



kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners).

Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non-Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is *completely* incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'

We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

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# The Living Word

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A 26 November 2023

## First Reading Ez 34:11-12,15-17

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v.1**

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26,28

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

## Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 25:31-46

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the



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**Weekdays: Tuesday to Friday 9.00am**

**Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm to 4.30pm or by appointment**

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

26 November 2023

#### NOVEMBER MASSES

November is the month for special prayers for the Faithful Departed. November Mass Envelopes are in our church so that Masses can be offered for deceased family and friends. Throughout November the envelopes with names will be placed near the altar to remind us that Masses are being offered for our deceased loved ones.

No need for your details on the envelopes, just the names of the deceased.

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION will be celebrated this Wed. 29 Nov.

Once again, we welcome children preparing for their First Reconciliation to our weekend Masses. We pray that they will always believe in God's loving forgiveness. We sincerely thank parents/carers who are cooperating in helping our children to prepare for this wonderful Sacrament.

Jesus believes a sinner has a future not just a past.

#### Synod on Synodality October 2023

You are invited to take a copy of the

Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop re his 'Reflections on the Synod on Synodality'

#### Charitable Works fund Appeal this weekend.

Your donation supports vital works such as our Seminary, hospital and prison chaplaincies, CatholicCare, support and training of catechists etc

Donations made through the special envelopes are 100% tax deductible.

**Entrance Antiphon:** 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:** The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

#### PARISH MEETING

**All parishioners are cordially invited to a general parish meeting next Sunday 3 December at 10.00am in the Parish Meeting Room (school library). The meeting will include morning tea and presentation of the parish financial report for 2022-23.**

We pray for parents to help them keep the promises they made at their children's Baptism.

Catholic Weekly is available at church entrances. Find out what is happening in the Catholic Church around the world.

#### READERS NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES

If you are interested in joining our reading team, please contact the parish or Joanne Russell 0467 023 962. You can be rostered to suit, and practice and guidelines will be given.

Musicians/singers are needed at our weekend masses.

If you are blessed with such a gift, come and share it to give praise to God.

**READERS NEXT WEEKEND:** Please see new roster.

Please pray for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.

Please look at the poster at the church entrance and decide to pray for one or more in particular.

**Covid-19 is still around.**

**Please use sanitiser when you enter our church.**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Recently deceased:** Jeong Wook Park, Shirley Love, Monica McAuliffe, David McKenzie, Charlie Farrugia, Nola Dooley (née Vaughan), Gaye Zammit, Janice Peterson

**Anniversary:** All the Faithful Departed, John Burke, Jim Taylor

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, has been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.