

## SUNDAY CONNECTION: BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.



In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favourable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be. Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel.

Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse, Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him.

Again we hear echoes of John's theme, salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness. Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight.

Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Saviour of all. *Loyolapress.com*

## Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



James 2:18

Show me your faith apart from your works and I by my works will show you my faith

**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:30am to 12:00pm

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### MASS TIMES

**Saturday (Vigil) - 6pm**

**Sunday - 9:30am & 5:30pm**

**Monday - 8am**

**Tuesday - 10am**

*2nd Tues of month:* Anointing of the sick

**Wednesday - 8:00am**

**Thursday - 7 pm Mass and Novena - IHM**

**Friday - 8am**

**1st Saturday of Month - 8am Mass**

**Reconciliation**

Sat 5:30 to 5:50pm before Vigil

Sun 9 to 9.20am & 5.00 to 5:20pm

**Baptism and Marriage - By appointment**

**Working Bee - Sat 9am to 11am**

### DIOCESAN COVID 19 PROTOCOLS 8/11/2021

- **Wear a Mask**
- **Register**
- **Physical distancing**
- **Singing** Only people QR Codes preferred. Different households 1.5m who are fully vaccinated

**Taking Communion:** We strongly encourage you to take communion on the hand due to the high risk of transmission and the concern of other parishioners. **If you are to have communion on the tongue you must wait until everyone has received communion on the hand and be at the end of the line.**

**Please take your bulletin home to minimise virus spread**

### PARISH NOTICES

#### Parish Christmas Hamper:

Prepared by St Martha's Kitchen (**Legion of Mary**) to support families in need and to make the celebration of the Birth of Jesus a happy one for all. Please leave your contributions in the box in the Church foyer.

#### Carols By Candlelight - 19th December:

Carols will commence after the 5.30pm evening Mass. The Parish will provide a sausage sizzle. Please bring a salad to share, also your own refreshments. We would like to have a beautiful choir, so come along and sing-along. Choir practice will be announced later in the Bulletin.



#### Legion of Mary:

Mondays 9:30am, Tuesdays 9:00am

## CHRIST THE KING - YEAR B

21/11/2021

### First reading

**Daniel 7:13-14**

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 ever be destroyed.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 92(93):1-2,5**

*The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.*

### Second reading

**Apocalypse 1:5-8**

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, 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 races 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

**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**

'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.'

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### Prayers of the Faithful

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray to the Lord.

**R.** Lord hear our prayer.

**For our sick,** Fr Paul Hart, Gary Smith, Mary Hickey, Peter Royal, Mathew Smith, Laurie Evans, Ron Charmers, Richard Drum, Katerie Byrnes, Wendy Mills, Elise Stevens & Carmel Baker.

We pray to the Lord.

**R.** Lord hear our prayer.

**For our recently departed,** Lorraine Grace (Fr Grace's Mother) and those who's anniversaries occur at this time including Enso Croce.

We pray to the Lord.

**R.** Lord hear our prayer.

### Communion Antiphon

**Ps 28: 10-11**

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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### Parish Notices cont...

#### Parish Register:

This register will assist Fr Dunne to get to know his new parish. Please email your details, phone, address etc to [thurgoonacatholicparish@hotmail.com](mailto:thurgoonacatholicparish@hotmail.com).

#### Advent Reflection booklets:

Pocket-size 92-page book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 Nov) to the Baptism of the Lord (9 Jan). Available at the rear of the Church, \$5.00 each.

#### Our Blessed Mother Statue:

If you would like the statue for a week in your home, record your name in the roster in the Church Foyer. Contact Denis Golden for further information.

#### Readers needed for Saturday Evening Mass:

If you would like to go on the roster please see Denis Golden

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat: 6.00pm Barb McDermott	Sun: 9.30am Steve McCrohan
<b>Next week:</b>	Sat: 6.00pm Peter Tobin	Sun: 9.30am Jorgete Hudson
<b>Cleaning Roster:</b>	Sat 27th Nov	Vera Galvin



#### Financial Report

Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account

Direct Debit: BSB640000: Acc. No.111270902 Include name on transfers.

**1st Coll:** \$363.30    **2nd Coll:** \$118.90    **Env:** \$145.00    **Dir Debit:** \$530.00

### JOURNEY WITH THE POPE



"The joy of the Christian is not a fleeting emotion or a simple human optimism, but the certainty of being able to face every situation under God's loving gaze, with the courage and strength that come from Him. Without joy, faith becomes a rigorous and oppressive exercise, and risks ailing with sadness. Let us ask ourselves this: are we joyful Christians? Am I a joyful Christian or not? Do we spread joy or are we dull, sad people, with a funeral face? Remember that there is no holiness without joy!"

*Pope Francis - Angelus November 1, 2021 info.missio.org*