

St Michael's Church - Meadowbank
The Parish Bulletin
 Christ the King Yr B/2

2018: Celebrating 70 Years as a Parish



Entrance Antiphon:

Rv 5: 12; 1: 6

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.

1st Reading: *Daniel 7:13-14*

I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 92(93):1-2,5

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

2nd Reading:

Apocalypse 1:5-8

Jesus Christ has made us a line of kings and priests.

Gospel Acclamation:

Mark 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:

John 18:33-37

Yes, I am a king.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 28: 10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel

John 18:33-37



‘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 replied, ‘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.’

Reflection from Fr James McCarthy

On the last Sunday of this liturgical year, the Church invites us to celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ as King of the Universe. We are asked to look to the future, to the ultimate goal of existence, which is the eternal kingdom of God. Christ was with the Father in the beginning when the world was created. God judged the work of creation and saw it to be good. Christ will demonstrate His Kingship and Lordship at the end of time, when he will again judge all of creation - separating the good from the bad.

Today's three readings at Mass speak of this eternal kingdom -the kingdom of justice, love and peace.

Many in our world misunderstand the identity of Jesus Christ, and this can lead to confusion about what the Church, faith and the kingdom of God are all about. The Jewish priests, Pontius Pilate and even the apostles and followers of Christ misunderstood the kingship of Jesus, and it can be easy for any person today to misunderstand what faith, religion and Jesus are all about.

Jesus had no political ambitions, despite the encouragement of many people. After the multiplication of the loaves, the people, who had been enthralled by the miracles, wanted to take Jesus and make him their king. They wanted Jesus as king in order to overthrow the power of the Roman Empire and because they wanted to establish a new political world-order which would then be considered the long-awaited kingdom of God. Many people today use

Acknowledgement of the land

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Wallumattagal clan, part of the Dharug people of the Eoiria nation. We walk gently on the land, sharing it with them as we now work and live on it.

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Welcome to St Michael's Church - Meadowbank!

A warm welcome to all attendees and visitors to our church! May you find our parish community a place where your faith life will be nourished and you will take up the invitation to share your special gifts and talents. Your prayers, presence, talents and skills are most welcome.

**REFLECTIONCONTINUED**

elements of the life and teachings of Jesus to try to establish earthly and political realities, but these will always fall short of what the Kingdom of God is truly like.

The Kingdom of God is completely different to our earthly experiences of government, prime ministers or presidents. The Kingdom of God is not built with control, violence and terror, and not established through war or elections. Rather the multiplication of the loaves becomes both the sign that Jesus is the Messiah but also a sign of Jesus' destiny to the cross.

In the Passion narrative, the disciples, even though they had shared Jesus' life and listened to his words, were still thinking of Jesus as a political leader and a kingdom brought about by force and numbers. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter took out his sword and began to fight for Jesus until Jesus stopped him (cf. Jn 18:10-11). Jesus and the Kingdom of God is not established nor defended by arms, violence or any of the means of this world. To accomplish the will of God and to establish the Heavenly Kingdom needs the weakness of life-giving love.

The kingdom of God is a kingdom utterly different from earthly kingdoms. That is why, faced with a defenceless, weak and humiliated man in the person of Jesus hours before his death, Pontius Pilate was confused when he heard of a kingdom and servants. Pilate asks an apparently odd question: "So you are a king?" Pilate was trying to discover what sort of king a man like Jesus could be. Jesus answers "It is you who say that 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" (18:37).

Jesus speaks of kings and kingship, yet he is not referring to power but to truth. Pilate fails to understand that there can be a type of power that cannot be obtained by human means - a power which does not respond to the logic of domination, force or weight of numbers. Jesus came to reveal and bring a new kingship, a kingship that bears witness to the truth of a God who is love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8,16). Truth that is found in the reality, meaning and existence of all things urges us to participate in the establishment of God's eternal kingdom of true justice, love and peace (cf. Preface for today's Mass). Whoever is open to the truth will hear this message of justice, love and peace for all of creation, will accept it with faith, will live it with love and will justly enter the kingdom of God.

Protection of Children. A copy of Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Policy on the care, well-being and protection of children and young persons is available in the Parish office and from the Parish Website.

Download & Sync Parish Calendar - view and download from the Parish Website. It is updated on a daily basis. If you use a google calendar, it is easy to include the calendar in your own calendar by simply hitting the + button on the homepage: www.stmichaelsmeadowbank.org.au

Collections Update from 4 November

Thank you for the generosity of all parishioners. Please note the new adjusted weekly targets in order to reach our budget.

1st Collection (assists clergy): \$1162

New 1st Collection weekly target to cover costs: \$1400

2nd Collection (parish costs): \$1712

New 2nd Collection weekly target to cover costs: \$2000

DIRECT TRANSFER GIVING

Please consider using a direct recurring automatic transfer for Sunday offerings. It is a safe, secure process that each person can easily setup via their own online banking to give to the parish on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis.

Parish First Collection Details: BSB: 062 784; Account Number: 04292002; Account Name: St Michael's Pastoral Revenue

Parish Second Collection Details: BSB: 062 784; Account Number: 04292000; Account Name: St Michael's Church
Please use your envelope number (if you have one) as a reference for the transaction.

Christmas Carols in Anzac Park.

Saturday December 22 @ 5:30pm-8.30pm. Live Music - Carol singing - The Christmas Story - Free Coffee - Jumping Castles for the kids - Animal Farm for the kids -

The Young at Heart Group of Ryde-

Gladesville Catholic Parish have organised an Overnight Coach Tour to the Hunter Valley Gardens to see the Christmas lights, cost \$425 twin share on Wednesday 5 & Thursday 6 December: Bus departs from St Charles Borromeo Church Ryde. For more information ring Marie McNamara 0410 221 553 or see our flyer on your church noticeboard.



Christmas Piety Store for One Night Only on 7 December.

Come and support the Sisters of Saint Elisabeth (from Belarus - near Russia). The Sisters were founded in 1996 to render spiritual, social and financial support to the sick and suffering children with special needs and mentally challenged adults. Many of the sick express themselves in art for God by working together with the Sisters and making beautiful hand painted icons, crosses, crucifixes, woodcarvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts. These will be available for purchase before and after 7pm Mass on Friday 7 December.

VINNIES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS

APPEAL will take place at all Masses this weekend.

This appeal is to help struggling families in our area. Any donation that you can make will be a great help to these people. Envelopes can be found in the pews or at the doors of the church. If you are unprepared, envelopes can be taken home and returned next week. Tax receipts will be provided for all donations. Thank you for your generosity.

PULPIT POINTS 25-November

- Mum's the word
- Awards honour Women's supporters
- Monica Doumit: The fight for freedom. Faith based schools under fire
- A fabulous life. Mons Kerry Bayada
- Movie review: Instant Family
- Fire on the court

PARISH BIBLE STUDY:

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Every Monday evening until 3 December from 7pm to 8.30pm

This course has been very highly regarded and is led by Charbel Raish (Parousia Media director).

Make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life, Discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments and See how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. Please text Elsa 0433914230 or just show up at 7pm this Monday night. Cost: Free or \$25 for study guide.

DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANER ROSTER

Cherise Cavalleri, Christina Dutturi & Moussa

LINEN: Maureen Richardson

VACUUM: Basil Cafizzi

Decorating the Church and Parish for Christmas - 7 December.

You are invited to participate in preparing for Christmas by helping to decorate our church and church surrounds for Christmas. The main effort will occur on Friday 7 December (Vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) from 5.30pm until 7pm, with a Mass at 7pm. Following the Mass, there will be pizza and more decorating.

Lights of Christmas 5th December @

St Mary's Cathedral. Come and celebrate with Bishop Richard Umbers and Gary Pinto the end of the Year of Youth and the Launch of the Lights of Christmas
Join us on the 5th of December for:

5:30PM Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers

6:30PM Concert on the Cathedral steps featuring Gary Pinto

7:30PM Lights of Christmas celebration followed by official opening with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian.

A great way to spend your Wednesday evening by joining the thousands of Sydney-siders for the opening of the Lights of Christmas.

November Mass Offering Envelopes

All Masses during November are offered for the holy souls. Please submit November Mass Offerings with names of deceased relatives on any of the collections or to the parish office. 'It is a good and holy thing to pray for the dead.'

NEXT WEEKEND

Roster: 1 / 2 December 2018

Time	Acolyte	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
6:00PM Vigil	Jim Lemcke	Family Mass Youth Readers	1 Pam Keenan 2 Paul Thambyah 3 Prescilla Luzon 4 Rita D'Mello 5 Robyn Meehan 6 Sue Metzmacher
8:00AM	Stephen Topple	Odette Sequeira Agnes Aldana	Violet Moussa Agnes Aldana
10:00AM	John Fillion	Maria Sharmila Joan D'souza	1 Gloria Divine 2 Darryle Fernandes 3 Felicity Donnelly 4 Celeste Villarente 5 Connie Buttigieg 6 Joan D'souza

Liturgy for this week (26 Nov - 2 December 2018)

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Saturdays 5:15pm-5.45pm

Devotions: Prayer for Priests: 8:45am every 1st Saturday

Morning Prayer: 7:40AM every Sunday

Rosary: 8:50am on weekdays before the Mass (except Friday)

Friday before Mass : **Silent Prayer**

Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

8:15am-9:15am every Friday

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Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet - Wednesdays after AM Mass

Weekday Services this week:

9:15am - **Communion Service:** Monday

9:15am - **Weekday Mass:** Tuesday to Saturday

Weekend Masses:

6:00pm - Saturday Vigil Mass

8:00am & 10:00am - Sunday (*Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass*)

The Piety Stall is open on the 1st & 3rd weekends of the month. Our next opening will be on Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd December.

MOWING HELP NEEDED.

The mowing team is desperately in need of assistance. Two members have moved away and we are shorthanded. Mowing maintenance takes about 2-3 hours one day a month. If you can help contact Don Smith 0414 748 302

Parish Annual Volunteers Luncheon - this Sunday from 11.30am

Thank you to all contributors to the Parish. It has been a great year. All are welcome to attend the Volunteers Luncheon this Sunday **November 25 @ 11.30am** in the Fr Bush Parish Hall. The Parish will provide the lunch and drinks, and attendees are asked to bring desserts.

We request some volunteers to help with organising and setting up the luncheon, especially after Saturday night Mass.



Prayer to St Michael the

Archangel. Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Christmas Mass Times: 24/25 December

Children's Mass with Pageant:

24 December at 5pm

Parish Mass: 24 December at 8pm

(followed by drinks and cake in the hall).

Midnight Mass: 12am with carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day Mass: 9.15am

Please spread the invitations far and wide.

Saint of the Week

Fri 30 SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE Feast



Baptism:

24th November, Saturday, 6pm Mass

Child: Marc Young

25th November, Sunday, 10am Mass

Child: Massimo Becerra

Wedding of Emmanuel Ontua and Grizel Soriano - Congratulations
25th November, Sunday at 3:00pm



Become a Catechist for 2019.

All Christians are called through our baptism to teach and help bring others to the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. A rewarding and outreach activity is to become a Catechist by sharing your faith with children in our local public schools. Ring **Judith Orrock on 98742825** if you are interested. You will be trained in conducting a class, what to teach and provided all teaching materials to make you a successful catechist.

CHURCH CLEANING, ALTAR LINEN AND FLOWERS.

We need more helpers to arrange flowers, cleaning and vacuuming of the church. A donation is also appreciated for the ongoing cleaning and flowers for the church. There is a box at the back and side doors of the church. Contact Marie Bennett on 0447 830 551.

Are you new to the Parish?

Welcome. It is great to have you here. Please make our parish your home. Feel welcome to share experiences and ministries from your previous parish with our community. Please complete a parish registration & census form at the office. Consider volunteering and joining the parish planned giving.