

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Daniel
7:13-14

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.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the
Apocalypse
Rev 1:5-8

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.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of
David our father; blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John
18:33-37

'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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



*My Kingdom is not
of this world*



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the Universe - Year B
24th / 25th November, 2018

*Lord Jesus, our universal King,
You wash the feet of the poor.
Help us better serve all who are in need.
Take away all that prevents us
from loving one another,
as you have loved us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome. Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. A Commentary from Augustine (354-430) says, "Listen, all kings of the earth. I am no hindrance to your rule in this world, "for my kingdom is not of this world." says Christ. What further reassurance do you seek? Come to the kingdom not of this world. Be not enraged by fear, but come by faith. Christ says to his kingdom: "You are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world." For so has God snatched us from the powers of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son: that kingdom of which he said: "My kingdom is not of this world; my kingly power does not come from here."

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

30th November – St Andrew, apostle.

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 7.00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 5.15 pm

BAPTISMS:
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. **6 weeks' notice required.** Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 or via email at office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR B
24th / 25th November, 2018
YEAR OF YOUTH**

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:
Frances Middlebrook, Victor (Cyril) Etienne.



We remember the anniversaries of:
Thomas Slater, Fernando and Ilva Tassoni, John Dillon, Ian McKay, Mario Porco, Kathleen Sage, Alice Hilet, Leonard Nash, May Ferguson and Giuseppina Di Donato

The sick: Baby Xavier King; Giuseppina Zarro, Oscar Price, Tom McMahon, Brigida Mazzone, Daniel Vincent-Smith, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, and Clive Geach.

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE
Date: 1st Saturday of each month, at 10.30am.
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on: 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING: Everyone is welcome on **Thursdays between 10am to 1pm** for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet **every Tuesday at 10am** in the Parish Hall. Join us for a cuppa prior to the meeting. Praise and worship begins at 10.15am, followed by inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are welcome. Enquiries: Judy: 9752 2986

MOTHERS' PRAYERS GROUP invites mothers, grand-mothers and godmothers join in prayer from **9am–10am each Tuesday** (during school term) in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office

THE 2019 COLUMBAN CALENDAR is now available at the Piety Stall. Cost **\$8 per copy.**

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING: Reflection on **“Christ the King”** by Carolyn, is on the trollies for you to take home.



ADVENT IS FAST APPROACHING have you considered joining or starting an **Advent Discussion Group?** There's time for prayer, the reading of Scripture, as well as discussion. Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet beneath the poster entitled **Saviour: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections**, situated on the glass wall. Books: \$4.00.

NOVEMBER CROSS November is the month of the Holy Souls, where we pray for parishioners, friends, and members of our families, who have gone before us in faith. Our prayer is that they will live forever with the Lord. As is our custom at St John's, during November you'll have the opportunity to write the names of those you wish to remember on our November Cross. For those who would like to have a Mass offered for deceased relatives and friends, November Offering envelopes are available on the trollies.

CATHOLIC DEAF APPEAL 2018 a big thank you for your generous donations to help support the work of the John Pierce Centre for the deaf. The total collection amounted to \$1196.70.

THE ANNUAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL and Parish **Senior's Christmas lunch** will be held on Saturday 1st December 2018 from approx. 11:30am– 2:30pm in the school hall. If you are able to help with **SERVING OF THE MEAL** and/or drinks, please contact Connie Bala on 9753 5000 
TRANSPORTATION HELP IS ALSO NEEDED transporting invitees kindly please contact Terry Stephens on 9758 4249. If you are assist with this vital service. Thank you to all.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an opportunity to explore the Catholic faith in a non-confronting environment. RCIA is for those who may be searching for God, for those not baptised, for those baptised in another Christian tradition, for those baptised but who have not received other Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to find out more at a relaxed, informal meeting, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

RED WEDNESDAY AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL will be marked on the 28th November at 7.30pm. Red Wednesday is a global movement to stand in solidarity with those who, even in the 21st Century, are imprisoned, persecuted, tortured or murdered for their peacefully-held religious faith. Aid to the Church in Need, together with the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, invites you to Stand Up for Faith and Freedom. Please join us at St Patrick's Cathedral, which will be floodlit in red for the first time as a visible sign of solidarity with those facing persecution. You can download the flyer at: <https://bit.ly/2QtIh4p>

 **ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS 2018** Each year we provide needy families that we have visited throughout the year with a Christmas food hamper and gift cards for each of their children. We invite you to contribute to either of these:

- Under the Angel Tree we will provide basket/bags for your Christmas food items or those who might like to donate a complete hamper. Please feel free to supply your own bags if you wish.
- The gift cards we will provide allows the parents to purchase a suitable gift themselves according to the age and needs of their child or children.

You may like to take an “Angel” from the tree and purchase a gift card to the amount of either \$10, \$20, or \$30. Gift cards can be purchased from Kmart, Target, Coles, Myer or any other store of your choice. Please place your donation in the box near the tree. On behalf of our SVPD local conference, we would like to sincerely thank you for your ongoing generosity this year in supporting our work with the disadvantaged. We also thank Fr Alan for his encouragement on behalf of our parish.

ADVENT REFLECTION AND AFTERNOON TEA Last chance to book: An Advent Reflection Day for both men and women will be held on Thursday 29th November between 1.30pm and 3.00pm in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for an afternoon tea of joyful reflection and community connection. Please RSVP to the parish office so that I can prepare something special for you. -Carolyn Sombekke, Faith Development Coordinator

NOMINATIONS FOR THE KNOX LOCAL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS are now open, If you would like to submit a nomination, you can download a form from the website at www.knox.vic.gov.au or contact the Governance Team on Ph 9298 8000. Nominations close on Wednesday 28th November 2018.

ROSTERS: Mon 26th Nov to Sun 2nd Dec.	
Flowers	Sue N
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas D
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	6pm: Louise D & Peter G 9am Sue & David W & Thelma B 11am Kath & Andrew W & Maria L
Lectors	6pm: Rosina L 9am: Caroline Q 11am: Sue S.
Counters	Bryon M & Ruby S
Gardening	Carlos E.