



THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / B

24 NOVEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

Dan 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 ever be destroyed.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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

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

2. 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.**

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

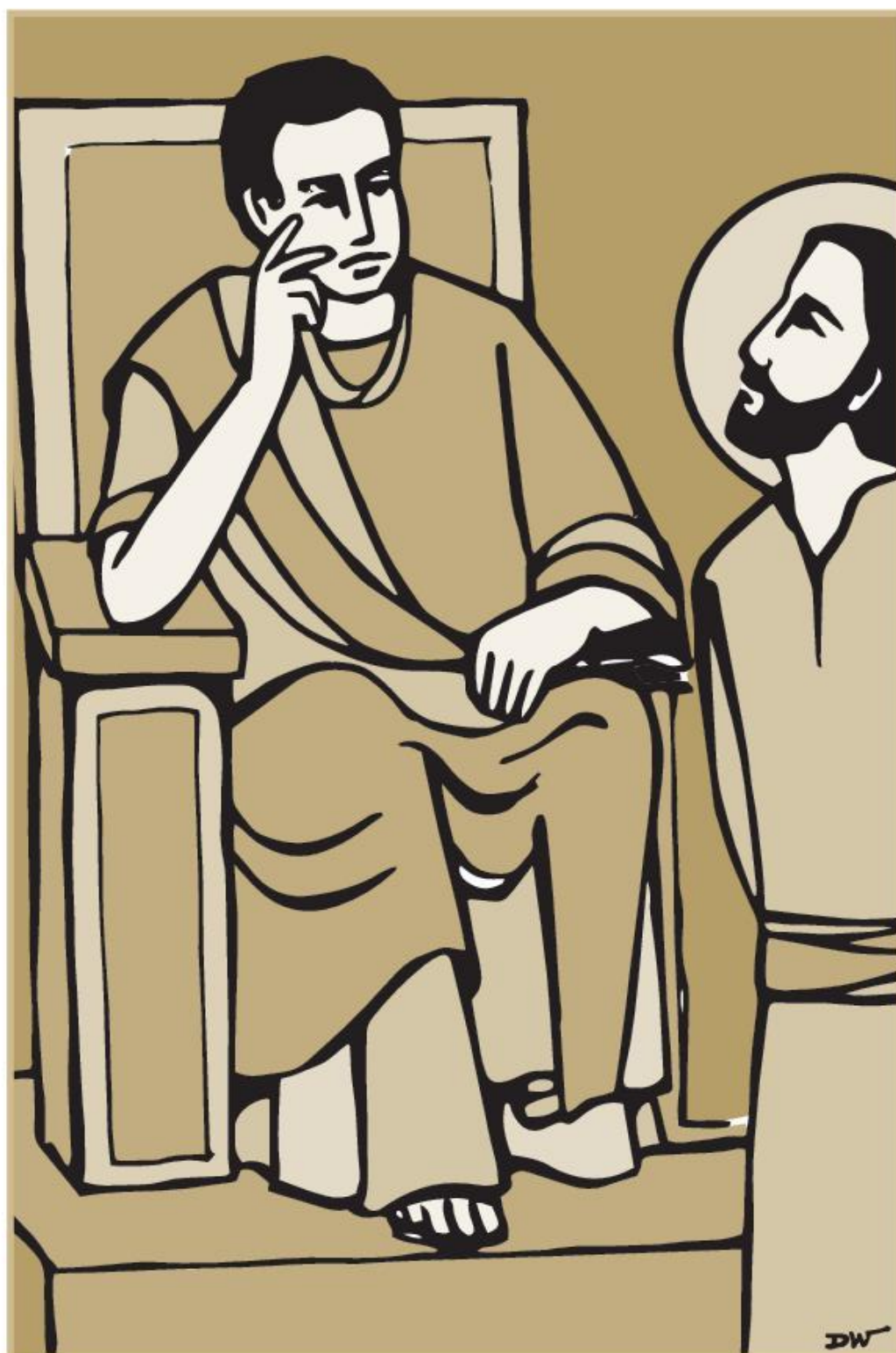
SECOND READING

Apoc 1:5-8

A reading from the book of 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 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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!

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST JOSEPH'S, ELSTERNWICK & HOLY CROSS, CAULFIELD SOUTH

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ST JOSEPH'S, ELSTERNWICK

71 Orrong Road, Elsternwick, VIC 3185

Mass

Friday 10:00am, Saturday 6:30pm and Sunday 10:30am

Reconciliation

Friday after Mass, Saturday 6:00pm

Thanksgiving & Special Collections - 2 weeks

Church: \$TBA Presbytery: \$TBA

Special Collection: -

Next Week's Roster

Lector - Saturday: S Bettoni

Lector - Sunday:

Counters: No Counting

HOLY CROSS, CAULFIELD SOUTH

707 Glen Huntly Road, Caulfield South 3162

Mass

Thursday 10:00am and Sunday 9:00am

Reconciliation

Thursday after Mass

Thanksgiving & Special Collections - 2 weeks

Church: \$TBA Presbytery: \$TBA

Special Collection: -

Next Week's Roster

Lector: S Samy

ST ANTHONY'S, GLEN HUNTLY

74, Grange Road, Glen Huntly 3163

In Residence: Fr Pat Jackson SAC, Br Lindsay Rust SAC

Mass

Monday - Saturday 9:15am

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Reconciliation

30-minutes before all Masses & Saturday 9:45-10:10am

Upcoming Week's Liturgical Calendar

Sat 30 Nov: St Andrew, Apostle

Sun 1 Dec: 1st Sunday of Advent

Perpetual Adoration Chapel



Archbishop Peter Comensoli blessed our Perpetual Adoration Chapel on Sunday 2nd December 2018 to commemorate the special centenary celebration of St Joseph's Church.

The Chapel can be accessed 24/7 using a security tag. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to apply for a tag.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Apoc 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (Ps 28:10-11)

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: **Richard Grant, Paulette Dobbin, Eamonn Whelan, Tony Messina, Steve Genge & family, Jenny**

Recently Deceased: **Russ Hesketh**

Death Anniversary & Remembrance: **Sandra Armenio, Greg McConnell, Jim McConnell, Joseph Liew, Rose Woon, Chris Liew, Paul Liew**

Volunteers' Thanksgiving Mass & Supper

To acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all our volunteers, a special Thanksgiving Mass will be held at Holy Cross Church at 7pm on Friday, 29 November, followed by a light supper at the Parish Hall.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 27 November, using the clipboards at the church foyers or contact the Parish Office, for us to organise catering. Thank you.

The Christmas Travelling Crib



The Baby Jesus needs to come to your house today. If you receive Him (God's Son becomes one of us), you and your family will receive a Special Blessing!

Come together and pray in faith before the Crib.

Put your name down and pick up the crib on the day you have chosen. Contact Fr. Pat if you have any queries.

Advent Scripture Reflection

'Advent Scripture Reflection' sessions will be held on 4 consecutive Mondays at St Anthony's Church, commencing on November 25 from 7pm to 8pm. The sessions will be conducted by Fr Pat and team. All welcome!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those who want to become Catholics, RCIA sessions are held every week on Thursday. Please check the news letter for updates. The next session will be on **Thursday, 28 November at 7pm at St Joseph's Presbytery, 71 Orrong Road, Elsternwick.**

Our New Parish Websites

St Joseph's: www.melbcatholic.org/elsternwick

Holy Cross: www.melbcatholic.org/caulfieldsouth

Although we are partnered parishes, we will for the time being, maintain two separate websites. Most information will be replicated. When you visit our website, you can **subscribe** to our weekly News Bulletin via the 'News' tab, or contact the Parish Office.



Now available for sale
after weekend masses:

2025 Columban Calendars: \$10.00 each

Update on Proposed Amalgamation



After the 10:30am Mass last Sunday, 10 November 2024 at St Joseph's Church, we held an Information Session in the church regarding the proposed amalgamation of St Joseph's, Elsternwick and Holy Cross, Caulfield South.

The session was organised to give parishioners from both our parishes, the opportunity to come together, discuss the recent amalgamation announcement and ask any questions they may have regarding the process.

There was a total of 20 attendees which included parishioners from both parishes, members of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and Parish Finance Committee (PFC) and clergy.

A list of 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQs) has now been compiled to address queries received:

- by Fr Leenus and members of the PPC and PFC
- from the 'Questions / Concerns' boxes left at the church foyers after the amalgamation announcement
- during the Information Session last Sunday

We will continue to engage with all of you, provide ongoing communication and any additional information related to the process.

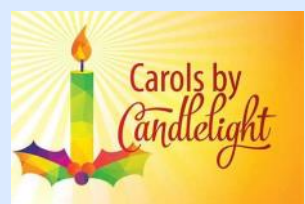
Please feel free to speak with Fr Leenus, the Parish Office or any of our PPC and PFC members if you have any queries. Additionally, you may send us an email or continue to use the 'Questions / Concerns' boxes.

The speaker notes from the announcement weekend, the names of our PPC members as well as the FAQs have now been posted on our church notice boards. The FAQs will continue to be updated as we receive further queries.

Prayer For Life - 9am Saturday 30 November

Mass In Reparation for Abortion at St Patrick's Cathedral. Celebrant: Fr. James Areechira, SVD. Rosary Procession to the edge of the 150m zone from the abortion centre in Wellington Parade, (opposite Jolimont Station ramp exit) East Melbourne to pray and witness. Concluding with morning tea in the Fitzroy Gardens. All welcome.

Carols by Candlelight for all 3 Parishes



Sunday, 15th December, immediately after the 5pm Mass at St Anthony's Parish Hall.

We are looking for Christmas themed solo or group performances with up to 5 minutes per performance which can be music, singing, dancing, etc.

To register your participation and choice of performance please contact the Parish Office.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus,

Today, as we call Jesus by the title "King of the Universe", immediately a picture comes to our minds: with golden crown adorned with costly jewels, and sitting in a big golden throne, wearing royal robes, holding in his hand a staff of authority and so on. Such an image may be necessary for us when referring to Jesus as the king, but it can also cause misunderstanding.



I am not sure, how far Jesus is prepared to approve of such an image of him. He had refused to be crowned as a king by those people who were so impressed by his miraculous works and wanted to catch him and make him a king. That day Jesus had slipped away from them.

Why? Because they had a wrong understanding of "king". Yes, he is King, but not the type of king we ordinarily understand. Would Jesus be happy to be called as the King of the Jews, as the Pilate called him? That is less than half truth. Half-truth is often worse than no truth. He is in fact King of the Universe.

In today's Gospel we see Jesus on the Cross. There we see his true kingship, and then we understand what sort of kingdom is his. Not as we would like to understand. The Gospel passage that is read to us on this Solemnity of King of Kings is same as that of the Holy Week, when we remember his suffering and death.

We meet Him at his most humble and most humiliated way - stripped, beaten, dying on the Cross. His head stooping down, face full of spittle and blood. That is the sort of King we hail as the King of Kings, Lord of Lords! No other kings we can be proud of, but Jesus the True King. Those who do not know the truth would say "what a shame!" And we dearly call him our King.

So where is Jesus the King in times of our pain and sorrow? He is right in the heart of our pains. He is the King of our hearts.

Fr Leenus

Little Johnny was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," Johnny responded.



His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," Johnny said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

First / Second Rite of Reconciliation

It's a good time to reconcile with God and one another before Christmas! Allow God to forgive you.

Tuesday 17 December, 7:00pm at St Anthony's Church

- The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Saturday, 21 December, 5:30pm at St Joseph's Church

- The 1st Rite of Reconciliation

Christmas Dinner 2024

St Anthony's 32nd Christmas Day Dinner will be served at the Parish Hall on Wednesday 25th December 2024.

The usual invitation and volunteer forms will be available next weekend.

GOSPEL

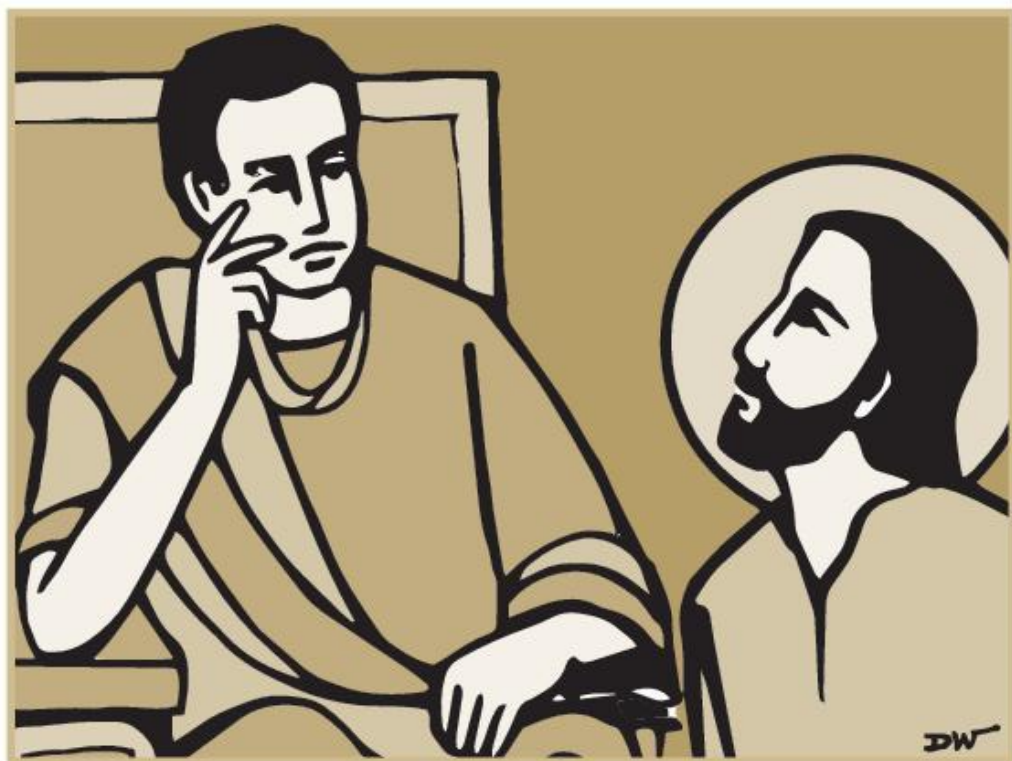
Jn 18:33-37

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 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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

'BORN FOR THIS'

The apocalyptic messages of the last weeks now arrive at the climax of our liturgical year: it is the end! In the first reading Daniel regales us with the vision of 'one like the son of man' coming on the clouds of heaven. Our psalm response chants, 'The Lord is 'King'.

We are taken to the passion narrative of John's Gospel: 'Are you the King of the Jews?' It is Pilate who asks. In this moment Jesus speaks with the clarity of the truth: 'My kingdom is not from this world'. Questioned further, he declares, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This short passage confirms what we already know that Jesus the Christ is 'the Word' who 'became flesh and lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.' (1:14). The 'I Am' statements in John's Gospel proclaim Jesus as 'the bread that came down from heaven' (6:41), 'the bread of life' (6:48), 'the living bread' (6:51), 'the light of the world' (8:12), 'the gate for the sheep' (10:7), 'the good shepherd' who lays his life down for his sheep (10:11), 'the resurrection and the life' (11:25), 'the way, the truth and the life' (14:6), 'the true vine' (15:1), 'the vine, and you are the branches' (15:5). This litany reveals the One in whom we believe and to whose voice we listen. Today we celebrate the One who was born for this.

Dr Rosemary Canavan