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Mass Times

Sunday- 8:30am & 10:30am
Tuesday to Friday- 7:00am
Saturday- 9:00am Vigil- 6:00pm
Public Holidays- 9:00am

Reconciliation

Before Vigil & Sunday Masses or on request

Anointing

As requested - please contact the Parish Office

Healing Mass

11:00am - First Friday of each month - otherwise by request

Christ the King - Year A

A Different King

People have mixed feelings about kings and queens these days. Modern monarchs usually enjoy privileged lives and are far wealthier than their subjects. Because they are often figureheads, they may seem irrelevant to us, as if they were from another world, despite the spin of their PR people. (Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, photographed this past week as they celebrated 70 years of marriage, were described as 'just a normal couple'!)

But in Jesus' day, the king was all important. He had great authority over people's lives and commanded great respect. He held the power and he was anointed, the chosen one. Those who followed Jesus saw him as their king, yet others protested the use of this term. Even as he hung on the cross the debate continued. The religious leaders and soldiers scoffed at him and mocked him. One of the criminals crucified with him derided Jesus. But the other criminal got the last word, spoken from the heart with faith and humility: "Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Christ the King, whom we celebrate today is not about power and wealth, doesn't proclaim sovereignty over temporal affairs. Jesus used his title as king only for the hour when he comes in glory. But his hidden existence in the poor and humble is just as real: he is the defender of their rights, their protector. He it is we serve when we serve the poor. This king is "the image of the unseen God, the firstborn of all creation." For Christians, what could be more relevant?

Fr Chris



Entrance Antiphon:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Entrance Hymn: No 390 (Gather) Hail Redeemer, King Divine

Opening Prayer:

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep and I will make them lie down," says the Lord God. "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed my sheep with justice. "As for you, my flock," thus says the Lord God: "I shall judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats." The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: No 23 (Gather) The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. "Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And he king will answer them, Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' "Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fires prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' "Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' "Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." The Gospel of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: No 370 (Gather) Glorious in Majesty

Communion Antiphon:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Reflection Hymn: (See attached) Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All

Recessional: No 514 (Gather) We Are Called

Let Us Pray For:

Recently Deceased: Richard Quelch, John Fothergill

Anniversaries: Mario Juka

Recently ill: Joan Pyne, Sandra Holyeak, Ray Walsh, Omar Soliman, Yvonne Nobbs, Lisa Powell, Tony Musgrave, Nola Rowe, Dulcie Kennedy, Flynn Cawood, Valentino Close, Wendy Watson, Penelope Anne Quinn, Jayne Bernstan, Ronald Soussa, Albert Jacobs, Sophie Napier, H  l  ne Herington, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor

During November we pray for: Marcia Cadiz McIlvenna, Jean & Ted Sykes, Esther & Allan Higgins, Pamela & Pat Shoughnessy, Max Higgins, Gordon & Katherine Randell, Jane Kelly, Murray Willis, John Harburne, Peter Hanlon, Martin Snee, John Dempsey, RAA, Eric Goucia, Selma Forsythe, Jack Baker, Dennis Keogh, Mick Scanlan, Mick & Lui.

Roster for Eucharistic Celebrations

2/3rd Dec	Vigil 6pm	8.30am	10.30am
Greeters	W. Fothergill		M. Musgrave
Readers	SVC Student	A. Weeks	B. Campbell
Ministers of the Eucharist	As available	As available	S. Buckingham C. Coggins M. Woodburne S. Woodburne

Next Week's Readings:

2/3 Dec

First Reading:

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel:

Mark 13:33-37

Save
the
Date!

Parish Calendar

Mon 27th November

****This week****

Spiritual Conversation Series 7-8.30pm - Church

Sat 9th December

No Saturday 6pm Mass - Final Mass for Australian Catholic Youth Festival to be held in Domain. Everyone welcome

Fri, Sat, Sun 8/9/10 December

Parish Retreat - Canisius

Please contact Lynelle at Parish Office ASAP if interested.

Thurs 14th December

St Canice's Conversation - Beyond Belief: 6pm, Parish Hall
A discussion with Fr Chris Jenkins and Hugh Mackay (Author of the book Beyond Belief)

Parish Advent Retreat

Saturday 9th Dec 9am - Sunday 10th Dec 3pm

Cost: \$160 including meals RSVP: 30 Nov 2017

Peter Canisius House

102 Mona Vale Rd, Pymble NSW 2073

Bookings: To be made directly through Peter Canisius House ph 9488 4524.

We ask that you also confirm your attendance with Lynelle at the Parish Office on 9358 5229 or lynelle@stcanice.com.au.

Enquiries: Please contact Caroline Coggins - carolinecoggins@exemail.com.au or 0407 575 557



Parish Notices



Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal: This weekend we will be holding our November CWF Appeal. Our parish levy for the November appeal is \$6150. Any shortfall in reaching this levy will be paid from parish funds. There will be appeal envelopes available on the pews – or alternatively, you can make a secure online credit card donation at www.cwf.org.au. Donations of \$2 or more to the CWF are tax deductible.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Australian Catholic Youth Festival – Invitation to Mass in the Domain: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has invited all to attend Mass in the Domain on Saturday 9 December for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. **To allow all to attend, the Archbishop has cancelled vigil Masses in the Archdiocese on Saturday 9th December.** The Mass at 6.30pm will follow an afternoon of concerts and festivities beginning at 4pm and featuring Australian and international musicians and performers, including Matt Maher. The Archbishop also invites the people of Sydney to pray for the success this important event. A special App is available with information about the Festival. Please download it for FREE here: www.xt3.com/acyf2017/apps/

Celebrating World Day of the Poor: Last weekend Bishop Terry Brady thanked those at St Canice's for being a voice and looking after those living on the margins here in our community; for opening our doors daily to welcome people and provide a meal in St Canice's Kitchen.

The Mass provided a wonderful opportunity to stop and reflect in a spiritual way, and recognise the need for more spirit of justice. Bishop Terry emphasised that it's vital that we be a voice for justice. The Church and the community need to confront government on policies that impact negatively on the most vulnerable people; on pensioners and the homeless.

The Bishop "You at St Canice's are in many ways the conscience of the whole Sydney Archdiocese," he said. "Thanks be to God in a special way for the Jesuits and for all that they do".

Parishioners and other visitors gathered with Bishop Terry, Fr Chris and Fr Bart in the forecourt after Mass to share a cup of coffee, a sausage roll, and delicious cakes made by parishioners.



St Canice's Conversations
... listening, thinking, talking ...

with **Hugh Mackay** about belief

Thursday 14th December, 6pm arrival for 6.30pm start
St Canice Church Hall
Entry by donation -
please reserve your place @
[eventbrite.com/e/st-canices-conversation-with-hugh-mackay](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-canices-conversation-with-hugh-mackay)

As a prelude to Christmas, you are invited to an interesting local community conversation on belief and belonging. In *Beyond Belief*, one of Australia's most insightful and influential social commentators, Hugh Mackay, argues that while our attachment to a traditional idea of God may be waning, our desire for a life of meaning remains as strong as ever. Hugh will outline the central themes of the book. This will be followed by a period of discussion between Fr Chris Jenkins SJ and Hugh, and then the conversation will open up to questions and contributions.