# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, XING OF THE UNIVERSE

20th November 2022

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Dn 7:13-14

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him,

the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship;

all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

R. (1a) The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.

The LORD is king, in splendor robed; robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.

K.

And he has made the world firm, not to be moved.

Your throne stands firm from of old; from everlasting you are, O LORD.

R

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; holiness befits your house, O LORD, for length of days.

R.

#### Second reading: Rv 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,

the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.

to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds,

and every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him.

All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, " says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

Alleluia

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### **GOSPEL** Jn 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus,

"Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"

Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I?

Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting

to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.

But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "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."

#### Gospel Reflection...

Happy Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! This is the last Sunday of the Church year which means we focus on the final and glorious things to come! It also means that next Sunday is already the First Sunday of Advent.

When we say Jesus is a king, we mean a few things. First, He is our Shepherd. As our Shepherd He desires to lead us personally as a loving father would. He wants to enter our lives personally, intimately and carefully, never imposing Himself but always offering Himself as our guide. The difficulty with this is that it's very easy for us to reject this kind of kingship. As King, Jesus desires to lead every aspect of our lives and lead us in all things. He desires to become the absolute ruler and monarch of our souls. He wants us to come to Him for everything and to become dependent upon Him always. But He will not impose this sort of kingship upon us. We must accept it freely and without reservation. Jesus will only govern our lives if we freely surrender ourselves over. When that happens, though, His Kingdom begins to become established within us! And through us in the world.



### <u>Welcome to the</u> <u>Parish of Cororooke...</u>

St Brendan's Coragulac & St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/

5pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led /

Mass 1st Sunday

St Brendan's:27th Nov MASS @ 5 PM

Communion Minister: M Allan Commentator: M O'Shea

Reader: D Allan

**Leaders:** 

St Joseph's 27th Nov MASS@ST BRENDAN'S

Family: Minister: Lay Leaders:

**ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:** 

St Brendan's: NOV: L McGuane St Joseph's: NOV: McGuane

Counters: 20th Nov: P O'Shea

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** 

ANNIVERSARIES: Clare Ryan, Sr Stella Gleeson,

Those seeking our prayers for healing and well being. Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn, Goldie Elsum, Doug Swanson, Leo Embrey, Marie McGuane



#### **Pope's intention for November:**

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: Visitation & Prayers at the Colac cemetery at 5.45pm after 5.00pm mass at St Mary's

30<sup>th</sup> Nov: PLT MEETING@5pm 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Graduation Mass & Carols

Simone and Devon Smith wish to thank everyone for their prayerful support, especially the ones for good weather!!

#### WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOV

World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

November 20th is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the <u>Declaration of the Rights of the Child</u>. It is also the date in 1989 when the UN General Assembly adopted the <u>Convention on the Rights of the Child</u>.

Since 1990, World Children's Day also marks the anniversary of the date that the UN General Assembly adopted both the Declaration and the Convention on children's rights.

Mothers and fathers, teachers, nurses and doctors, government leaders and civil society activists, religious and community elders, corporate moguls and media professionals, as well as young people and children themselves, can play an important part in making World Children's Day relevant for their societies, communities and nations.

<u>World Children's Day</u> offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for children.



#### St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 13 18 12;
- Visiting <a href="https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022">https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022</a>

#### You can also:

- make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase;
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

# Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

Advent: A Holy Waiting is an additional subject being offered as an extra cycle beginning November 27 over 4 weeks by our partner, Dayton University, at a low-cost of (\$50usd). This is the only subject available in this cycle. Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website <a href="https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/pastoral-ministry-program/">https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry-program/</a> or

email <u>djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au</u> or ph. 5337 7121.

#### .BULLETIN NOTICES - OTHER NEWS

Prayer for Ukraine God of peace and justice, We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, That your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power of war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to quide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, Amen

## Groups invited to prepare for next phase of Synod on Synodality

The National Centre for Pastoral Research is inviting groups of seven to 10 people to express their interest in participating in the next round of consultation for the

global Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups – using the working document and assisted by a reflection guide being produced by the national Synod of Bishops committee to support prayer, discernment and response – will be able to gather and share their feedback through an online portal. People wishing to coordinate groups for discernment on the Document for the Continental Stage should email the NCPR's Stephen Reid (stephen.reid@catholic.org.au) to express interest in coordinating a group that meets the following criteria:

- Groups should be comprised of a mix of clergy, laity and religious.
- Group members are expected to be aware of Church matters at the diocesan and national level.
- Group members should be able to read and reflect prayerfully on the document and have experience doing so with similar documents.

#### World Children's Day – November 20, 2022

Discover what's happening this World Children's Day – UNICEF's annual day of action for children, by children. From climate change, education and mental health, to ending racism and discrimination, children and young people are raising their voices on the issues that matter to their generation and calling for adults to create a better future. Kids are standing up for a more equal, inclusive world <a href="https://www.unicef.org/world-childrens-day">https://www.unicef.org/world-childrens-day</a>