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Christ the King

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Sunday Reflection – The title ‘King’ is taken from the secular world. We envisage a throne, a realm, a crown, a palace, power, wealth, an army to defend the realm, and powerful authority over his subjects. All of these are the trappings that are associated with Kings and Kingdoms. These are not normally associated with Jesus. However, we meet the idea today with reference to David, the Shepherd boy who became King of Israel. At Jesus’ birth, Luke locates him within this tradition of kingship. The Angel Gabriel announces his birth to Mary: “The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David... and his kingdom will have no end”. He is born at Bethlehem, the town of David, but the other trappings begin to fall away. He resists the temptation ‘to exercise power and authority’ over peoples and nations, embracing instead the path of powerlessness. Jesus wants to lighten peoples’ burdens and not impose more on them. The authority that Jesus wants to exercise comes from his deep loving relationship with His Father. At His Baptism he was invested with the Holy Spirit and that would be the source from which he would exercise authority in relation to others. Jesus’ preoccupation is with “the Kingdom of God” – the reigning of God in the human heart. His kingdom will concentrate on the poor, the lonely and the marginalized, the despised and rejected. It is very fitting that Luke’s Gospel tells of Jesus ending up on a Cross between two criminals – the very kind of people he sought out in his ministry. Jesus dies as he lived, reaching out to the distressed. In the midst of his personal suffering he has time for others. The first criminal was not able to receive the forgiveness offered, but the second criminal was open to receiving forgiveness and is called “the good thief” because he repents. The Gospel image of Kingdom shows us the criminal and the King going together into Paradise. Christ’s rule is one of love and we pledge ourselves to live the values of His Kingdom: “Thy Kingdom Come” is indeed our prayer.

Remembrance Service – Is on tomorrow Monday 25th Nov at 6.30pm for those who have died in the past year and for all our loved ones.

Parish Christmas Bazaar – On Saturday 7th Dec from 11am to 4pm. There will be a meeting on Tuesday 26th Nov at 6pm in the Founders Room if you would like to get involved. Boxes are in the Colonnade and the School office for donations. You can donate; Wine, Spirits, Chocolate & Biscuits. Unwanted gifts (new or very good condition), toys and books etc. No used electrical items or clothes Please. Thank you for your support!

Servite Christmas Carol Concert – Will be held on 14th December from 3pm to 5pm. Our own Choirs as well as other visiting Choirs will sing. We invite you to come along and enjoy!

Novena Mass for Christmas/Simbang Gabi – Sunday 15th – 22nd Dec, Novena Masses 8pm. On 23rd Dec at 6pm & food served in School Hall.

Confirmation 2019/2020 – Please collect a Confirmation Enrolment Form from the Colonnade and return to the Parish office by 10th January 2019. See requirements on the form. Class commencement date to be announced.

#Red Wednesday – on 27th Nov. Wear something red on that day in solidarity with persecuted Christians around the globe and other minorities.

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 8.30am
10am
(Spanish) 11.15am
12.15pm
7pm
Mon – Sat 10am + 6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm
Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am
6.00 – 6.30pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

After 10am Weekday Mass

Rosary: Wednesdays 10.30am,
followed by Tea/Coffee in the
Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every
Tuesday at 7pm in the Library.
New members are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group:

Every Thursday at 11am

Saints Days

Mon 25th – St Catherine of
Alexandria
Sat 30th – St Andrew

Christmas Advent Talk:

Given by Fr. John Hemer
(Allen Hall) on Wed 4th
December at 7pm in the
Founders Room. Everybody
Welcome!