

Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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SUNDAY MASS: 8am, 10am - CLOSED

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 10am-12pm - CLOSED

WEEKDAY MASS: 9am - Tuesday to Saturday - CLOSED

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**Christ The King
21 November 2021**

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

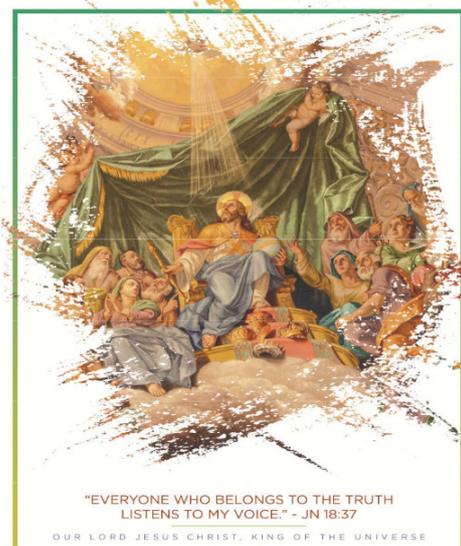
Psalm: 93

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



We come to the last Sunday of our Ordinary Time Year B, the end of Church's liturgical year, and the readings explain about the enthronement of the victorious of Christ as King in Heaven in all His glory. And in 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted this Feast of Christ, the King by proclaiming 'Pax Christi in regno Christi' means 'the Peace of Christ in the reign of Christ.

It refers to that we live in the peace of Christ when we totally surrender our lives to Christ everyday with accepting him as our God, Saviour and king and allow him to take over and rule our lives. So we ask why Christ is our King? Because he is God the creator of the universe and a supreme power of all things; because everything or all things were created through Him. Christ also our Redeemer, why because he purchased us by his own blood and made us his property and possession, He is the head of the Church.

On this great feast we celebrate today we rejoice in calling Christ our King. We owe him an allegiance we would not give to any other power on earth. Our lives are meant to bear witness to his kingdom. What kind of witnesses are we? And on this last Sunday of the church liturgical year, we think about the end and of judgement. Today celebration we put the title King to Christ, which stands for something true and real in Him. First of all it stands for his divinity. God is the Lord of all, the king of the universe, the One to whom all owe allegiance, the Ruler and Judge of all.

In the first reading from the book of Daniel, prophet Daniel foresees the coming of one who will have dominion over all peoples. Christians see this as a reference to Christ, the Universal King. It is about the coming of the son of man', a title for the future redeemer.



Be a **DOER!**

KARAWHUA

**Welcome - Malo e lelei - Bula Vinaka - Talofa lava - Mabuhay - Bienvenue
Nei hou ma - Anneunghaseyo - Ayu Bowan - Willkommen - Welkom
Haere mai! Nau mai! Whakatau mai!**

It is not clear that Jesus referred to himself as 'son of Man' in this apocalyptic sense, but the early Christians certainly did. Hence here the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation looks to Jesus' coming at the end of time, when he will take full possession of his kingdom that in today's second reading. Psalm 93 is an enthronement psalm which refer to the kingship of Yahweh, the reign exalted in the psalm is an eternal., everlasting domain.

God exercises God's reign through Jesus Christ from the time of Jesus' ascension into heaven. God's reign through Christ continues in 'his revelatory and redemptive work. In the second reading from the book of Revelation tells us that Christ will take full possession of his kingdom only at the end of time. And here we think of the end and of Judgement. John tells us how the risen Christ will come amid the clouds as the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last of all things. It also describes how Christ has become our king by freeing us from our sins by His own blood and by blessing all of us to be priests for His God and Father why because our king loves us. In today's Gospel Jesus declares to Pilate that he is indeed a King but his kingdom is not like the kingdom of this world. Pilate asks Jesus 'is he is the king of the Jews?' but Jesus says do as he asks this in his own accord or have other spoken to him about him? and Pilate says your people and the chief priests told him so, then Jesus says , '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 voices'.

The last Sunday of the liturgical year is a suitable time to celebrate the kingship of Christ for two reasons: Firstly, the end of the year anticipates the end of time, when 'the end of the year anticipates the end of time, when the kingdom of God will come in its fullness. Then the just will reign with Christ forever, glorified in body and soul, and the material universe itself will be transformed. God will be 'all in all', in eternal life (Catechism,1060). Secondly, the final Sunday reaches the climax of the gospels' gradual unveiling of the priesthood and kingship of Jesus. 'You anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son, with the oil of gladness, as the eternal priest and universal king'. In the course of his public ministry Jesus shunned any identification with earthly kingship but, in the final exchange with Pilate, he accepts that he is a king, though not of this world. Recognising the divinity and universal kingship of Jesus, we apply to him in our today's psalm which about God's majesty. Being one with the Father, he is enrobed in majesty, might and power. Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. His decrees are to be trusted, for they lead to a 'kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace'.

The Lord is king. What a joy it is to belong to Christ and his kingdom. To let our lives be ruled by his spirit, and in our own small way to work for the spread of his kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love and peace. One of the important thing to know that Christ was not come to establish a political sovereignty, but to bear witness to the truth of God's eternal and universal sovereignty and if we stand on the side of truth listen to his voice.

Let us surrender our lives daily in a way of giving all our priority to all Jesus taught in our daily choices especially making our moral decision and let us be a serving disciple as Jesus declare 'whoever would be first among you must be your slave as even the son of man came not to be serve but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many' (Matthew 20:27-28), Hence, as we accept Christ as our king who love all of us with unconditionally, sacrificially and totally with agape love.

Let us never forget, however, that the Father's love and mercy are at the heart of the Kingdom. Jesus did not tell us to fear the last day of our lives but only to be ready for it. Wish you all have a blessed feast day.

God Bless, Fr Aleki



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Announcements :

PLEASE SCAN in using QR CODE.

- Please visit the Parish Website "Family Life" page for all up to date information.
- The Church's WebApp also has all the latest information and Newsletters
- Please stay safe and well and more information about help with food and Covid19 support packages are noted on the next page.
- Please stay at home as this is the safest way to help us to stay safe and hopefully allow us to change our lockdown level but be sure you **GET your VACCINE** as this Delta is more dangerous than last years first lockdown.
- Daily reflections can be found on our Facebook and Fathers Facebook page.
- If you wish to contact me, don't hesitate to call Father on (09) 483 7919 (Presbytery).



IF YOU SEE COVID-19 MISINFORMATION

1 DON'T ENGAGE

If you reply, share, or quote misinformation, you help to spread it.

2 BLOCK THEM

If someone you don't know is sharing misinformation, block them.

3 MESSAGE PRIVATELY

If someone you know is sharing misinformation, message them privately and ask them not to.

4 REPORT

Report misinformation to platforms or group admins asking them to remove that content.

5 INSTEAD, SPREAD OFFICIAL ADVICE

Drown out fake news by sharing official scientific advice, as well as posts promoting good causes in tough times.

Online Events



A reminder that the diocese continues to provide broadcast Sunday Mass. It is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night (as per a Vigil Mass time) to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic. <https://bit.ly/3np6J9f> It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV 201.



Nominations for Tu Kahikatea Awards 2021 are now open. Do you know a young person aged 35 years or younger who has made an outstanding contribution to ministry for more than 3 years?

Nominate them for a Tu Kahikatea Award by visiting our website.

<https://bit.ly/3DzPpmZ>

Nominations close 15th December.



SCHOLARSHIP for STUDY at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Bishop Dunn, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for this scholarship. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2022. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Email: catheriner@cda.org.nz. The closing date for applications is **03 DECEMBER 2021**

WORLD YOUTH DAY



World Youth Day 2021 // Stand Up!

THIS Sunday 21/11, 7pm

Stand up and get excited for World Youth Day 2021! Bishop Patrick Dunn, Bishop Michael Gielen and the ACYM team invite you to join us on Facebook

Live to celebrate World Youth Day, as we live out this year's theme of "Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen."

<https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>



DAILY

Breaking Open the Gospel of the Day Members of the Diocesan Community proclaim the Gospel of the Day and reflect on its meaning in our lives



This is a time when the Domestic Church is so important. Visit the Family Life Page on our website where we have put together a number of resources for all. <https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/family-life/>



Update on the use of Vaccination Passes

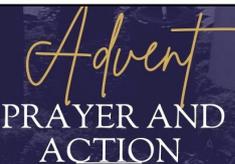
We will be moving to the traffic light system, on 1 Dec 2021.

The Diocese is now making preparations for the move to Covid RED (First level of the Traffic Light System) and the associated implications of Covid Vaccination Certificates.



The Traffic Light System is going to have different gathering limits for anyone using the Covid Vaccination Certificates as against those who don't.

The PPC is meeting this weekend to finalise how we at Maria Assumpta will be using the Covid Vaccination Certificates and this will be announced next week.



An Invitation:

In this season when we prepare with hope for the coming of Emmanuel – God with us all are invited to join a circle of prayer. Prayer for ourselves, our communities, the world. Each morning from the first **Sunday of Advent 28 November – Christmas Eve** at 8.30am on the diocesan Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/aucklandcatholic> advent prayer will be offered. Young people from our school communities, representatives from parish and ethnic communities, diocesan staff will lead us prayer. We the diocese gathering to pause and pray together. Then at 10.30 am [1-24 December] same place we will upload an Advent Calendar. Please join us.



St Vincent de Paul is continuing to provide support contactlessly during the level 3. If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact either Chris (020 4139 5170) or Charles (022 0242 753)



Zoom Parish Meeting after 2pm Shine TV Mass

Beate Matthes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Maria Assumpta Whakawhanaungatanga

Time: Nov 21, 2021 03:00 PM Auckland, Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/2VfBamy>

Meeting ID: 871 6595 9105

Passcode: 473340



GLORY TO GOD

Tony Alonso

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, on earth peace to people of good will.*

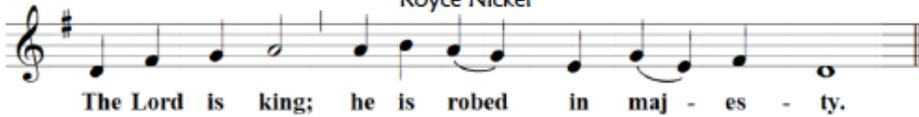
*Verse 1: We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly king,
O God almighty Father. (Refrain)*

Verse 2: Cantor/Choir

*Verse 3: For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father.*

PSALM 93 - THE LORD IS KING

Royce Nickel



The Lord is king, in splendour robed;
robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.

And he has made the world firm, not to be moved.
Your throne stands firm for of old; from everlasting you are, O Lord.

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed;
holiness befits your house, O Lord, for length of days

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CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

Trans: John Mason Neale Music: Henry Purcell Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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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 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.



The church does not close,
only the building. Because we
are the church, the living
body of our Lord Jesus
and we are everywhere.



Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.