



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR C      SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022

### REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Sadly, there have always been those who scoff at others or make fun of them, generally because they themselves feel inadequate or threatened in some way. Those who suffer such bullying behaviour often feel powerless and demeaned. There may be some comfort for such people in today's gospel. We find here a serious case of bullying and two dignified responses that undermine the destructive power of those who taunt or deride.

The first response is that of Jesus who refuses to retaliate when the soldiers mock him or when another convicted criminal ("one of the criminals hanging there") derides him. Another dignified response comes from "the other" criminal. This man has the insight to recognise that Jesus is innocent. He also has the courage to challenge the injustice of what is going on around him. Having offered his challenge, he then turns to Jesus and addresses him by name: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kin-dom." His request reveals his faith in Jesus as the human face of God. It also reveals his knowledge of Jesus' mission, first announced in Galilee: "I must proclaim the good news of the kin-dom of God ..."

Jesus points to God and God's reign or empire. Jesus' criminal companion points in his turn to the reign or empire of Jesus. The reign of God and the reign of Jesus are one and the same. In turning to Jesus and putting his request, this criminal becomes a disciple and receives the assurance of a share in Jesus' life with God: "Today you will be with me...." "Jesus, remember me" is a fitting prayer in the face of all life's struggles. It is a prayer for mercy. Next time we sing these words or pray them in our hearts, we might spare a thought for the one who first uttered them, a convicted Jewish criminal who had the courage to rise above his own suffering and to challenge the unjust oppression of an innocent neighbour. Like Jesus, this criminal was and continues to be an instrument of God's reign. His capacity to challenge the injustice of Jesus' execution might be a source of inspiration for us as we struggle to find mercy and justice for the Earth as well as for the innocent ones who seek asylum only to find themselves subjected to the torture of exile and hopelessness.

The title of today's feast reminds us of the boundless nature of God's rule or reign: we celebrate Christ Jesus as ruler of the universe, of all that is and of all that will be. As our understanding of the universe expands, we find ourselves caught up in the ever creative and saving presence of a compassionate, merciful God who has been revealed to us in Jesus of Nazareth. This feast might serve as a reminder to allow the peace of Christ to reign in our hearts even in the face of derision.



**7.30pm, Wednesday 23 November 2022**

**St. Patrick's Cathedral,  
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne**

#### **What is Red Wednesday?**

Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (CAN), the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the support of suffering and persecuted Christians.

Red Wednesday is a day to gather and pray for those who are persecuted for their love of Jesus Christ. Cathedrals, churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters of Christ.

The purpose of Red Wednesday is to join together and raise a strong voice in support of the Christians who are unable to speak freely, and who look to us—brothers and sisters in Christ—to speak on their behalf.

#### **Places of Persecution (today)**

Religious freedom is violated in almost one third of the world's countries (31.6%), where two thirds of the world's population lives. 62 countries out of a total of 196 face very severe violations of religious freedom. The number of people living in these countries is close to 5.2 billions, as the worst offenders include some of the most populous nations in the world (**China, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nigeria**)

#### **Prayer for Persecuted Christians**

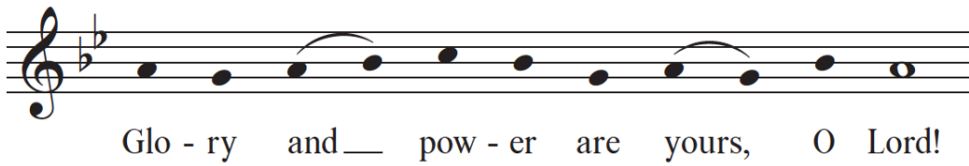
*Lord Jesus Christ, as the Good Shepherd,  
You call all people to Yourself, but You also warned us  
that following You would not be easy.  
Today, many Christians suffer and  
are persecuted for love of You.  
In them, You continue Your passion for  
the redemption of the world.  
It is a grace to carry the cross with them.  
Grant us love, courage and a readiness to sacrifice so  
that we can aid and console our brothers and sisters in faith.  
Fill us with Your merciful love for one another,  
that we may also bless our enemies and forgive them.  
Thus, we want to joyfully testify to Your presence  
in the world and to find fullness of life in You.*

*Amen*

TODAY’S LITURGY—YEAR C

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.



Entrance Hymn CWBII 400 v1,2,3,4

Refrain: Angels, saints and nations sing:  
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King;  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,  
King of love on Calvary!"

Hail, Redeemer, King divine! Priest and Lamb,  
the throne is thine, King, whose reign shall  
never cease, Prince of everlasting peace. Refrain

King, whose name creation thrills, rule our minds,  
our hearts, our wills, till in peace, each nation  
rings with thy praises, King of kings. Refrain

King most holy, King of truth, guard the lowly,  
guide the youth; Christ, thou King of glory bright,  
be to us eternal light. Refrain

Shepherd King, from mountains steep,  
homeward bring the wand’ring sheep; shelter in  
one royal fold states and nations, new and old. Refrain

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Tune: REX 77.77D; William Henry Grattan Flood 1859-1928

1st 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

Response: 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.)

2nd 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

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

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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I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,



and became man.

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,*

he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

**Communion Hymn** CWBII 507 v1,5,6,7

Refrain: *Christ, our God and brother, hear our humble plea;  
by this holy banquet keep us joined to thee.*

Humbly we adore thee,  
Christ, Redeemer, King;  
thou art Lord of heaven,  
thou to whom we sing.

Refrain

Thou who died to save us,  
live on as our light;  
through our eyes are blinded,  
yet our faith gives sight.

Refrain

Christ, do thou be merciful,  
Lamb for sinners slain;  
we in grief confess our guilt;  
cleanse our souls of stain.

Refrain

Make us one in loving thee,  
one in mind and heart;  
from this holy unity,  
let us not depart.

Refrain

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Music: ADORO TE DEVOTE 11.11.11.11; mode V  
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**Hymn after Communion/  
Recessional Hymn** CWBII 377 v1,2,5

Refrain: *Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Rejoice! the Lord is King;  
your Lord and King adore;  
let all give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:

Refrain

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he has purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:

Refrain

Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus the judge shall come,  
and take his servants up  
To their eternal home:

Refrain

Text: based on Philippians 4:4; Charles Wesley 1707-1788 alt  
Tune: DARWALL'S 148th 66.66.44.44; John Darwall 1731-1789

**ORDINATIONS OF PRIESTHOOD AND DIACONATE**

We congratulate those ordained as Priests this weekend

*Huy Nguyen*

*Vinh Do*

*An Le*

and those ordained as Deacons.

*Thomas Christie*

*Tien Tran*

*Peter (Ngoc) Nguyen*

We keep them in our prayers as they continue their journey  
serving God's church.

**Wedding Congratulations**

*Tessa Bruno & Jack Plowman*



**Mass Setting - 11.00am Missa Brevis in F-Haydn**  
**- 6.30pm Missa Secunda—Hassler**  
**Offertory - 11.00am Let All Mortal Flesh-Trad. arr.**  
**Alan Bullard**  
**- 6.30pm O Rex gloriae- Marenzio**  
**Communion Motet - 11.00am World Youth Day song**  
**- 6.30pm Sedebit Dominus Rex**  
**Organ Postlude - 6.30pm Fuge in C (BuxWV174)-**  
**Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)**

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

**Monday 21 November - The Presentation of the Blessed**  
**Virgin Mary (Memorial)**  
**Tuesday 22 November - St Cecilia (Memorial)**  
**Wednesday 23 November - St Columban, St Clement I**  
**Thursday 24 November - St Andrew Dung-Lac**  
**& Companions (Memorial)**  
**Friday 25 November - St Catherine of Alexandria**  
**Saturday 26 November - Blessed Virgin Mary**

**EXTRAORDINARY FORM LATIN MASS**

In the Sacred Heart Chapel at  
St Patrick's Cathedral  
every Wednesday at 5.30pm

**CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES**

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm (1.00pm live  
streamed - Link: [www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb))  
Saturday 8.00am and 6.00pm. (Vigil)  
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am , 11.00am and 6.30pm. (11.00am  
televised on C31. and live streamed on CAM)  
Link: [www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)  
Reconciliation will be held Monday to Friday at 1.30pm  
(After 1.00pm Mass) and on Saturday mornings at 8.30am  
(After the 8.00am Mass)

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

**We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our  
prayers.**

**We pray for all those who have died recently, and  
those whose anniversaries we remember at this time,  
especially Sara Catalina Valvanera Azue Farias.**

**May they and their families be comforted by the  
promise of Jesus that they will be with him.**

## Victorian State Election: 26 November 2022

The Bishops of Victoria have written to the Catholic community in Victoria to provide an election guide designed to help Catholics consider and navigate key issues of significance, particularly those related to the common good.

As the Bishops have written, it is important that we carefully and prayerfully discern who best deserves our vote this State Election. This discernment may be based on many considerations but our faith calls us to seek parties and individuals who will enact laws that advance the common good, protect the vulnerable and build a more just society where all Victorians can truly flourish.

The letter and election guide are also available online at: [www.melbournecatholic.org/stateelection2022](http://www.melbournecatholic.org/stateelection2022)

### Feast of Christ The King 2022

Sunday 20th November @ St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

The Combined Societies of Mary

2.00pm Prayers Mass

Procession & Mass

Most Reverend Bishop Bosco Puthur



RCIA is a "journey" designed for people who feel a call to know more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. You are most welcome to participate in the RCIA with your questions, your insights and your faith story.

Date: **Thursday 1st December, 7:30pm to 8:30pm**

Venue: *Cathedral Room, CKC, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne.*

For more information, please contact the Parish Office—9662 2233 or [Cathedral@cam.org.au](mailto:Cathedral@cam.org.au)



### HOLY HOUR HELD IN THE CATHEDRAL EVERY THURSDAY AT 6.30PM

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Friday at the conclusion of the 1.00pm Mass, in the Sacred Heart Chapel  
Exposition until 2.15pm.

## NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS—PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED THIS MONTH

A reminder that this month **November** is dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls, those who have gone before us marked with the signs of faith.

We remember in particular members of our family, friends and loved ones.

It is a good and Holy thing to do to pray for those who have died.

November offering envelopes are available at the back of the Cathedral.

*Eternal rest grant to them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.  
Amen.*



## Vinnies Vic Flood Appeal 2022

Vinnies is working to urgently help support families and businesses impacted by the Victorian floods. Any donations will help provide people with groceries and essential items including the supply of fresh sets of clothing to people who've fled their home; re-equip a home with appliances and bedding; and pay for a family's rent while their home is being repaired.

Contributions can be made by:

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.
3. making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods



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### St Patrick's Cathedral

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### SAFEGUARDING.

### Child Protection Officer:

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We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community. Commitment Statement display at the Cathedral's entrance & parish office.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>

### St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Group (SPYAG)

Come join us to reflect on the Question 'Why do we need the Church? We will discuss how being members of the Church is essential as being missionary disciples of Christ.

Date: **Wednesday 23 Nov, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Albert Room, CKC, 949 Albert St, East Melbourne.**

Join us for dinner after **6pm Vigil 26 Nov Mass**. We meet at the entrance of the Cathedral.

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