Sr Jo Brady, who facilitated Plenary meetings, and Sandy Lynch of our parish will facilitate. If you would like to attend, please register using the sign in sheets in the gathering space.



The Grail in Australia Advent Program 2021 - Season of Hope

We celebrate the coming of Christ and the hope He brings to our world.

And we recognise that after his birth in a stable at Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary fled with Jesus to Egypt to escape the death threats of Herod.

Refugees and their advocates will join us for these evenings.



**You are invited with your family and friends
on**

Wednesday 1 December and Wednesday 8 December

Arrive at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start ending 9pm.

The Grail Centre, 22 McHatton Street, North Sydney

RSVP is essential for space and seating purposes. Please email admin@grailaustralia.org.au or ring **02 9955 3053** by Monday 29 November.

Street parking available and easily accessible via public transport



Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Silvana La Selva
Joseph Cacnio
George Malouf
Norman Merlino
Tony Michael

Recently Deceased:

Pasquale Ardore
Mary Shelpot
Thea Bettridge
John Cammareri
Giuseppe Princi
Michael Koprivnjak
Teresa Benitez
Myriam Estevez Da Silva
Robert Musumeci
Peter Morkos
Jill Prentice
Esmae Salmon
Antonio Ranea

Anniversaries:

Gaetano Iacono
Francesco La Greca
Michelino Stranges

For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



Parish Notices

Advent Youth Group

Please sign up for the Advent Youth Group. It starts on the 21st November at 4pm in the parish hall. Sign up sheets can be found in the gathering space of the Church.

Campion College Summer Program



CAMPION COLLEGE AUSTRALIA SUMMER PROGRAM
 4-Day Program (11-14 or 18-21 January 2022)
 Free program for ages 16-20
 Lectures on history, philosophy, theology and literature
 Beach trip, movie night and more!
 Find out more and register at www.campion.edu.au/summer-program/

Registration for the Campion College Summer Program is now open! If you know a 16-20 year old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website:

www.campion.edu.au/summer-program



Supporting our Parish You can support our Parish financially by accessing the BPoint Secure Payment Service on the Parish website or you can use the QR Code printed here. For contributions to the First Collection, please select *Pastoral Revenue* from the drop down menu. For Planned

Giving contributions, please select *Planned Giving* from the drop down menu and include your name and your Planned Giving Number (if known). You can also contribute using the Tap and Go devices in the Gathering Space at the entrance to the church.

Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or

safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



Advent books are available in the Church



To prepare for Christmas we have some Advent Reflection books available for parishioners to take. The book is called "Blessed" and from the Diocese of Wollongong. The book contains daily reflections and features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Murillo, Botticelli and Reni. Please feel free to take one. They will be in the Church gathering space.

Baptisms



We welcome

**Harlee Forrester
 Andrew James Taw
 Ryan William Taw**

*who are being baptised into our parish
 Community of All Hallows' this weekend.*

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

In the Pope Video for November, Pope Francis expresses his closeness to all those who are feeling overwhelmed in their daily life, above all those suffering from stress and depression, and he asks us to pray that they receive the help they need. Pope Francis entrusts his prayer intention for the month of November to the entire Catholic Church through the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](http://the pope video.org/). The Holy Father calls our attention to the stress and depression affecting many people. Aware that people around the world are going through times of mental, emotional, and affective exhaustion (in varying forms and degrees), the Pope asks that they be adequately accompanied, that we pray for them, and that Jesus' closeness not be forgotten.

View the video at: <https://the pope video.org/>

Children's Corner

You say that I am King

N V N K B Z B T E T E E F U H
 P N F I U L O J L R A C Z H B
 O G K N V A Q L V O I C E J W
 J Q O G C O Y B L M K S U E H
 B N X K D Q I O E Z W E O W X
 X T F O L L O W E R S B H S J
 Q X M R W R Y J E B G Y C E V
 J G E V E R Y O N E O Z U S F
 L L J H B E L O N G S E W W O
 P I L A T E C K O R E D Q L U
 W U M X F B H L E A D E R S G
 O F X O J J I T R U T H I P H
 R T C P G V E Y W M U P W T
 L O C N W R F L F A W Z T P V
 D P S X Q D P T P H S L J Q X

Try to find these words:

- belongs
- chief
- everyone
- followers
- fought
- Jews
- king
- leaders
- Pilate
- truth
- voice
- world

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Dn 7:13-14 A reading from the prophet Daniel <i>His sovereignty is eternal.</i></p> <p>I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.</p> <p>He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.</p> <p>His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.</p>	<p>(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.</p> <p>1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, He has girded himself with power. (R.)</p> <p>2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)</p> <p>3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. (R.)</p>	<p>Rv 1:5-8 A reading from the book of the Apocalypse <i>The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.</i></p> <p>Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>1st Sunday of Advent 1st Reading: Jer 33:14-16 2nd Reading: 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2 Gospel: Lk 21:25-28. 34-36</p>	<p>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!</p>

Gospel

Jn 18:33-37
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate.

The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine – Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority.

When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.

LOOK

Sunday 21 November 2021
John 18:33-37
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

Jesus tells Pilate that he is a king like no other. Jesus is not interested in showing off power and strength like other kings. Jesus came to show us what God's kingdom of love is like.

JESUS IS MY KING

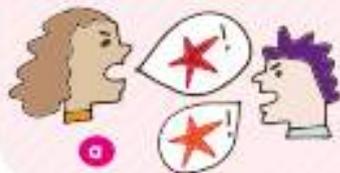
Join the dots

Pilate did not see Jesus in this way, because Jesus is not a king like any other king.



God's kingdom

In a kingdom, the people do what the king asks. God wants us to live in his kingdom. Who is doing what God asks?



Draw a circle around the children who are living in God's kingdom.

Code

How can we find out how to live in God's kingdom?
Crack the code and write your answer in the speech bubble.

e = i = s =
 i = n = t =
 j = o = u =

Listening to God's truth

Jesus wants us to listen to him and be on the side of God's truth. Which of the children is listening to Jesus' voice?



Unjumble the lines to see who is on the side of truth.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for inviting me to belong to your kingdom of love. Help me to always listen to your words of truth and to follow your rule. Amen.