

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

Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others', they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One'. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself'. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / C

23 NOVEMBER 2025

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

Today is the final Sunday of the present Liturgical Year, Year C, the year of Luke's Gospel. We anticipate the new liturgical year commencing next Sunday and look back over the year that has been. What emerges is the recognition that, throughout each Sunday of the past year, God has been present, revealed to us through Luke's portrait of Jesus and teaching us the essence of discipleship.

Today's final liturgical selection from Luke's Gospel sums up what those essentials are. In a scene from the passion narrative, Jesus is ironically declared 'king' by those who jeer at him. But his kingship is not about self-salvation, as the evangelist frequently indicates, but about the salvation of humanity and creation. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus seeks to bring wholeness to divided humanity and struggling creation. This is exemplified in the final scene of today's Gospel. Two criminals with Jesus are in their final moments of life before death finally occurs through Rome's torturous and totally debasing act of crucifixion. One of the criminals publicly declares Jesus' innocence and then asks, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

This desire to be 'remembered' by Jesus is the desire of all of us, to be re-membered, to be re-connected to God's life through one's communion with Jesus, especially in the moment of death. This final Gospel scene from Luke for this liturgical year invites each of us to hear Jesus' promise to the repentant one, that we shall be with Jesus in eternal paradise. It is the comforting word we and our world need to hear.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

2 Sam 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

■ **The word of the Lord.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 121:1-5. R. cf. v. 2

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / 'Let us go to God's house.' / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city / strongly compact. / It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. **R.**
3. For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. **R.**

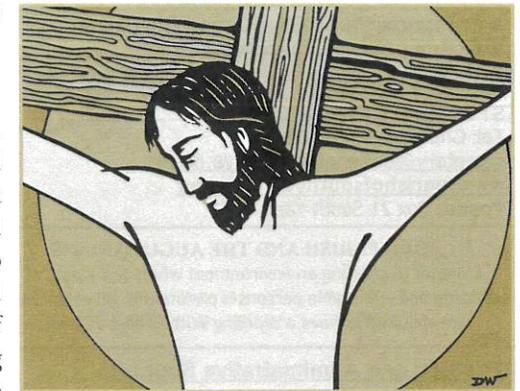
SECOND READING

Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.



Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers — all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



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Christ the King 23rd Nov 2025

St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
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- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Joel Sanchez (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Sat)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
Fourth Sunday of the month.
(except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.10pm – 5.40pm, or by appointment.

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 23rd November 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 22 nd November	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 23 rd November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 24 th November St Andrew Dung Lac & Comp		
Tuesday 25 th November St Catherine of Alexandria	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 26 th November 34 th Week in Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 27 th November 34 th Week in Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 28 th November 34 th Week in Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 29 th November St Frederick of Regensburg	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL AND WORLD YOUTH DAY CROSS RECEPTION & PILGRIMAGE WALK

St Patrick's Cathedral Sunday 30 November to give a warm welcome to over 6000 young pilgrims to Melbourne. Program: 1.30pm Melbourne Catholic Fiesta; 2.30pm Reception of the WYD Cross & Icon; 3pm Pilgrimage Walk (ticketed pilgrims only)



EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ RCIA Meeting: Thursday Nov 27th 7pm
- ▶ Parish BBQ: Sun 23 Nov 11.45am
- ▶ Liturgy Meeting: Thurs 27 Nov 6pm

AUGUSTINE ON THE THRONE OF CHRIST

"There, above my soul, is the home of my God; there he dwells, from there he looks down upon me, from there he created me, from there he governs me and takes thought for me, from there he arouses me, calls me, guides me and leads me on, and from there he will lead me to my journey's end." (Ser on Ps. 41, 5.8)



PARISH BBQ THIS SUNDAY NOV 23



This Sunday
Adult Ticket - \$15
Family Ticket - \$30
(2 Parents + 2 Children). Raffle tickets are available 3 tickets for \$5.

NEW BOOK ON POPE LEO XIV

Fr David Austin OSA launches a book on the new Augustinian Pope from an Australian perspective at our Sunday Masses and BBQ Nov. 23rd (Priced at \$20)



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ellen Allery, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, June Cochrane, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zai, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Andrea Dreher.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Members of Progetto Corelli will perform a concert - "Pastorale" in St Joseph's 3pm Sunday 7th Dec. Admission by donation for parishioners.



COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS

Join us for coffee at The Botanical Hotel after mass at St Thomas Aquinas next Sunday 30th November. All welcome!



IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased

* Vincent Mbaluko

Anniversaries

- * Gerard O'Leary
- * Ron Michael-Chinnia
- * Ignatius Choy
- * John Kennedy
- * Laura Hickey
- * Dorothy Niall
- * Francis Greene
- * Betty Henderson
- * Oscar Velasco
- * Luigi Cesarini

ARCHBISHOP ON V.A.D. LAWS



Archbishop Peter Comensoli has issued a statement on the amended and now passed state legislation on assisted dying, both commending the efforts to amend the bill while lamenting the actual reduced protections for people of conscience and the vulnerable. Copies at the church door.

TIME CAPSULE PROJECT 2025

To commemorate the Jubilee Year. Make a creative suggestion!

MASS COLLECTIONS 16/11/2025

Clergy (Augustinian Community)

1st Collection, CDF & bank deposits... \$ 466.20

Church (Parish Ministries)

2nd Collection \$ 630.95
Envelopes..... \$ 129.75
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...\$ 555.00
Tap Point Terminals..... \$ 445.00

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