



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The choice of today's gospel passage in the lectionary appears to be twofold. Firstly, the inscription above the crucified Christ reads, 'This is the King of the Jews', one of the scriptural references to Christ's kingship – although that reference is more complicated than it first appears. Secondly, the feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year and the end of the year-long journey through the gospel of Luke. Given that the second half of the gospel is a physical and psychological journey towards Jerusalem and the death that awaits Jesus there, it is fitting that the final reading for the liturgical year is the crucifixion.

When the feast of Christ the King was first conceived by Pope Pius XI in 1925, its intention was to emphasise the majesty and power of Jesus Christ, King and ruler of the world. However, our understanding of 'king' as it can be applied to Jesus has changed significantly in the intervening years. Despite earthly notions of kingship and the role of the Messiah, Jesus completely rejected such expectations and assumed the role of servant to the poor and outcast. As we have seen throughout this year, the gospel of Luke depicts in great detail the emphasis and priority that Jesus gave to the lowly and marginalised.

The theme that flows through the gospel is again captured in the account of the crucifixion. At this most critical point, it is a criminal, crucified alongside Jesus, who responds in faith to Jesus and asks to join Jesus when he enters into his kingdom. The criminal has a much better idea of the nature of the sort of king that Jesus really is than is revealed by the sign that Pilate has had nailed to the cross.

Gospel Lk 23:35-43

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.'

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C 23 November 2025

First Reading 2 Sm 5:1-3

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see 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

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.

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!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

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Miriam Coco

RECENTLY DECEASED

Victoria Said

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BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 7th December 2025

Nyla Patrao

Please pray for this child and her family.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Next meeting this Tuesday, 25th November, in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 24 Nov St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

2026 COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE

Calendars are available for purchase after Mass - \$10 each.

NOVEMBER MASSES If you would like to offer Masses for your departed loved ones, please use the November Mass Intention envelopes, available in the narthex.

PARISH NEWS

FUNERAL NOTICE

On Tuesday, 25th November, the Funeral for the late Victoria Said will commence at 10.30am. There will be **no 9.15am Morning Mass**. All are welcome to attend the Funeral Mass and pray for the repose of her soul.

ST PETER'S 2025 CHRISTMAS CAROLS – THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Less than 2 weeks to go! Please join us on **Thursday, 4th December**, from **4.30pm-8.30pm**. Gates open from 4.30pm – Carols commence at 6.30pm.

The St Peter's Primary School children will entertain us with their beautiful voices, singing Christmas Carols! There will be barbecues selling sausages and hamburgers, Vietnamese spring rolls and rice, Italian arancini, a cake stall, zipper doopers, fairy floss, popcorn, cold drinks, tea/coffee. The raffle will be drawn during the evening as well as lucky door prizes. EFTPOS facilities available and cash accepted.

Great chance to take some family photos at the photo booths. Watch out for a surprise visit from Father Christmas!

Christmas Carols - Volunteers

Please consider volunteering for the Carols. If you can help, please leave your name and number on the clipboard in the narthex and we will contact you.

Christmas Carols – Raffle

Thank you to all who have taken home a book of raffle tickets to sell. More books available in the narthex. If you missed out last weekend - \$2 a ticket, \$20 a book of 10. Please return all money & stubs by next **Sunday, 30th November**.

Cake Stall

We need lots of home-made cakes or goodies to sell at our Cake Stall. We are asking parishioners to help us with this. If you can bake something, please take home an information sheet and ingredients label from the Narthex. Food can be dropped off at the Church or Parish Centre on 3rd Dec (9am-4.00pm), or 4th Dec (by 11am) for pricing.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS

CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE -

Sunday, November 23rd at the 10.30am Mass - Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction to Follow

As the Church concludes the liturgical year, she solemnly proclaims the universal kingship of Christ—He in whom all creation finds its origin, fulfillment, and final end. In His reign, time itself is ordered toward God's glory and our salvation.

All are warmly invited to remain for Eucharistic Adoration. In the silent presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we give thanks for the graces of the year, prepare our hearts for Advent, and contemplate the mystery of *Emmanuel—God-with-us*. The devotion will conclude with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF) - Launch and Reception of the WYD Cross & Icon and Pilgrimage Walk - Sunday 30 November
All are invited to St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 30 November as we welcome more than 6,000 young pilgrims from across Australia for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Program:

1.30pm – Melbourne Catholic Festa: A joyful celebration of the diversity and beauty of our faith communities, gathering on the Cathedral forecourt.

2.30pm – Reception of the WYD Cross and Icon: Join us as we welcome these powerful symbols of faith which have travelled the world, inspiring young Catholics.

3.00pm – Pilgrimage Walk: A pilgrimage of hope, led by the WYD Cross and Icon, journeying 5km from the Cathedral to MCEC (Note: only ticketed pilgrims can enter MCEC). A shorter 3km Cathedral → Birrarung Marr → Return route is also available.

St Peter's Parishioner, Joseph Florio, will be attending the ACYF from 30/11-2/12 and we wish Joseph and all the young pilgrims a faith filled and jubilant time throughout the Festival.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (or upon request of Parish Priest)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

2025 Christmas Carols

Thursday 4th December

Tuesday 16th December

End of year Mass @ 9.15am

End of Term @ 12.00noon

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.