

OUR PARISH & SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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MASS TIMES

Saturday: **9.00am; 6.00pm**

Sunday: **7.30am; 9.00am**

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: **5.15pm—5.45pm** (prior to Mass)

Also available on request.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues: **6.00pm**

Wed - Fri: **9.00am**

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday: **9.00am** (Sacrament of Healing)

ROSARY

Each weekday Mass: 25mins prior to Mass

Monday afternoon: 3.20pm (during School Term)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: **4.45-5.45pm**

Sunday: **6.15-7am**

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Saturday morning: **7.30am**

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Each Friday: after **9.00am Mass**

CATECHISM CLASSES

Contacts: Fr. Francis 9593 4670

Angela Bregger 0412 507 505

RCIA CLASSES

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

For Enquiries, please contact: Fr Francis or

Lucia Allison at our Parish Office: 9593 4670

(during Office hours) or email.

PRESBYTERY SCRIPTURE AND

MEDITATION GROUP

Meets every **Monday 9am-12pm** at the Parish

Meeting Room. Spend some time in

contemplative prayer. Enq: Angela Bregger

0412 507 505

BETHANIE NURSING HOME

Holy Communion **every Wednesday.**

ROSTERS FOR 27/28 November

6.00PM

Acolytes: Tony Brandt, Wayne Payton

Readers: John Quilty, Lyn Quilty

Prayers of the Faithful: Lyn Quilty

Music: CD Music

7.30AM

Acolytes: Claude Coutinho, Ken Hannaby

Readers: Mary Burns, Bob O'Neil

Prayers of the Faithful: Bob O'Neil

9.00AM

Acolytes: David Browne; Claude Coutinho

Readers: Tracy Cosgrove, Tony Brandt

Prayers of the Faithful: Tony Brandt

Music: Teachers Choir

CHURCH CLEANERS

Jodie Babb

SILVER COIN DONATION

Collection: \$ Nil

Total to date: \$ 28,973.55

MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

56 Benbecula Loop, Port Kennedy 6172

or to our email address.

PLANNED GIVING FOR CHURCH LOAN

If you would like to contribute or be a part of the Parish planned giving, the Parish has **Planned Giving Envelopes** and **Direct Debit** forms available in our Church foyer.

If you would like to set up or make a Direct Debit through your bank or a **ONE-OFF DONATION** please send to: **Port Kennedy Parish**

BSB: 086 006

Account No: 665505492

Reference: (Your Name)

MANY THANKS TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS

FOR YOUR PRAYER CHAIR 28/11/21

1st Sunday of Advent, Yr. C

Jer: 33:14-16

Thess: 3:12, 4:2

Lk: 21:25-28, 34-36



COMMUNIO - PORT KENNEDY

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 21/11/21

OUR RESPONSES TODAY...

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.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

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!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

THE KINGDOM IS THE TRUTH

The first reading today is from the Book of Daniel (2nd century BC). It foretells the coming of a mysterious 'one like a son of man.' This was a title that Jesus used of himself. The Church reads this text as prophesying the universal Kingship of Christ.

The second reading is from the New Testament Book of the Apocalypse (late first century). It presents the risen Christ, who has overcome all earthly powers, even the ultimate power of death.

The gospel reading tells us of the trial of Jesus before Pilate. Jesus confronts the imperial power of Rome. Pilate is a Roman governor: he is concerned with power. In

the Roman way of thinking, every advance in power was bought by a victory over an opponent. Pilate could understand Jesus if Jesus was planning to seek political power by armed force.

Pilate as a Roman governor thinks he knows how to deal with someone who seeks that kind of kingdom. He would use force. He would have that person flogged and then executed by barbarous crucifixion. He would try to annihilate even the memory of that person. When Jesus does not take this option of seeking political power by armed force, Pilate is at a loss. He cannot locate Jesus in his own scheme of things.

In Jesus' way of understanding his mission, he has come to enable people to see the truth and to enter into the kingdom which is truth. In the Gospel of John, Pilate expressly asks Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Some understand this as a politically charged question: if Jesus was indeed claiming to be 'King of the Jews' he would be intending to lead a revolt against Roman power.

However, Jesus turns the question back to Pilate: he asks Pilate where he, Pilate, stands. Although Jesus is a prisoner in the power of the Roman governor, he does not submit to him.

Jesus indicates clearly that he is not concerned with achieving political power. Rather than speaking of power, he turns attention to his kingdom. His kingdom is not of this world.

Pilate presses his questioning: 'Then you are a king?' Again, Jesus deflects the question. Pilate again asks; 'Then you are a king?'

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But again, Jesus turns the questioning back on Pilate. 'You say I am a king.'

Then Jesus states clearly: 'Yes, I am a king.' But then he explains clearly the nature of his kingship. He came into the world: 'To bear witness to the truth.' He is not pursuing the kind of kingship that has to be imposed by the threat of death by crucifixion. His kingship will be freely accepted and it will be welcomed by those who are seeking the truth.

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FROM MY WINDOW WITH FR FRANCIS

The Solemnity of Christ the King brings us to the last week of another Liturgical Year. We will begin the **first Sunday of Advent next weekend** with the scriptural readings taken from **Year C for Sundays and Cycle II for weekdays**.

It is a common practice to review our lives at the end of an ordinary year, we are in a sense invited to take stock and examine our lives over the span of this passing liturgical year.

Few questions may prompt us for further reflection. What have we made from the time, talents and graces God has given us? What kinds of fruit have we produced in our lives? How far have we drifted from or grown closer to God during this time?

It is particularly fitting to re-evaluate our commitment, loyalty and allegiance to Jesus Christ. If Christ is acclaimed and professed to be our King, to what extent have we rendered him our allegiance? How has his reign taken to our hearts and our lives? What his kingdom would look like? What kind of values would be there in his

kingdom? What sort of values have we built in our lives, families, and communities? What kingdom have we built for ourselves?

The Season of Advent is a relatively short but intense time of spiritual preparation for Christmas. We are invited to renew and strengthen our relationship with God and Parish Community, especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A second Rite of Reconciliation is scheduled in our Parish on **Thursday 16 December at 7pm**. Please save this date early in your diary and come to receive God's mercy and healing.

This weekend's scriptural readings focus our attention on the reign of the universal and eternal kingdom, a kingdom not of this world but of a different kind; a kingdom of ultimate truth, love, justice, mercy, peace, respect, freedom... as Jesus says, 'All who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' (Jn 18:11-37) and 'His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away.' (Dan 7: 14)

ST CHARLES SEMINARY

We warmly welcome Seminarians and staff who are visiting our Parish and praying with us at our 9am Mass this Sunday. Please make them all feel welcome.

You are invited to join us all for a Morning Tea afterwards in our Parish Hall. It's a good opportunity to have chat with our friendly Seminarians, ask them some questions and keep them in prayers. Please bring a plate to share.

NEW SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Congratulations to Angie Raharuhi, Robyn Mason, Francesca and Paul Oxenbridge who have completed the training

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

requirements to be the Parish Safeguarding Officers. They are welcome additions to our current Safeguarding Coordinator, Julie Ferguson, and SG Officer, Claude Coutinho. Our Parish is truly blessed for their dedication and service to provide a child friendly and safe environment, especially children and vulnerable adults.

They will be commissioned and presented with a badge during Masses this weekend.

AGM MEETING

Held on the **5th December** after the 9am Mass. There is a position available for another member to join our Parish Council. Nomination forms are on the table in Church foyer. Last day for Nominees will be on the 28th November 2021.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIFELINK

If you would still like to help with this Appeal please collect one of the special envelopes. You can place your envelop in one of the collections, mail your donation in the reply paid envelop or you can donate (securely) online by credit card at www.lifelink.com.au

CALLING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, KINGS AND OF COURSE MARY AND JOSEPH.

Calling for all Children interested in joining this year's Christmas Eve nativity play (6pm Mass). We have lots of roles available including Mary, Joseph, Wisemen, Angels, Shepherds and even an Inn-keeper so please meet us at the Church after school on Friday 3rd December for our first rehearsal where roles are assigned. We would also love for some parents to take home the costumes on this day to wash and repair if needed.

The rehearsal schedule is planned as follows:

OUR PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Fr Francis Nguyen (Parish Priest), Cathy Flynn (Chairperson), Mary Gray (Secretary), Monica Hunter, Geordie Thuijs (Principal), Christine Stock, Allan Stock, Tony Brandt (Vice Chairperson), & Pat McNulty

Fri 3rd Dec & 10th Dec 3:15-3:45pm;
Fri 17th Dec 10-10:45am (45min to include dress rehearsal and allow time to arrange any costume modifications. **Fri 24th Dec 10-10:45am Christmas Eve.**
For all enquiries, please contact **Monica Hunter on 0438 950 248.**

CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL

5th DECEMBER—12th DECEMBER

Our Parish will be holding a Christmas craft stall this year, thanks to Mary Coton and her wonderful ladies. Please put these dates in your diary and help support our Christmas Craft Stall.

THANK YOU!!!

To Jason for his first weekend reflection.

To our wonderful Cleaner **Trinity and the Hunter family** for cleaning the Church.

To Fr Francis for mowing the grasses and tidying up the fallen branches and shrubs

BAPTISM IN OUR PARISH

We warmly welcome to our Parish and God's family **Carter O'Brien** son of Dylan & Sky O'Brien and **Samuel Whybrow** son of Christopher & Emma-Lee O'Brien.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

I plead with you-never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid. ~ Pope John Paul II

OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

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