

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.

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Breaking Open the Word

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

THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / C

23 NOVEMBER 2025

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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THIS WEEK: 23 November 2025 - Solemnity, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - C

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Grace S L Colleen D B Gregg S	Richelle M Telmo E Alister R	Hilda D S Rukmal M Wynna D	Eva O Maria Mizzi Rency C	Tonlette S Mel O Marvin D	Perly C Shereen Q Gynn D
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Choirs	Harmonico Filipino	AHFI	Mt Horeb	CFCA	Exemnoz	MWFE with LIHM Sisters

NEXT WEEK: 30 November 2025 - First Sunday of Advent - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Richelle M Glan S L Grace S L	RJ Baculo Telmo E Glenda A	Perly C Kumudu M Gynn D	Dulce T Kathleen T Teresa Tan	Diana T Kirk D G R Tami T	Mario N Marvin D Vernon A
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Choirs		AHFI	MWFE with LIHM Sisters	Samoan DVM	Les Lapid	CFCA



ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you." John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Tuesday: 2am, 3am

Thursday: 12am (midnight)

Saturday: 4pm

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

Book for the Holy souls. You may write the names of your dearly departed in the book for the souls. The book is placed on top of the table in the foyer of the church.

November Masses. Mass for the holy Souls will be offered in the entire Month of November. Envelopes are available next to the Book for the Holy Souls in the foyer of the church. Please drop envelopes in the box next to the Altar.

EFTPOS facility available in the foyer the church for those who wish to generously donate to the church. We thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you and your family.

NO SPC Sunday School and SPC Youth meeting next Sunday, 30 November and on Tuesday, 2 December 2025. The LIHM Sisters and some of youth leaders are attending the Catholic Youth Festival.

Next Week 30 November 2025

First Sunday of Advent - A

ACYF LAUNCH and WYD Cross Reception and Pilgrimage Walk— Sunday, 30 November
 "Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 30 November as we welcome Over 6,000 young pilgrims to Melbourne. Let us come together to Share in their joy and offer a warm Melbourne welcome."
 - *Archbishop Peter Comensoli*

Program:

1:30pm - Melbourne Catholic Festa
 2:30pm - Reception of WYD Cross & Icon
 3:00pm - Pilgrimage Walk (5km to MCEC - ticketed pilgrims only; 3km return option available)

Red November: Pray for Persecuted Christians.

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout Red November. Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video and download your Red Rosary prayer card by visiting the website: www.rednovember.org

Permanent Diaconate.

An invitation to all interested to become Permanent Deacons. Please check flyer in the foyer of the church

Positions vacant. Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people. Further details can be found on either the Archdiocese website at: <https://www.melbourne.catholic.org/jobvacancies>

A VOCATION VIEW

Who will work for Jesus, the King of Peace, Hope and Honour, the King of Love, Truth and Justice? Who is dedicated and enthusiastic enough to proclaim his Good News? It must be YOU!