

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Daniel 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

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.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

Second Reading - Revelation 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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.

Gospel - John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

'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.'

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A house of welcome to all and a place of service to all

Christ the King, Year B

November 24, 2024

A kingdom of justice, love and peace

What is the Kingdom of God? Gerald Darring, a retired high school and college teacher of theology, explains it this way:

"The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy.

The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the faith.

The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come).

The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace."

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Tuesday: 5:30 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm

Saturday: 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday: 9:30am - 11:00am

First Friday : 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplets

Second Wednesday: 7:30pm

Novena

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Phong Nguyen
Priest in Residence: Rev. Fr. Anibal Leite Da Cunha
Parish Secretary: Heidy Lu

The Kingdom of God, God’s Reign in the world, is Jesus’ central and urgent message. In proclaiming the Kingdom, Jesus announces that a new age has come and that the Reign of God is near – underway, but not yet complete. Jesus’ proclamation of the Kingdom was so counter-cultural to those who heard him and witnessed his works that he was put to death on a cross.

Jesus’ Kingship is a reversal of the Kingship of empire building. Instead of striving for power, prestige and privilege, Jesus seeks out ‘excluded’ or ‘forgotten’ people – for example, the leper, the adulteress, the sinner, the blind, the lame, and the Samaritan; people who were oppressed, put down, voiceless and seen to be worthless in the dominant culture of power, control and position. Jesus turns the lives of these ‘little ones’ around, loves them into life, and sets them on new paths of living, loving and relating.

In our time, who are the ‘excluded’ and ‘forgotten’, the demonised and condemned, the oppressed and abandoned, whom we are called to love into life? Called to love into life with love that affirms their dignity, love that breaks down the barriers of discrimination, love that heals and comforts, and love that is practical and hands on.

This week’s Mass Preface describes Christ’s Kingdom as one of “truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace.” Such a Kingdom is not some ‘pie in the sky’ ideal or utopian dream. The Kingdom is a reality which may have small beginnings but has the potential to change the world and the way we live. And each of us has a role to play to bring about this reality wherever and with whom we find ourselves.

David J Hore CSsR
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Baptisms: We welcome Indi Grace Bean, Flynn Archer Bean, Ellie Rose Bean and Akzel Warren into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for Emmy Mulyati, Carmel (Charles) Busuttil, Daisy Pereira and Maria Collica who passed away recently.

Death Anniversaries:

Please pray for Brian Patrick Braganza, Edma Mirza, Florence Addis, Galliano Secure, Peter Dennis, Norman Doig, Phyllis Masters, Claire Riseborough, B.A. Rajendram, Franko Ciotti, Frits Petrus Tedjakuntara, Fredrick Ronald Clements, Lourdes Wellington and Marjorie Richardson whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 1ST DECEMBER

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
 Flowers: Little Babu Angel
 Counters: 1. H Setiawan 2. D Kumala 3. D Kumala

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 10.00am
Acolytes	D Ng	C Goh	S Muthucumaru A Louie (thurifer)
Altar Servers	G Dass J Noel	J Cherian A Evans S Evans	R Anwar G Chua
Extra Ordinary Minister Of Holy Communion	A Loo M Magnussen L McMinn P McMinn L Morzenti V Ng C Nonis	M Ch’ng M Ch’ng B D’Cruz M de Rozario G Dunsford W Goh R Margawani	A Faleiro J Louie C Poore M Sugijono V Sutijono F May A Lu S Wong
Catechists			CHILDREN’S LITURGY Michelle Lowth
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PARISH NEWS

Please note: In 2024 & 2025, there will be Masses for the following Solemnities, Holy Week, Octave of Easter, and Octave of Christmas that will fall either on Monday or Saturday:

- Monday 9th December at 9am: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday 28th December at 9am: The Holy Innocents
- Monday 30th December at 9am: Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
- Monday 17th March 2025 at 9.00am: Solemnity of St Patrick

PARISH MASSES: *With attendance of students from Corpus Christi College*
Thursday 9am Masses: 28th November and 5th December

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?

If so, we would love to hear from you. The parish runs a program for people who may be interested in becoming a Catholic.

Please contact the parish office on 9310 1747 for more details.

YOUTH DIOCESAN NEWS

CHRIST THE KING YOUTH FESTIVAL - 24TH NOVEMBER 2024

Youth Mass 5pm, Youth Festival 6-9pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Ave, Perth.

Christ the King Youth Festival is quickly approaching, and we are excited to share this event with the youth of our Archdiocese! This is shaping up to be a great event with over 20 Expo Stall Holders, 5 Live Bands and Acoustic Acts, along with several Food Trucks and a Youth Mass.

EVENT REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are now open via the link below – this is a free event; we encourage participants to register so we can accommodate those who are attending. <https://events.humanitix.com/ctk-festival>

VIDEO LINK <https://youtu.be/OBOds8Bn2hl>

For further information visit <https://christtheking.cym.com.au>

ADVENT RETREAT - WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2024



Join Scottish priest Fr Stuart Chalmers for a half-day Advent retreat as we prepare for Christmas. The theme will be 'Leading to the Light', drawing on the writings of St John of the Cross, who thought deeply about how to deal with difficulties in the spiritual life.

This retreat is open to all young people aged 18+ and is hosted by the Chaplaincy Team at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

Date: Wednesday 4th December Time: 9am - 2pm

Location: Meet at the Holy Spirit Chapel, 38 Mouat Street, Fremantle WA 6160

FREE admission for Notre Dame students and \$10 for general admission.

Please RSVP by 2 December 2024: <https://events.nd.edu.au/leading-to-the-light>

PARISH NEWS

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

There will be weekly summarised statements from Pope Francis to help parishioners prepare for the experience of Jubilee.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER: To reinforce Pope Francis' call for prayer to be intensified in 2024 in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the archdiocesan Centre for Liturgy has posted 38 catechesis on prayer by Pope Francis.

Summaries of these teachings will be published weekly in the bulletin.

Details of the catechesis can be found in this link:

<https://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au/year-of-prayer-2024/>

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER: POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE Paul VI Audience Hall,

Wednesday, 27 January 2021 Catechesis on prayer -

22. The prayer with the Sacred Scripture

We now consider the importance of the Sacred Scriptures in the life of prayer. The Catechism encourages the prayerful reading of Scripture, so that a dialogue can take place between God and ourselves (cf. No. 2653). Since the Holy Spirit who inspired the writing of the sacred texts also dwells in the hearts of every believer, we are enabled, through our frequent and prayerful encounter with the revealed word, to enter more deeply into relationship with the Triune God. As a living word, the Scriptures speak to us in the here and now of our lives, illuminating new situations, offering fresh insights and often challenging our habitual way of thinking about and seeing the world. The interplay of prayer and the reading of Scripture is seen especially in the practice of lectio divina. This consists of slowly reading a biblical passage, then spending a period of time meditating on the text in openness to the Holy Spirit, letting God speak to us through a particular word, phrase or image. The fruit of this 3 prayerful dialogue is contemplation, as we silently rest under the Father's loving gaze. The Scriptures thus become an inexhaustible source of peace, wisdom and strength as we grow in faith and give it concrete expression in charity and service of others.

PREPARING FOR JUBILEE

- The parish is offering opportunities to prepare for the Jubilee of Hope: **Overnight Adoration** Friday 6th December. (*Details in the Bulletin - next page*)
- **Retreat day** on Hope with Dr Pina Ford (*Details in the Bulletin - next page*)
- **Building community: Tea and coffee will be available after 10am mass every Sunday in Advent.** (Tea and Coffee is available after 8am mass every Sunday throughout the year in the hall)
Sharing a cup of tea together encourages community building by sharing time and friendship together – a great way to prepare for the Jubilee year of hope.

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PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS: November is traditionally the month when we remember and pray for the souls in Purgatory:

“We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.” – St. Pio of Pietrelcina

NOVEMBER BOOK AND ENVELOPES

During the month of November, all Masses will be offered for the Deceased. Please write the names of the deceased that you want to pray for in the Book of “Remembrance” available in the foyer. Also, the November envelopes are available on the table in the church foyer, should you wish to offer Masses for all your loved ones who have died. These envelopes can be dropped into the collection baskets at any weekend Mass and will be placed in a box at the foot of the altar for the whole month of November.

2024 CHRISTMAS FLYERS FOR DISTRIBUTION NEXT WEEKEND

2024 Christmas flyers will be ready for distribution next weekend. They are packed in bundles of 50. Are your walking shoes ready? Please take some and mark on the map the areas you are covering. Please also invite your neighbours and friends to our Christmas celebrations. This is a wonderful opportunity to evangelise in the community.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE CAROLS EVENING - TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2024

Parishioners are invited to join the college community for an evening of song and friendship through Carol singing.
Program: 4.30pm BYO picnic meal; 5.30 – 7.30pm Carols. Various college groups will lead the singing. Please join us!

RCIA CATECHUMEN BLESSING - SUNDAY 1ST DEC 2024 10AM MASS

Please pray for our catechumens.

ADVENT SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION SERVICE – WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.00PM

Our Parish Advent 2nd Rite of Reconciliation Service will be held on **Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 7.00pm**. There will be many priests from the neighbouring parishes to assist us in this service, so please invite your family and friends to come along to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas.

*The following parishes have advised their Advent Reconciliation Services:
Willetton Parish: 11th Dec 2024 at 7.00pm.*

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation gives us an opportunity to come together as community and support each other spiritually. The rite includes an examination of conscience to help prepare well for the sacrament. Families are encouraged to bring their children.

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ADVENT RETREAT DAY – SAT 30TH NOV 2024 AT 9.30AM – 3.00PM

A gentle day of retreat with Dr Pina Ford in the Parish Hall – helping us awaken to the new shoots of hope hidden amidst the turmoil of life.

Cost: donation. Morning tea provided; Please bring your own lunch.

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to help with catering for morning tea.

OVERNIGHT ADORATION - FIRST FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 6PM – 6AM

This Spiritual exercise of Strength and endurance helps prepare the parish for the Jubilee year. If you experience wakefulness or can't get to sleep, please take advantage of the quiet and stillness of late evening and early morning to spend time with the Lord exposed in the monstrance. You may decide to wake up intentionally for early morning prayer! Resources will be on the back table. Tea and Coffee will be available in the meeting room kitchen.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE ON HOW PRAYERS HAVE HELPED YOU?

Do you have a story to share? How prayers have helped you. Your story may give hope, inspire, and encourage those who need prayers. Read the story of how “A faithful cancer patient walking in God’s Ways” posted on the notice board and in the foyer When you share, your name can remain confidential. For enquiries call Jeremiah 0422 237 268 or email jckloo18@gmail.com.

THE ARCHBISHOP’S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIFELINK

Please collect the Archbishop’s Appeal Letter and one of the special giving envelopes available in the Church Foyer.

We urge you to give generously to help the work of our Archdiocesan agencies which reach out to care for our brothers and sisters struggling in the community.

Please mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation to the parish at any time over the coming weeks.



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MISSION**

Catholic Mission & the Centre for Liturgy invites Bateman parishioners to the **2024 Advent Reflection on Modern Slavery**. Titled, ‘A Season for Hope’, this is a beautiful classical & sacred music event, performed by some of Perth’s premier musicians at **St Mary’s Cathedral on Monday 25 November**. Gathering at 6.30pm for a **7pm start**, this concert will shine a light on the problem of modern slavery and on what we can do to eradicate its impact on the lives of vulnerable people. So please book a ticket to this inspirational musical experience by going online to <https://www.trybooking.com/CVWHK>. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating together a start to the season of Hope that is Advent.