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Feast days of the week:

Mon 23 Nov	Saint Clement I Saint Columbanus, Abbot and Missionary
Tue 24 Nov	Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions
Wed 25 Nov	Saint Catherine of Alexandria
Sun 29 Nov	First Sunday of Advent
Mon 30 Nov	Saint Andrew

Mass times this week:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: Church will open from 4:30pm, Mass at 5:15pm
Every Tuesday: Rosary at 12:00 noon

Thursdays and Fridays: Church will open from 12noon, Mass at 1:05pm
Every Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration 12noon (with Benediction before First Fridays)

Every Friday: Rosary at 12:30pm

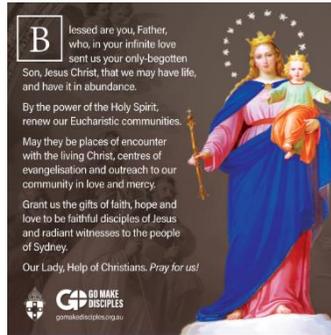
Saturdays: 9:00am Rosary followed by Mass at 9:30am

Sundays: 9:00am (1st Sunday Singer/Organist) and 10:30am (Sung Mass)

Confessions: Before Mass Tuesday to Saturday, particularly Friday 12:30 – 1:00pm and Saturday 9 - 9:30am

RCIA – This Wednesday evening's topic will be on **The Sacraments** between 6 – 7:00pm in the Duffy Hall. All are welcome.

Go Make Disciples - Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be launching a new Archdiocesan Mission Plan **Go Make Disciples** on **12 December**, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Star of the New Evangelisation. The new plan is aimed at renewing our parishes as places of encounter with the living Christ and centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. To help promote the prayer campaign, you will also find three social media tiles attached, with prayers through the intercession of three saints who we are turning to in prayer throughout the campaign- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady Help of Christians and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. For more information contact Parish Renewal Team at the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, Archdiocese of Sydney on 9390 5307 or elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org



WHY CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS? A series of Friday night presentations on the Sunday Mass readings during Advent, followed by questions from the audience.



Where? Right here! 1880 Hall, Saint Peter's Parish Surry Hills

When? Friday nights: November 27 and December 4, 11 and 18 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

For whom? Everyone is welcome

By whom? Dr. Ken Brimaud, LLB., STD of the Catholic Institute of Sydney and the Angelicum University, Rome.

Please contact the Parish office on 02 9698 1948 or via email to st61538@bigpond.net.au to reserve a seat. Light refreshments will be provided.

Daily Mass Book 2021 – A compact Mass book which contains all the texts for both Sunday and weekday Mass. It is available at **\$20.00 per copy**. Please get your copy early as we have limited copies available.



CWF November Parish Appeal - The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal** will be happening this weekend and we need your help. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney - including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others.



Special envelopes are on the pews and on the Covid sign-in table. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

Our prayers for the Sick – Ettore Pelewzick (*Dominic's father*), Ana Chiasa, Mira Krcma, Josephine Finneran, John Welch and Bro. Kevin Guthrie.

November Mass offerings for our deceased relatives and friends - envelopes on pews. You could also complete the Forms for Masses done by **Aid to the Church in Need**.

We remember our deceased - Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood, Margaret D Hailwood (21/9), Joyce Hailwood & Marge Heaney, Joan McEvoy, June Veronica Hailwood, Abelina Capalihan, Ana Ofelia Sierra Bustamante (22/3), Brian Joseph Hetherington (9/7), Rosa Chianese (12/9), Robin Bridgewater, Marie La Brooy (24/9), Charles Grech (25/9), Ethel & Des Fitzgerald, Brian McFadden, Giles Auty, Bernard Saddler, Jeanne MacPherson (née La Brooy, 20/10, 1st anniversary), Jane Ann Ryan (24/10), Sylvia Abela (née Lewis, 28/10, 1st anniversary).and Josphine Bugeja (16/11).

Prayer of Saint Gertrude

the Great for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**A prayer which would release many souls fromPurgatory
each time it is recited.**

**O Eternal Father, I offer
Thee the Most Precious Blood of
Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union
with the Masses said throughout
the world today, for all the Holy souls in Purgatory,
for sinners Everywhere – for sinners in the Universal
Church, for those in my own home and for those
within my family. Amen.**

Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary – 21 Nov 2020 The Dedication of the Mother of God



Prayer to Christ the King



O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge you as universal King. All that has been made has been created for You. Exercise all Your rights over me. I renew my Baptismal Vows. I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works; I promise to live as a good Christian. And, in particular do I pledge myself to labour, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do I offer my poor services, labouring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred kingship, and that thus the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe. Amen.

MUSIC LIST FOR THE 10:30AM MASS

Ordinary

Messe Royale du Premier Ton - Henri Du Mont (1610-1684)

Entrance Chant

Dignus est Agnus

The Lamb who has been slain is worthy to receive power, and divinity, and wisdom, and strength, and honour; let glory and dominion be his for ever and ever. (Rev. 5: 12 & 1: 6)

Offertory Motet

Exsultate Deo - G.P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
Raise a song, sound the timbrel, the sweet lyre with the harp.
Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day. (Ps. 80(81): 2-4)

Communion Chant

Amen dico vobis: quod uni

Amen I say to you:
in as much as you have done it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it to me.
Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. (Mt. 5: 40, 34)

Communion Motet

Ascendit Deus - P. Philips (c.1560-1628)

God has gone up amidst shouts of joy,
the Lord to the sound of the trumpet, alleluia. (Ps. 46(47): 5)
The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, alleluia. (Ps. 102(103): 19a)

Ask the Sorrowful Mother to intercede for the souls of the faithful departed

Philip Kosloski - published on 11/04/20

It is a Catholic belief that the souls in purgatory can receive our help through the prayers we offer on their behalf. **These prayers can assist them in their final journey to Heaven, shortening the time they spend in a state of purification.**

Through a mysterious connection, we can also call upon the saints to pray for those same souls in purgatory.

Here is a prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows, the saint closest to the Heart of Jesus, whose prayers are powerful and effective.

*O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, my Mother,
I turn to you in supplication and by that sword which pierced
your sorrowful heart at beholding your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
suffer on the cross, I pray and ask thee to help the Holy Souls in Purgatory
and particularly those for whom I now pray (Name).*

*O Mother of Sorrows, Queen of Martyrs,
for the love of your Divine Son whose Precious Blood was shed for us,
help us who are in danger not only of falling into Purgatory,
but of losing our souls for ever in hell, with your powerful intercession.*

*O Mary our Mother, Mother of Grace, Mother of Mercy,
pray for us now and at the hour of our death.*

*O Eternal Father through the most Precious Blood of Jesus
and through the Sorrows of Mary have pity upon the Holy Souls in Purga-
tory. Amen.*

The Significance of the Feast of Christ the King

BY JASON IZOLT, M.ED., M.A.T.

10/30/2020 10:00:10 AM

I am writing this article on the Feast of Christ the King (in the Traditional Calendar). Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925. In his Encyclical Letter, *Quas Primas*, he wrote, "That these blessings may be abundant and lasting in Christian society, it is necessary that the kingship of our Saviour be as widely as possible recognized and understood, and to that end nothing would serve better than the institution of a special feast in honour of the Kingship of Christ."¹ In the world of 1925, and even more significantly, in 2020, it is often easy to be distracted and forget that Jesus Christ is not just our Lord and Saviour, but He is also our King. Like loyal subjects, we MUST serve our King faithfully with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength.

In the materialistic society we live in today, many people focus more on making money and acquiring things than they focus on serving God. Jesus tells us, "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."² In today's world, it seems more people are serving mammon than serving God. Look at how many people, especially in political discussions, seem to despise God. We NEED the Feast of Christ the King to bring our focus back to where it belongs - to Jesus Christ.

When Pope Pius XI established the Feast of Christ the King in 1925, he placed it on the last Sunday in October - immediately before All Saints Day. Pope Pius explains why he chose this date - "The last Sunday of October seemed the most convenient of all for this purpose, because it is at the end of the liturgical year, and thus the feast of the Kingship of Christ sets the crowning glory upon the mysteries of the life of Christ already commemorated during the year, and, before celebrating the triumph of all the Saints, we proclaim and extol the glory of him who triumphs in all the Saints and in all the Elect."³ In celebrating the Feast of Christ the King immediately before All Saints Day, the Church recognizes that what Christ started in His earthly ministry is carried on by those who become saints in our world. Christ continued to reign over the saints in their earthly lives and He continues to reign over us as well. The Kingdom of Jesus Christ is here and now. Jesus' Kingship has a direct impact on how we live our lives today.

The modern Church moved the Feast of Christ the King to the last Sunday of the Liturgical year. When the date was changed, the significance of the feast was changed as well. Dr. Peter Kwasniewski explains what this change means to the significance of the feast, "This new position emphasizes rather the eschatological dimension of Christ's kingship: the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, though begun in time, is here present 'as in a mystery' (as *Lumen Gentium* phrases it) and in a 'crucified' way. This Kingdom will be perfected and fully manifested only at the end of time, with the Second Coming."⁴ In this new understanding of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, the emphasis is placed, not on the here and now, but AFTER the Second Coming.

When celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter, we often hear the proclamation, *Christus Vivit! Christus Regnat! Christus Imperat!* (Christ Conquers! Christ Reigns! Christ Commands!). This proclamation is also significant when celebrating the Feast of Christ the King. Christ reigns over us today, on earth, NOW. As a king who reigns over us today, He is leading us into battle against the forces of evil. In the Post communion prayer from Mass for the Feast of Christ the

King, we read, "Having received the food of immortality, we beseech You, O Lord, that we who glory in our warfare under the banners of Christ our King, may reign with Him forever in His heavenly dwelling place." There is a reason those Christians alive on earth today are referred to as the Church Militant. We are indeed waging a war under the banner of Christ our King.

At the end of Mass, we hear the words, *Ite Missa Est*. Literally translated it means, "She is sent." She is the Church, sent out into the world to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Kingship to everyone we encounter. How many of us take our faith into the public square? How many of us tell our friends, neighbours, co-workers, or strangers on social media about the Kingship of Jesus Christ? Our nation and our world must come to the realization that there can be no lasting peace until the Kingship of Christ is acknowledged by all.

We can only have one King. Either Jesus Christ reigns or the Evil One reigns. To quote Canon David Silvey, of the Oratory of St. Leo the Great (ICKSP), "We cannot be for Christ, and yet deny His authority over all people everywhere, even in the public square." If we are for Christ, we must be for Christ EVERYWHERE. At Mass, at home, at work, in the public square, and in the voting booth. We must allow Jesus to reign over our entire lives. If there is any part of our lives over which we do not allow Jesus to reign, we must honestly ask ourselves why. Jesus said, "He who is not for me, is against me."⁵ Are you with Jesus or against Him? If you are with Him, acknowledge His Kingship and allow Him to reign over your life completely.



1 *Quas Primas*, paragraph 21

2 Matthew 6:24 RSCVE

3 *Quas Primas*, paragraph 29

4 Should the Feast of Christ the King Be Celebrated in October or November, *Rorate Caeli*

5 Matthew 12:30 RSVCE