

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH NEWSLETTER



Christ the King

21 NOVEMBER 2021

A Strange Kind of King

Of all the titles we could bestow on Jesus, that of 'king' would seem to be one of the most inappropriate. It smacks of the kind of things he rejected. When we think of a king we think of a throne, a crown, a palace, great wealth and of course an army. When we look at Jesus, what do we see? There is none of this. We see him walking the dusty roads of Palestine with a little band of disciples. He is surrounded by the poor and the sick, by sinners and outcasts. In short, by the kind of people who in worldly kingdoms are looking in through the gates of the royal palace, if they get even that close.

And yet the title 'king' stands for something true and real in Jesus. It stands for his divinity, God is the Lord of all, the King of the universe, the One to whom we all owe allegiance, the Ruler and Judge of all. He was the greatest source of goodness, light and hope in a dark world. Jesus had immense moral and spiritual authority by reason of the kind of person he was. His presence could change beyond recognition the lives of those around him. In that sense, Jesus was indeed a King.

We have to distinguish between authority and influence on the one hand and power and control on the other. Some of the people with greatest moral authority are quite powerless, and the most influential have no need to control those they influence. So it was with Jesus. Pilate had power over people; Jesus had influence over them. Jesus made his presence felt simply by the kind of person he was. There was a quiet authority about everything he said and did.

We must let our lives be ruled by his spirit. Then in our own small way we will help to spread his kingdom, which is a kingdom of truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love and peace.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

Flor McCarthy SDB

**NO MASSES IN CHURCH AT LEVEL 3, STEP 2.
ALL CHURCH DOORS AND PARISH OFFICE REMAIN CLOSED.**

Foodbank donations. Contactless donations will be accepted between 10am - 10.30am on Saturdays at the foodbank, next to the bookshop.

For those parishioners who would like to donate by direct credit during these days of Level3.2, our parish bank account number is 02-0100-0120966-002. The name of the account is R C Bishop of Auckland, Glen Eden Parish Account. If you are already on the Planned Giving System and have an envelope, please put the number which is on your envelope as a reference when doing your direct credit donation. One third of your donation will be allocated to the priests house account. Thank You.

From the Auckland Diocese

World Youth Day 2021 Sunday 21 November, 7pm To celebrate World Youth Day, we are excited to come together on Facebook Live for what promises to be our biggest online youth event yet! Featuring our Bishops, music from The Stations, and plenty young people, don't miss this incredible opportunity to STAND UP with the youth of the Auckland Diocese. <https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>.

Converge // Youth and Young Adult Leaders Gathering Sunday 28 November, 7pm In the wake of World Youth Day, our youth and young adult leaders are invited to join us for an evening of fun, formation and sharing their feedback. Featuring Fr Rob Galea and plenty of familiar faces, we're excited to dive into the conversation of how we can journey together! <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87574994154>.

Year of St. Joseph-Novena. From Monday 29th November, we will begin a Diocesan-wide Novena, live-streaming the event daily from the Cathedral via our website, Facebook and Zoom, culminating with a live-streamed Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday 8th December. Find out more here: www.aucklandvocations.org.nz/novena.

The Great Diocesan Christmas Quiz Sunday 5 December, 7pm Back by popular demand! After having such a blast at our first quiz night, we're back with another opportunity to win up to \$500 for your parish school or faith community. Grab your best Christmas outfit and join us for another night of trivia-filled fun! <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87540912405>

Interest in the **Synod** is high. Over 200 people have attended the Information sessions to learn about the process and many are preparing to reach out and form listening groups to facilitate responses to the fundamental question:

Much can be discovered on the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>. There people are able to download the information booklet <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SynodInformationBooklet.pdf>.

As reported previously the Vatican has changed the deadline for response to the Synod. This means the following are not the Auckland Diocesan dates of importance. Submission of responses to synod@cda.org.nz or through the online response form by **14 April 2022**. The pre-synodal meeting will be held 10-12 Saturday **14 May**. 10am St Joseph's Takapuna.

To keep up-to-date with what is happening in the diocese you are encouraged to sign up to the fortnightly **Synod Snapshot** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/synod-newsletter/>

Welcome to an **online** service in honour of St. Cecilia the patron saint of musicians. Premiers on Monday 22 November at 7.00pm (19.00hrs NZT). This mass is offered by the musicians of the music ministry in Aotearoa. **Celebrant: Rev Fr. Raphael Lobo.** St. John the Evangelist, Orewa, Auckland. You tube link : <https://youtu.be/EbaSWYpZO8s>

Patris Corde: With a Father's Heart A Festival on St Joseph presents the online movie **Joseph of Nazareth: The Man Closest to Christ.** Register at www.marriageandfamily.org.nz or contact 0220289737/info@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more details. All events are FREE. The Festival runs until the 11th December and concludes with a live stream of the Fourvière Festival of Lights from the Sanctuary of Fourvière in Leithfield!

Vacancy for Volunteer Chaplain Assistants at Northshore and Waitakere Hospitals. Details attached with this newsletter. As outlined in the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Amendment Order – all DHB Volunteers will need to be fully vaccinated.

PROLIFE FACTS. Since Voice for Life began in 1970, New Zealanders' values and attitudes to abortion have markedly changed. Abortion used to be seen as a course resorted to only in desperate situations. Now it is seen as an absolute right and symbol of freedom. For more pro-life information, visit voicefor-life.org.nz.

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Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Violet Furtado, Patsy Nun Toon, Yvonne Sommers, Gail Ware, Mary Holmes, Kanesi Masae, Ethan Peter Lelo, Rosalen Ahearn, Saulius David Balsys, Kameloni Tauta, Joan Unkovich, Melesete Va'asili, Lloyd Ball, Pauline Caffell, Louisa Baptist, Christine Roberts Whitcombe, Robert Shearman, Siufaga Maileoi Lilli, Lee Dunn, Alex Soniega, Barbara Lynch, Fata Peter & Lenora Fuiava, Priscilla Fernandes, Nellie Lemusu-Kea, Aaron Ablan and Joy Rapcsak.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon: 22 Nov: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20, Luke 21:1-4

Tue: 23 Nov: Daniel 2:31-45, Luke 21:5-11

Wed: 24 Nov: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28, Luke 21:12-19

Thu: 25 Nov: Daniel 6:12-28, Luke 21:20-28

Fri: 26 Nov: Daniel 7:2-14, Luke 21:29-33

Sat: 27 Nov: Daniel 7:15-27, Luke 21:34-36

Sun: 28 Nov, First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thess 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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