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RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm
Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday NO MASS and Tuesday 8.00am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 8.00am and Friday 8.00am

BAPTISMS

2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month at 11.00am
(unless of another event that day)
(Booking is essential)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the Month - 9.30am
(School Term Only)

FAMILY MASS

4th Sunday of the Month at 9.30am
(School term only)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Wednesday of the month at 9.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday: For 24 hrs after the 8am Mass
until the start of Friday 8am Mass

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7.00pm
(Parish Office)
All enquiries for assistance Ph: 1800 846 643

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

3rd Sunday of every Month at 9.30am
Jim Kearney 0410 881 622

Feast of Christ the King – 24th November 2024 (YEAR B)

Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King in the Holy Year of 1925. It appears to have its roots in the 1880s when many European bishops were worried with what they saw as the rise of secularisation. I'm pleased they're not around today! These bishops were concerned at how governments were increasingly asserting more power over and against the church. Especially in France and Italy Bishops started to venerate Jesus as the Universal King. This devotion took off. By 1922, at the Eucharistic Congress in Rome, sixty-nine cardinals petitioned the Pope to establish this feast. Within three years the Vatican had been inundated with requests, and so the solemnity was established.

It's clear from today's Gospel, and the New Testament in general, that while Jesus frequently spoke of his Kingdom, is hailed like a king on Palm Sunday and is facetiously given the title of king by Pilate, his kingship is vastly different from those of Caesar, Herod and even David and the other Kings of Israel.

The earliest Christians seem to have understood this very well. We find very little writing or artistic representation of Jesus as a king before 324 AD. In that year Emperor Constantine becomes a catechumen and Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire. After this time Jesus starts to appear wearing a crown and holding an orb. Mary is styled as the Queen of Heaven and begins to be pictured as such. This is all understandable as the previously persecuted Christian sect now emerges to become the most powerful unifying force in the Roman Empire. It was a sweet victory, but it meant that whatever was said of the Roman Emperor, even more must be true of Christ the Universal King and Lord.

As centuries passed and the Roman Empire passed away, the Church maintained many of its now long-standing royal prerogatives and language. Just as an example, to this day the Pope and some bishops live in places called palaces. They wear jewels and rings and have feudal coats of arms. Worse still by far, however, is the mentality and behaviour of a very few Bishops, who seem to think that the church is above the scrutiny of the faithful, and the law of the land.

The problem with all these historical accretions is that they directly contradict the way in which Jesus spoke about himself as a King. Almost all references to Jesus' kingship occur within the passion narratives. Today's extract from John's gospel is among the most famous of them all. 'You say I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

There are not too many Kings or Queens today who would love their people so much that they would be prepared to die for them. We know from history that when the going gets tough many monarchs get going. But what we get in Jesus as King is one who did not compromise his humanity, who would not yield from his preaching and does not abandon us in our desolation. Jesus' kingship is revealed in his utter fidelity to us – even to the end.

So let's not be seduced by the power, pride, riches and greed which worldly rulers so crave. Let's keep our own eyes on Christ our King who loved people more than things, who spoke the truth with love, and who died that we might live. And let's not shrink from challenging the entire Church to do the same.

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"We acknowledge the Turrbal and Jagera People in Brisbane, and the Gubbi Gubbi People at Pomona as the traditional custodians, past, present, and emerging, of the land and waters where Kedron Parish stands. We pay our respects to them".

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 25th November
NO Mass

Tuesday 26th November
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am
Funeral 10.00am
[for the late Zita Beasley]
St Anthony Yr 4 1.00pm

Wednesday 27th November
Mass 9.00am
NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 28th November
Mass 8.00am
Perpetual Adoration
Encounter 6.30pm

Friday 29th November
Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 30th November
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 1st December
[1st Sunday of Advent]
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Mass 5.30pm

The Samaritan Community



50 years of support in the Parish - new volunteers needed

9.30-12 with morning tea

Card games, Scrabble, Rummykub, Art class, and Bingo.

A fun packed morning

Chance to make new friends - All welcome - transport offered.

Cost \$7.00 per visit

Contact 0405241644 for further information

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Zita Beasley, Benedict Veluz, Lorna Le Mura, Max Wilgen, Eleanor Feeney, Annie Ranger, Benjamin Sandiego, Tom Davies, **those whose**

Anniversaries occur about now: Clair Brown, Marie Davis, Dick Akers, Reg McIntyre, Bill Cox, Ronald O'Malley, Catherine O'Malley, Victor Kelly, Philip Carnes, Ernesto Checa, Loretta Checa Edgar Checa, Emelita Checa, Jose Lebita, Maximina Lebita, Chiara Lebita, Belen Vargas



What is the meaning of Christ the King?

Christ the King is one of the most important titles of Jesus. Even though Jesus Christ was not a king in the earthly sense, He is the divine King of the Universe, who unites all of creation with the Father. As St. Paul tells us, **1 Cor. 15:25-28** *For [Christ] must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For God has put all things in subjection under his feet. . . . When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*

When is Christ the King celebrated?

Each year we celebrate Christ's sovereignty on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

When did the liturgical feast of Christ the King start?

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925, but it was first celebrated in 1926. Originally, it was designated for late October, but Pope St. Paul VI changed it to the final Sunday of the liturgical year, which is the Sunday before the beginning of Advent. This corresponds well to the end of history when Christ returns as King, a subject which the liturgies of the first half of Advent will take up.

Why did Pope Pius XI institute this feast of Christ the King?

When Pope Pius instituted this feast, it was in response to an increase in secularism and atheism. Christ the King was – and is – the answer to all human problems. Thus, in the encyclical *Quas Primas*, the Pope wrote,

We remember saying that these manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics: and we said further, that as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations. Men must look for the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ; and that We promised to do as far as lay in Our power. In the Kingdom of Christ, that is, it seemed to Us that peace could not be more effectually restored nor fixed upon a firmer basis than through the restoration of the Empire of Our Lord.

Is Christ referred to as a king in Sacred Scripture?

Pope Benedict XVI said,

The kingship of Christ remained completely hidden until he was 30 years old, years spent in an ordinary life in Nazareth. Then, during his public life, Jesus inaugurated the new Kingdom which "does not belong to this world" (Jn 18: 36), and finally, with his death and Resurrection, he fully established it.

The text the Pope references continues with John 18:37,

"Pilate said to him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice.'"

Matthew 28:18 likewise says, "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.'"

There are other references to Jesus' kingly reign, such 1 Corinthians 15:25-28 and Philipians 2:10-11: "... at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Doesn't the title INRI on crucifixes point to Christ's Kingship?

Yes, these are the initials for the Latin *Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum*, which means "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Pilate ordered that a sign with these ironic words be placed on Jesus' cross above His head. Even though this was done to justify the Crucifixion, and not because Pilate believed it to be true, it was still fitting that the Cross in some way acknowledged Jesus' Kingship.

All Saints of the Franciscan Order (29th November)

The Church celebrates the many Franciscan saints who followed in the footsteps of St. Francis. It is a special day for all Franciscans to celebrate the feast of 'All the Saints of the Seraphic Order.'

According to tradition, St. Francis of Assisi prayed the following prayer:

"O Lord Jesus Christ, two favors I beg of you before I die. The first is that I may, as far as it is possible, feel in my soul and in my body the suffering in which you, O gentle Jesus, sustained in your bitter passion. And the second favor is that I, as far as it is possible, may receive in my heart that excessive charity by which you, the Son of God, were inflamed, and which actuated you willingly to suffer so much for us sinners."

In response to his earnest prayer, the Lord appeared in the form of a seraph, or a six-winged angel (They are usually considered the highest order of angelic beings, immediately above the Cherubim, and their special duty is to love God).

Then Jesus bestowed on St. Francis the wounds of his suffering. St. Francis had been marked with the love of Christ, the stigmata.

St. Francis died two years later in 1226, leaving the world the Franciscan Order, which became synonymous with the Seraphic Order. To this day, seraph wings and seraphs are symbolic of the Franciscan Order.

The final Rule of life for Franciscan friars was also approved on this day in 1223. To commemorate this, and all the saintly examples produced in the Franciscan Order, on this day all the saints of the Seraphic order are remembered at Franciscan churches.





ENCOUNTER KEDRON

Our Youth Group, Encounter Kedron is a home for High Schoolers (Year 7-12). A place where young people can connect with friends, faith filled leaders and encounter something and someone greater than themselves.

This term we're diving into the theme of Leadership and Advent! Join us for a night of games, great music, an engaging speaker and small groups.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is traditionally when we remember our dearly departed who are now with God. If you would like the names of deceased family members and friends added to the "Book of Remembrance" for the days in November please write their names in the book near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the church, or email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au



★ *Advent is coming! St Vincent De Paul are preparing the Giving Tree for the Advent Season again this year and will be asking parishioners to support in any way they can - prayer, gifts, vouchers or education fund assistance. Our schools are also busy preparing hampers ready for delivery closer to Christmas - they are amazingly generous. To help with timing of hamper deliveries, early donations are very helpful but whatever or whenever you can contribute, be assured it will be gratefully received. Please keep all concerned in your prayers and keep an eye out for the Giving Tree.*

Baptism Preparation

If you have a child and wish them to be baptised, we have an information and preparation session in the church at 11am usually on the first Saturday of each month. At this short meeting, we explain the meaning of Baptism and the ceremony, answer questions and finalise dates.

Further details can be obtained from the parish office (3267 4825) or email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Our next baptismal Information will be
Saturday 6th December
at 11.00am

FLOCKNOTE SIGNUP

Many of us are familiar with the paper parish census form; we fill these out every few years to ensure we stay up to date with who is in the parish and to keep ourselves connected to parish programs and ministries. With much more activity online today, Flocknote is the ultimate secure solution for managing communication between you and the parish. Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the QR code and signup and register with the parish. If you have any questions, speak with the Parish office.

scan the QR code here to register today!



For unto us
a child is born!



Christmas Mass Nativity

24 December

5pm on the lawn outside

2024

Little Flower Church

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY MASS Plans are currently underway for the Parish Christmas Eve Nativity Mass.

We are looking for children who would like to help us tell the gospel story by being involved in our Nativity play.

If you know someone who would like to volunteer to be the various roles in the play, please email Aimee Bodley abodley@bne.catholic.edu.au to put your child's name forward to participate in the nativity play.

We will meet following 9:30am Children's Mass on Sunday 24 November for more information.

Rehearsals are on Dec 22 @ 2:30pm in the Parish Hall before a final rehearsal on Dec 24 @4pm prior to our Christmas Eve Mass.

(All children, in the play or not, are welcome to dress up as angels, shepherds or wise kings on Christmas Eve and share in the magic!)

Laudato Si

The socio-political, the biblical, the scientific, the economic are all connected when we consider the plight of the poor, the marginalized, the hungry, the war-torn and climate change. We are deeply connected by the air we breathe. The Vatican News in the lead up to COP 29 wrote about, "Toward COP 29 in the spirit of Laudato Si" <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2024-09/in-the-spirit-of-laudato-si-toward-cop-29-energy-transition.html>. The news piece referred to the Maire Foundation and a report for by the President and founder of that group and Ambassador of Malta to the Holy See, Antonio Zanardi Landi. <https://fondazione.groupmaire.com/en/cop28/>. This study's title was, "Winning the global challenge through the creation of skills and competences worldwide and through industrial cooperation". Industry and Finance economics (again a word whose origin is 'oikos' i.e. *home*) are closely connected to climate change and Laudato Si's Care of our common *home*. The recent wave of heavy rains all around Malta will no doubt have been front of mind. Data by Country (or watershed) is of great interest to the COPs. See: <https://climateknowledgeportal.worldbank.org/country/azerbaijan/climate-data-historical>. And <https://climateknowledgeportal.worldbank.org/country/malta>





Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.

The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.

2024 Year of Prayer*



"I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live this event of grace well and to experience the power of God's hope. That is why today we begin a Year of Prayer."

Pope Francis

Prayer

You speak, Lord God, even in silence and we listen with ears of the heart. We listen and our eyes are opened to see all things as they are. We see with the eyes of Jesus and our mouths are opened to speak of our joy and our sorrow, to sing your praise and seek your help. This is the grace of prayer you give, that opens heaven to earth, heart speaking to heart. Give us that grace in this Year of Prayer, teach us to pray anew, lead us deep into the heart of Jesus who is our prayer for ever and ever.

Amen.



+Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

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