



CHRIST THE KING - YEAR B

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021

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The liturgical year always ends with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. The gospel reading for Year B is from John's gospel where the notion of God's kin-dom or reign or empire features only twice in contrast with its frequent appearance in the other gospels, especially Matthew. For readers in a Western society where democratic rule is valued and promoted, the whole notion of kingship or monarchy poses some difficulty. We need to put the exchange between Jesus and Pilate into the political context of Roman occupied Judaea of the first century.

Rome was the dominant global force at that time. It had the economic and military strength to maintain its power over the whole Mediterranean world. When Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world, he is not pitting planet Earth or the cosmos over against a purely spiritual world. He is referring rather to the world and values of the Roman Empire and the destructive values that are sometimes espoused by his followers. Jesus' way of being in the world stands in stark contrast with the expansionist and frequently destructive ways of Roman rule.

The term "world" is used in two different senses in John's gospel. It is used both literally and metaphorically. On the one hand, it is the world that came into being through the Word (1:10), the beautiful cosmos or world that "God so loved" (3:16). On the other hand, it is a "world" that rejected the light (1:10-11), a sinful world in need of the saving power of God (3:17).

Jesus, as king, does not claim the sort of over-bearing political, military or economic power that Pilate exercises on behalf of the Roman emperor. His authority has nothing to do with power over or domination of others. It is grounded in truth (1:17) or, in other words, in the revelation of God. Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life" (14:6) and his mission is to testify to the truth. The path to freedom and life lies in acceptance of the truth (8:32): "If you continue in my word, you...will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Truth is not a given: it must be sought in prayerful dialogue, in listening to earth's distress and, above all, in openness to the Spirit of God.

To celebrate this feast, then, is to move in the direction of peaceful solutions to the conflicts in our world and away from the paths of violence, domination and imperial expansionism. It is to seek the truth in dialogue and to respond to the plight of those who suffer the pain of hunger, of persecution and of loss. It is to rule as God rules and not as Rome ruled. It is to look again at how we inhabit our world and to change our ways for the sake of truth and life, the present and future life of our beleaguered planet.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY**

**Pope on Diocesan Youth Day:**

**'Arise, bear witness to Jesus with your lives'**

Pope Francis releases his message for the 2021 Diocesan World Youth Day, and calls on young Christians to courageously bear witness to Jesus Christ, in the footsteps of St. Paul. The 36th World Youth Day takes place on 21 November 2021 and will be celebrated in dioceses around the globe as the Church prepares for the 2023 WYD in Lisbon, Portugal.

Pope Francis released his [message for the 2021 Diocesan WYD](#) on Monday, under the theme: "Arise. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen" (Acts 26:16).

In the message, the Pope pointed to the important role that young people have to play in the world, especially as they have faced enormous setbacks and difficulties due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

He added, the experience of the pandemic has also revealed the virtues of young people, including our "inclination to solidarity."

For more information go to [www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com)

**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL FOR MASSES.**

We welcome back all parishioners to all regular masses at the Cathedral.

Adhering to Government regulations, all people wishing to attend Mass will need to be double vaccinated and use the QR Code provided on entry.

If you are not able to QR Code you can manually write your name, contact number and indication of vaccination. There are now no restrictions on the number of fully vaccinated people that can attend Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after Mass, Monday to Friday following 1pm Mass and Saturday following 8.00am Mass.

**MASS TIME TABLE**

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm

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)

Sunday 4.00pm Mass for the Unknown Vaccination Status  
(Strictly limit of only 50 can attend this Mass)

TODAY’S LITURGY—YEAR B

Entrance Hymn CWBII 400 v.1,2,3,4

Refrain: Angels, saints and nations sing :  
"Praise 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 the King of glory bright,  
be to us eternal light. Refrain:

Shepherd-king, o'er mountains steep  
homeward bring the wandering sheep;  
shelter in one royal fold  
states and kingdoms, new and old. Refrain:

Text: Patrick Brennan CSsR 1877-1952, ©Search Press; alt.  
Tune: REX 77,77D; William Henry Grattan Flood 1859-1928

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.

1st Reading Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and l  
languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal  
sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 92:1-2.5

Response: The Lord is king;  
he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself with might,  
he has girded himself with power. (R.)
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time. (R.)

2nd Reading Apocalypse 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’ says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9.10

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 John 18:33-37

‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ Pilate asked. Jesus replied, ‘Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?’ Pilate answered, ‘Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?’ Jesus replied, ‘Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.’ ‘So you are a king then?’ said Pilate. ‘It is you who say it’ answered Jesus. ‘Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.’

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 us give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:

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

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

Text: based on Philippians 4:4; Charles Wesley 1701-1788 alt.  
Tune:all 1731-1789 DARWALL’S 148th 66.66.44.44; John Darwall 1731-1789

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- Monday 22 November - St Cecilia (Memorial)
- Tuesday 23 November - St Columban and St Clement
- Wednesday 24 November - St Andrew Dung-Lac &  
Companions (Memorial)
- Thursday 25 November - St Catherine of Alexandria



### THE NICENE CREED

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, **(All bow)**  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man. **(Continue)**  
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.

### PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

#### TO THE FATHER

Heavenly Father, St Joseph set  
aside his own plans to embrace  
your dream for us.

You invited his help in caring  
for Jesus your Son, our  
Saviour, and the Revealer of  
your wonderful love.

Enable us to live by your loving  
plan and to reflect to the world  
the light of Christ.

St Joseph, man of dreams and trusting steward,  
pray for us .

Image: Saint Joseph and the Christ by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617–1682)



### MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

**Sunday 11.00am Mass**

**Organist:** Dion Henman

**Cantor:** Cathedral Schola  
Christ the King - Solemnity

Entrance Hymn	CWBII 400 v1,2,3,4 Hail, Redeemer, King divine
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 92(93) 1-2,5 CWBII 449 Gelineau Response: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty.
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b> Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father blessed is he who come in the name of Lord. <b>Alleluia!</b> CWBII 24d Bernard Kirkpatrick
The Lord's Prayer	CWB 14a & 15
Recessional / Communion Hymn	CWBII 377 v 1,2,5 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

### THE CATHEDRAL SHOP

Monday to Fridays: 9:30 am to 4:00pm,

Sundays: 8:30 am to 12:30pm

Saturdays : CLOSED

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### READER'S ROSTER

**Weekend Masses 27 & 28 November**

**Saturday 6.00pm**

- Sr Betty & Ashley D'Monte

**Sunday 8:00am**

- Peter August

**9:30am**

- Michael Hare & Florence Luk

**11:00am**

- Saba Rahet & Mayce Mirza

**6:30pm**

- Thandi Chindove & Maurine Phelan

## RED WEDNESDAY PRAYER VIGIL - Wednesday 24 November 2021, 7.30pm

An opportunity to gather and pray for our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering violence, persecution and death simply for professing their religious beliefs.

The Cathedral will join cathedrals, churches and public buildings around the world and light up in red to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Red Wednesday is a global initiative by pontifical charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, to draw attention to the plight of persecuted Christians and those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs.

Further information: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/red-wednesday-24-november-stand-up-for-persecuted-christians>

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (RELIGIOUS EXCEPTIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2021

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has written to all members of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Melbourne expressing grave concerns about the State Government's proposed new legislation, the Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Bill 2021.

In the letter, the Archbishop explained that the proposed changes will significantly impact all faith-based organisations in Victoria who will no longer be able to employ staff who hold the same religious beliefs and values unless they can prove that it is an "inherent requirement" of the job.

The Victorian Government is depicting this Bill as merely a protection against discrimination in religious settings, the Archbishop said. 'Sadly, however, this is a seriously far-reaching law that will limit faith-based organisations from managing employment matters according to their faith, conscience and values.

A copy of the Archbishop' Peter A Comensoli' s letter and information regarding this Bill can be found at the back of the Cathedral.

[www.melbournecatholic.org/religiousfreedom](http://www.melbournecatholic.org/religiousfreedom)

## NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is traditionally 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 Mass offering envelopes are available at the back of the Cathedral for anyone wishing to have a Mass offered for a loved one.

*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.*

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick and especially, Mila Rebina and for all who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all who have died recently, especially Joseph Tinh Bui, Dorothy Edwards, Sr Stella Gleeson and Charles Psaila and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Kate Vrhobec, Florence Welsh and Iris Allan.

May they be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom.

## Archbishop

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

## Dean of

**St Patrick's Cathedral**

Very Rev Werner Utri

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Rev. Alexander Chow

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Rev Zaher Mhanna

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## SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

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The Cathedral Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display at the entrance of the Cathedral and all Diocesan Policies are available on the website or at the parish office.

<https://www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements>

**EXTRAORDINARY FORM LATIN MASS AND HOLY HOUR HELD EACH WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL. ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**