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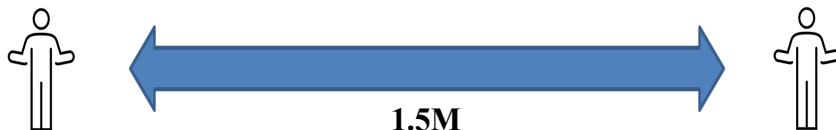
**20TH & 21ST NOVEMBER
2021**

THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS
AT ALL CHURCH SERVICES IS MANDATORY.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern. We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

**PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING
BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.**

As per government regulations,
please observe the 2 square metre rule.



UPDATES TO WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM NEXT WEEKEND (27TH & 28TH NOVEMBER)
MASSES WILL GO BACK TO PRE COVID-19 TIMES:**

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM

SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

(5PM & 8.30AM MASSES WILL BE CANCELLED)

- ♦ Those people who were registered for the 5pm Mass are encouraged to attend the 6pm Mass.
- ♦ Those people who were registered for the 8.30am Mass are encouraged to attend either the 7.30am or 9.30am Mass.



Please keep in your prayers the children in our

Parish Community preparing for the
Sacrament of Confirmation.

May their families be great models of faith for them
during this important time.



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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

Parish News

Christmas Masses

Masses continue to be celebrated under Covid-19 Restrictions.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ARE:

Christmas Eve at 6pm.

*In the school grounds
(Please bring your own chair)*

**8.30pm, Midnight Mass &
Christmas Morning at 9.30am**

In the church

*Please note that Registration is **NOT** required for
any of the Christmas Masses*

Ministry Roster for Christmas

The lists for the ministry rosters for Christmas are now in the foyer. If you are able to assist in volunteering in the ministries of Acolyte, Reader, Commentator, Altar Server and Data Operator for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, please put your name on the relevant list.

Vinnies Christmas Hamper



This year the Cranebrook conference will be making Christmas hampers for distribution to the Cranebrook community.

Both Corpus Christi Primary and Xavier College have agreed to help the conference with donations of various food items that can be used for the hampers.

We would like to ask the parishioners of Corpus Christi if they could also assist by donating food items over the next few weeks, until the first weekend in December.

The items we are generally in need of are traditional Christmas items such as *tin hams, Christmas puddings, custard and other special Christmas treats.*

The hampers will be distributed on Saturday the 11th December and if any parishioners can help with the delivery if they could contact Greg Hall on 0407484020.

Thank you for your continuing support of the conference
Cranebrook Conference.

WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm
Thursday & Friday at 9.10am**

Parish Office Hours

THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW OPEN FROM
TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY FROM 9AM – 3.30PM.



**Could the person who has
Planned Giving envelope number 077
please contact the Parish Office.**

**Thank You dear parishioners for your
ongoing financial support to the parish.
Your generosity is helping with the ongoing
running expenses of our parish.**

Planned Giving...

Could you please contact Marie at the Parish Office if you are:

◇ contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;

◇ or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

Your gift to Planned Giving does help cover the running of your parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

This year for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal, we are raising funds for **CatholicCare's Houses to Homes**, which is dedicated to supporting vulnerable young pregnant women who are facing hardship, abuse and homelessness – so that they and their children can face the future with hope, safety and security.

Dates for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Pre-Appeal weekend:

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st November

Appeal weekend:

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th November 2021

NOVEMBER MASSES & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

**You are welcome to give names of those to be remembered during Masses in the
November Book of Remembrance.**

**Please print the names of people clearly on an envelope.
Envelopes can be placed in the letterbox at the
Presbytery or in the collection baskets at the
church entrance and exit.**

The Parish Book of Remembrance will be updated each week. Please note that the names will not be carried over from last year. Only names that are passed on to us this year will be included.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Deacon Owen Rogers, Rosemary Hall, Judy Baytch

And for those who are sick:

Peter Sinnett, Eleanor Albertyn,

Esther Rodgers, Kevin & Mary O'Connor, Pauline Rugg



The Living Word

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe - Year B

21st November 2021

First Reading

Dn 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

His sovereignty is eternal.

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

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

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **(R.)**

The world you made firm, not to be
moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **(R.)**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rv 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the
Apocalypse

*The ruler of the kings of the earth ...
made us a line of kings, priests to serve
his God.*

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

racers 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 Acclamation

Mk 11:9, 10

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

Jn 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

You say that I am a king.

'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 re-
plied, '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.'

Gospel Focus – Truth

Jesus says to Pilate that he came into the
world 'to bear witness to the truth; and
all who are on the side of truth
listen to my voice.' That is where
today's gospel passage finishes but as the
gospel continues on, Pilate famously asks
Jesus 'What is truth?' and the
question is left dangling; unanswered.
The truth Jesus has borne witness to is
the truth of his whole life – the
revelation of God's love for humanity. It is
for proclaiming this truth that Jesus is
placed on trial and is brought before
Pilate.

Historical Context – Christ the King

Unfortunately, political and military
images of kingship have played a
dominating role in the Church since very
early in its history. The very earliest Chris-
tians, or followers of the Way, did not
conform to social and political
hierarchies of their day. But when
Emperor Constantine declared
Christianity to be the official religion of
the Roman Empire the structure of the
Church quickly adopted the political and
social structures of the empire. At times
in history the Pope has adopted a regal
status and led huge armies into battle.
Many of these structures persist today
and we sometimes struggle to recapture
Jesus' intention when he declared
himself a king.

Have you thought? The Kingdom of God

When Jesus speaks about the Kingdom of
God he never gives a particularly clear
picture of what he means. He
usually refers to the kingdom with
metaphoric language ('the kingdom of
God is like ...') and often the kingdom is
defined by what it is not. The kingdom is
also a real contradiction: it is here and
now and yet it is still to come; it is
almost impossible for some to enter the
kingdom while others are assured a place;
it is within us and in our hearts and yet is
a great banquet to which all are invited.



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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Not from, but for, the World

What are we to make of the famous reply of Jesus to Pilate: 'My kingdom is not of *this world*'? Left there, it sounds as though Jesus is talking about a realm which is far removed from terrestrial concerns. Perhaps our task as his followers is to meditate into a blissful nothingness, to live other-worldly lives.

It is a poor translation, and it should read: 'My kingdom is not *from* this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would have fought to stop my being handed over.' Of all the ways in which our Lord could have contrasted his realm with all the other ways in which societies are ruled, he chose a contrast about the use of force. Rather, his reign springs from his Father's will that humanity should live together in a realm of non-violence.

We can easily criticise ISIL's blasphemous use of barbaric violence in the supposed service of religion. It is the most extreme opposite of Our Lord's teaching which He embodied in his practice. But, even for us, the challenge is there to restrain too-ready resort to armed violence and to humanely moderate its exercise where it is used to protect the innocent.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the coming of the Kingdom, not as an 'out of this world' experience, but in the words of the Our Father: 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done *on earth* as it is in heaven.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

Universal intention -



People who suffer from depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * Why do you think Pilate questioned Jesus the way he did?
- * To what 'truth' did Jesus come into the world to bear witness?
- * How are we called to continue to bear witness to this truth?
- * Have you ever felt challenged about what you believe?
- * Do you find 'Christ the King' a helpful or significant image of Jesus?

Questions for Adults

- * Why did Pilate ask Jesus, 'Am I a Jew?'
- * Do you think the notion of 'Christ the King' has been misused at times in history?
- * Why might the Church choose to end the liturgical year with this particular feast?
- * What does it mean for us that Jesus is 'king' of a kingdom filled with the sick, poor and outcast?

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- * Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In the Gospel, Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king. Jesus confirms that he is, but that his kingdom does not belong to this world.
- * A king is someone who leads and protects his people.
- * How can we follow Christ as our king? How does he lead and protect us?



Jesus is our good king

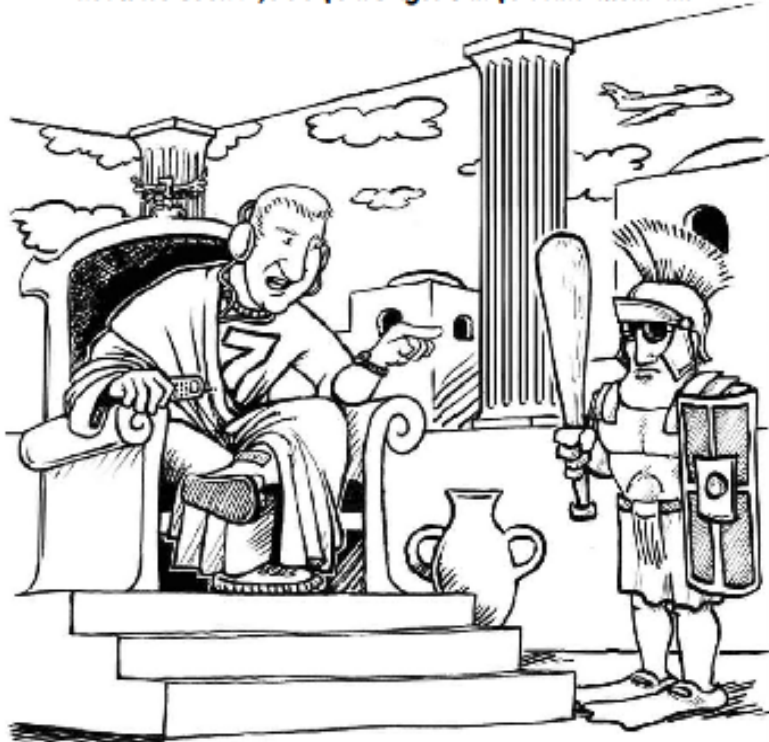


Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B

A good king is a strong leader, who is wise.
A good king feeds his people and cares for them.
A good king leads his people and protects them.
Draw in the clouds examples of things Jesus did
that showed he was a good king.



Pontius Pilate was the Roman Governor of Judea at the time of Jesus' ministry. There are 10 things in this picture that you would not have seen 2,000 years ago! Can you find them all?



TRUE OR FALSE

Which of the following
questions are true?
Place a tick for true
or a cross for false



- ☐ Jesus wore a crown of gold
- ☐ Jesus' kingdom is forever
- ☐ Jesus cured the sick
- ☐ Jesus was mean to his enemies
- ☐ Jesus had a fortune in gold
- ☐ Jesus loved everyone
- ☐ Jesus died for our sins

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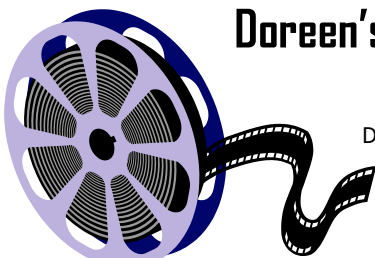
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| 2 sports number | 7 flippers |
| 3 mobile phone | 8 baseball bat |
| 4 bandaid | 9 sunglasses |
| 5 wrist watch | 10 aeroplane |