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Feast days of the week:

Mon 16 Nov	Saint Margaret of Scotland Saint Gertrude
Tue 17 Nov	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
Wed 18 Nov	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul
Sat 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 22 Nov	Christ the King

Mass times this week:

Saturday 21 Nov – Adoration at 4:00pm, First Vespers - for Feast of Christ the King at 6:30pm

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)

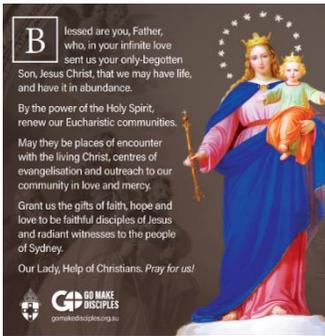
Every Friday: Rosary at 12:30pm

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 29 and December 4, 11 and 18 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

For whom? Anybody

By whom? Dr. Ken Brimaud, LI. B., 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.ourfaithhourworks.org/cwf. **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**



Reaching Beyond 2020 - People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment. See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

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

November month of the Holy Souls – a month traditionally dedicated to a time of prayer for all who have died and are on their way to heaven, but who have not yet attained the fullness of heavenly life. Roman Catholic teaching includes the idea that there are some people who need a further period of suffering and reparation from their sins, and that this time/ state is called purgatory - and that this can be shortened by the prayers and good works of people who have not yet died.

“Come to me all who labour and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Mt. 11:28)

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), and Sylvia Abela (née Lewis, 28/10, 1st anniversary).

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

By St Gertrude the Great



*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,
those in my own home
and within my family. Amen.*

Our Lord promised St. Gertrude that 1,000 souls would be released from purgatory each time it is said devoutly.

MUSIC LIST FOR THE 10:30AM MASS

Entrance Chant

Dicit Dominus: Ego cogito

The Lord says: "I am pondering thoughts of peace and not of affliction; you shall call upon me, and I will hear you; and I will bring you back from all the lands where you are held captive." (Jer. 29: 11-12, 14)

Offertory Motet

Komm, o Tod, du Schlafes Bruder, BWV 56 no. 5 - J. Crüger (1598-1662), J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Come, O death, of sleep the brother,
Come and lead me hence now forth;
Loosen now my small bark's rudder,
Bring thou me secure to port!
Others may desire to shun thee,
Thou canst all the more delight me;
For through thee I'll come inside
To the fairest Jesus-child.

Communion Chant

Domine, quinque talenta

"Lord, you delivered five talents unto me; behold, I have gained five more."
— "Well done, good and faithful servant;
because you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much;
enter into the joy of your Lord." (Mt. 25: 20-21)

Communion Motet

Beati omnes qui timent Dominum, Z 131 - H. Purcell (1659-1695)

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways!
You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the Lord. (Ps. 127(128): 1-4)

Alleluia

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 Purgatory.
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