



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sunday 20th November 2022 – SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST OUR KING

Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3, Psalm 122, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:35-43

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings to you all and welcome to the Solemnity of Jesus Christ our Universal King. This great Solemnity will mark the conclusion of the Ordinary Time and at the same time has directed our minds to the Season of Advent.

King David ruled for seven years in Hebron and thirty-three more in Jerusalem. Those were days of glory. Solomon succeeded his father as king and further enhanced the glory.

Jesus was hailed as the Son of David. He worked miracles and was followed for a time by crowds looking for a leader who would restore Jewish independence by defying the hated Roman government. Jesus refused that role. He spoke consistently instead about spiritual freedom and a heavenly kingdom. The crowd rejected Him. In the end He was crucified in between two thieves.

Oddly enough, the sign nailed over His head proclaimed Him to be King of the Jews. Only on the cross did He in fact speak as a King. He promised paradise to the repentant thief on the cross next to Him. From the cross He gave another truly regal gift to John the Apostle, entrusting to him the care of His Blessed Mother.

Earthly kings sit upon thrones, crowns on their heads and sceptres in their hands. Earthly kings in the past dispense justice, framed national policies and took steps to insure peaceful existence for their people. One felt safe and cared for when a good king ruled.

We pay honour and homage today to Jesus our Universal King. He is the Beginning, the first-born from the dead and the head of His body the Church. He, in whom perfect divinity resides, has made peace for us with God through the blood of the cross. Through Him we have been saved from the power of darkness and sin and brought into the Kingdom of everlasting light.

Jesus has done greater things for us than any earthly king ever did for his people. As members of His spiritual Kingdom, we recognise humbly how much has been done for us. Brought into life by Divine power and invited to share in everlasting glory, we will partake in the King's plan for His subjects. Our King deserves all our thanks, praise and with great hope to be in paradise with Him. We pray for all those who do not dare to call Jesus, Lord and King. May Jesus assist us to help them also as partakers of His Kingdom. Keep on, keeping on doing acts of compassion and charity for the sake of Jesus the King.

"We commend to our loving Lord the soul of Patrick who died recently. May the Lord comfort his grieving family."

Have a safe weekend and great week ahead.

Blessings

Fr Simone Ah Lo sm.

The Parish Rosary Intention for November is for: The Kaihu Community

MASS TIMES for the week of **22nd to the 27th NOVEMBER 2022**

Tuesday 22nd November: Requiem Mass for Patrick Bourke – 11.00am
Wednesday 23rd November: Mass 5.30pm
Thursday 24th November: Mass 5.30pm
Friday 25th November: Mass 10.am Holy Hour. Reconciliation available at this time followed by Mass 11.am
Saturday 26th November: Mass 5.30pm **Dargaville**
Sunday 27th November: Mass 9.30am **First Sunday of Advent**

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 26th and 27th NOVEMBER

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Saturday: 5.30pm – P Witten, N McCarthy

Sunday: 9.30am – Tongan Community

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday: 9.30am – E Perreau

GIFTS and COLLECTION BASKET

Sunday: 9.30am – McMillian Family

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DYING

Recent Deaths: Patrick Bourke

Death Anniversary: Patricia Kerr, Joan Wilkinson, Valerie Vaisey

Sick:

A very dear parishioner and friend Patrick Bourke passed away Wednesday night. May He Rest In Peace. Our prayers, love and thoughts go out to Angela, Vanessa and Samuel at this time. His Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 22nd November at 11.00am.

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER WORKING BEE:

IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 9.30am

Tidy up time for our Church and Centre. Bring a plate for a shared lunch afterwards.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.



FAITH JOURNEY CAFE WITH A CUPPA:

These sessions will be held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

Perhaps you've been thinking of becoming a member of the Sacred Heart Parish

Or perhaps you are just curious about what Catholics believe.

Or want to know more about your Catholic Faith

Please join us for tea/coffee **this Sunday 20th November**

after the 9.30am Mass from 11.am to 12noon

Eucharist

We'll meet in the **Mary McKillop Centre**. All are welcome.

PARISH GIVING: If you would like to contribute to the Parish Giving by Internet Banking the bank account number is **R C Bishop of Auckland Parish Account Dargaville 02 0100 0120958 14**

COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2023 \$12.00

DAILY MASS CALENDAR BOOKS \$3.00

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

The **Continental phase of the Synod of Synodality** has opened. Read all about it, how NZCBC are implementing it and how you might be involved <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/> Let's walk together in this additional stage.

Online Event for Oceania There will be an **online Preparatory Event for the Continental phase of the Synod**. The Preparatory Event **Our Ocean Home** has been scheduled for two hours on each day of November 28th, 29th and 30th from 5pm to 7pm NZ Time. This scheduling allows all participants to engage with and experience an online process of listening, discerning and conversation together. Please note that the sessions are not repeated but rather explore a different theme each session on *Our Ocean Home*. In the spirit of the synodal process, this event is open to all.

Registration is now open. <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/faculties-directorates-and-staff/faculty-of-theology-and-philosophy/annual-lectures-talks-and-conferences/our-ocean-home#register>

NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4. Some headlines for this issue: Otara school celebrates opening of new buildings. New Catholic Māori Group meets with Bishops. Liturgical formation of the People of God in NZ.

CDA CONNECT: November Issue is out now: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

"Auckland Vocations Discernment Retreats held at the Franciscan Friary in Hillsborough. Come along and discover the plan that God has for you in your life, through active spiritual discernment for young adults 18+.

Men's Retreat: Friday 9th-11th of December 2022

Women's Retreat Friday 16th-18th of December 2022

There are discounted Early Bird spots available. Early Bird spots are limited.

For more information and to register for the retreat please email aucklandvocations@gmail.com"