



23rd / 24th November 2024

The Solemnity of Christ the King

Our Parish Churches

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St Patrick's Church

82 William St, Howard

Mass Centre

St Peter the Fisherman

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Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

The solemnity of Christ the King marks the end of the Church's Season of ordinary time, and the entire liturgical calendar year B. Today, we acknowledge and adore Christ as the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the beginning and the end. This feast was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. It was established to counteract the secularism of the time. Secularism in this context, is a way of life that upholds human thinking and denies the existence of God. For some secularists, the human person is more important than God. Human beings are free to live and organize their lives without reference to God. Hence, the feast of Christ the King is established to proclaim and reaffirm the reign of Christ as God over and above any human authority, family, society or nation.

Therefore, the feast celebrates the fact that, "all power belongs to Jesus." All earthly powers are inferior to the power of Jesus. He is above all things, and everything is created through him and for him. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bend to the glory of God the Father. Every authority in heaven, on earth, and under the earth are subject to him. He holds the keys to life and death. His Kingship extends beyond space and time forever. His kingdom is adorned with justice, peace, love and joy. He is the image of the invisible God! "To him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen" (Rev. 1:5-8). What a mighty God we have!

In contrast to the earthly rulers who oppress their subjects and introduce the reign of darkness, Christ the King establishes his kingdom of light that illumines every dark corner of the universe. While the earthly rulers barricade themselves with iron gates and burglary proof, Christ the King does not hide himself. He rather beckons on everyone, "come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest." While earthly rulers wear golden crowns, golden rings and ride on horses, Christ the king rode on a colt and wore crown of thorns. In this way he comes to the level of the poor, the oppressed and the needy.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall also that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (Jn 17: 6- 18), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again, we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 25th November to 1st December 2024

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass
 Wednesday 5.30pm Mass
 Thursday 8am Mass
 Friday 8am Mass
 Saturday 8am Mass
 6pm Vigil
 Sunday 7am Mass
 9am Mass

St Patrick's Church Howard

Mass: 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month @ 4pm

St Peter the Fisherman Burrum Heads

Mass: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month @ 4pm



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Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Saturdays @ 5pm or by appointment

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

The Solemnity of Christ the King

1st Reading: Prophet Daniel 7:13-14

2nd Reading: Book of Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Brackowski, June Bearsley, Gerard Clinch, Marilyn Cotis, Martin Curtis, Bernie Gick, Carmen Hoolihan, Keith & Angela Mawer, Nina Mironov, Marilyn Monsour Tom Mullen, Dot Phillips, Marivic Quiobe, Elaine Sanders, Gerry Sharpe, Jo Shorrocks, Pam Truscott, Len van Buren, Petrus Van Lierop John Wilson.

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ANNIVERSARY: Hazel Berecny, Charles Boston, Jennie Carthew, Kevin Panzram

WE CELEBRATE:

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY:

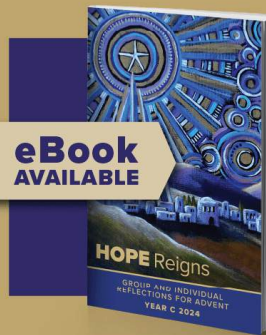
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This Sunday 24/11 hosted by The Bikkie Bunch.

GROUPS	Meeting:	Time	Place
Legion of Mary	<i>Mondays</i>	8.45am	Sr Scholly Hall
St Vincent de Paul	<i>Monday 16th December</i>	3pm	Sr Scholly Hall
Ministry of Consolation	<i>1st Tuesday of each month</i>	2pm	Sr Scholly Hall
Parish Craft Group	<i>1st Wednesday of each month</i>	9am	John Paul Centre
Charismatic Praise & Worship	TBA		
Cenacle "Divine Mercy"	<i>Thursdays</i>	9am	Sr Scholly Hall
Mother Mary's Playgroup	TBA		
Cenacle of Prayer <i>(Immaculate of Mary)</i>	<i>Fridays</i> <i>(No meeting on the 1st Friday of the month)</i>	8.30am	MacKillop Library
El Shaddai	<i>Saturdays</i>	1pm	John Paul Centre
Health Care with Christ	<i>4th Sunday of the month</i>	10.30am	Sr Scholly Hall
Kids Club - grades 1-8	<i>Sunday 24th November</i>	10.30am	Sr Scholly Hall

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United Nations International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

Monday, December 2 is the United Nations' **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery**.

It is a day for us as an Archdiocese to acknowledge and reflect on past mistakes and commit ourselves to working collaboratively to create change within our community. Together, in line with Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* and Sustainable Development Goal, we pledge to eliminate modern slavery by 2030.

To read the 2023 Modern Slavery Statement and learn more about the Archdiocese of Brisbane's Modern Slavery Plan, visit this link: <https://shorturl.at/vQQYi>



HOW OUR CHURCH IS CHANGING, 1964-2024: FROM VATICAN II TO THE SYNOD

What will be the washup now for the Church after the final session of the Vatican Synod on Synodality? What might change for us? Have other Christian Churches taken an interest in it? Will it have any implications for our relations with these Churches? Join the talk on:

Date: Tuesday, 10 December

Time: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Venue: St Ignatius Church

30 Kesington Terrace, Toowong.

Or, **participate online on YouTube (free!)**

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Key Speaker: Bishop Shane MacKinlay (Theologian) & Margaret Naylor (Leading Ecumenist)

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PARISH MORNING TEA

Please join us for morning tea at the **RSL** at table 89 on **Thursday 28th November at 9.30 am**.

Parishioners, newcomers and visitors are welcome.



“When once men recognise, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony.” – Pope Pius XI

When does the Liturgical Year end?

ANSWER:

The Liturgical Year (this year being Year B) ends on **the feast of Christ the King**. The new year (Year C) will begin on the First Sunday of Advent, a season of anticipating Christ's coming.

STAY HYDRATED! As we move into summer, we ask you to please feel free to bring a water bottle with you to Church to keep hydrated. We also ask that no food be brought into the church.

Sign up to flocknote | Have you signed up yet?

We are gradually transitioning to Flocknote for parish communication. This means that once the transition is complete, you will receive notices, information, reminders etc. through Flocknote. Therefore, it is important to sign up to Flocknote to enable the parish to reach out to you. Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the link: herveybayparish.flocknote.com/register or the QR code on the right to sign up and register with the parish. If you need help, feel free to speak with the Parish office.



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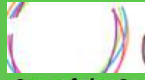
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