

Reflection for Christ the King

This week is the last Sunday of the church year, and it all starts again with the beginning of Advent next week. This week we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In the big picture of things, this is a relatively recent festival, established by Pope [Pius XI](#) in 1925. Think about that time; seven years after peace was declared at the end of WWI and 14 years before WWII. The scars of destruction caused by warring Kings and Princes were still raw, and toxic Nationalism was gaining strength across Europe. The festival of Christ the King reminded them, and us now, that despite what leaders of countries may think, the only true King of the world is Jesus Christ, in all his humility and love.

I wonder if we should send a reminder of that fact to the freshly elected leader of this state – whoever that may be?

In our own parish today, we are choosing who will form our parish council. Ten men and women prayerfully listened to God and offered themselves in service to God through the Parish Council. Our councils are traditionally made up of three wardens and six councillors, which means that we have been blessed by one too many people, and that we shall have to hold an election. One person will miss out from having a seat at the table, but that one person will have the confidence of knowing that they were part of the process, of God's big plan. Please recognise how courageous each one of these candidates has been.

Our occasional Advent Book Club started this week, and we found a gem of a prayer as we flicked through the pages of the various books of daily Advent readings. We were reminded how we humans over-analyse things – whether it be politics, theology, the Incarnation or the organisation of church life – and how we need to be reminded that our God wants us to be joyful in our faith, not full of anxiety or worry about “getting it right”. So this is our prayer for today; that we may enter into our Annual Meeting, dancing the steps of a new and yet ancient dance with our God who loves us, just as we are.

Prayer

We could spend this season talking, debating, analysing what exactly happened when and where and how; or we could take your hand, joyful God, and learn the dance steps of grace and joy you long to teach us.

Amen

The Lord be with you and those for whom you pray.

Elizabeth

Pew Sheet: Material for inclusion in Pew Sheets should be given to Alf by Wednesday evening.



Shining Christ's Light on the Peninsula

*Welcome
to
Worship in Our Parish*

November 25th 2018

Christ the King

Also Last Sunday after Pentecost

Normal Service Times

Sundays

8:00 am St Mark's Leopold & St Paul's Whittington
10:00 am St Mark's Leopold & St Barnabas' Newcomb

Wednesday - 10:00 am

1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ St Barnabas'
2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ St Mark's
5th Wednesday @ St Paul's

Morning Prayer @ St Barnabas' - 9 am

Mon - Tue - Wed - Fri - Sat

Parish Identity

BGAP : A community who loves God and everyone else.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to enable individuals to recognize and carry out their ministries as Christians. Through this, we strive to become a model company of faithful people who both honour their varied traditions and actively share in building the family of Christ.

MINISTRY TEAM

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Direct payments donation account: BSB 703 122 A/c #0500 4734 (identify recipient)

Today's Readings

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Next Week's Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-38

Parish Prayer

'Lord you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Guide us in our worship and life together: transform us into whatever you would have us do. Help us to be deeply connected with the world around us and strengthen us to proclaim the good news in word and deed in this community, for the glory and for the growth of your kingdom.. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Prayers for Healing: Please pray for the healing of body, mind and spirit of the following people who are on our hearts: Enid Hughes, Murray Sheryl & family, Jack & Ria Humphrey, Alan, Matthew R, Joel, Colin, Pat, Val & John, Des M, Ann, Barbara S, Pam, Barb, Cassie & family.

(We would like to keep this list current so we need to know how your loved ones are faring. Please let us know. If you have any names, please let Alf know but only after obtaining permission from the person involved.)



Known Happy Birthday: Wally Krafft 25th, Carleen Hutchings 26th

Known Happy Anniversaries: Ted & Ellen Freeman 28th

Silent Auction Results: Shirley Fry was the successful bidder for the Patrick Dangerfield 2015 Brownlow Medal print.

Monday Crafternoon Tea @ St Barnabas' has started. Last Monday there were some ladies sitting around a table doing some crafty things or just chatting. Paint, sew, crochet, whatever, or simply come for a spot of company. And some afternoon tea. So come along; Mondays 2-4 pm



Advent Book Club has also started. It happens on Thursdays at 10.30am at 48 Watsons Rd, There are many daily reflections on offer for the season of Advent. Rev'd Elizabeth will bring along a selection of her library - about 6 or 7 books, some of which are electronic, with multiple copies permitted - and we can join in a season of discovery, meeting for 1 hour each week to share the joys and discoveries of diverse, short reflective readings during Advent.



Welcome to our Combined Service today, during which we we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. We hope you find your time worshipping God enjoyable and enriching.

For your diary:

Mondays	Crafternoon Tea @ St Barnabas', 2-4 pm
Thursdays	Advent Book Club @ 48 Watsons Road, 10.30 am
Monday Nov. 26 th	Christmas Selfie Stable meeting, 2 pm., details below
Monday Nov. 26 th	Evening Fellowship film night, 7.00 pm
Tuesday Nov. 27 th	Lumen Christi Luncheon, Club Italia, midday
Saturday Dec. 1 st	Men's Breakfast @ Leopold U.C., details below

Annual Meeting: At the conclusion of the church service, stretch your legs, get a cup of tea/coffee, biscuit or do what ever you have to do, then return to the church for the meeting.



Christmas Selfie Stable: We now have some volunteers who have indicated that they are planning to join in the Christmas fun, and all are welcome to come along to the meeting in preparation for the activity in Market Square December 10th – 21st. The meeting for interested volunteers will be at Wesley Church on Monday November 26th at 2pm. It will be a fun way to share the joy of Christmas with our fellow citizens. we now have some volunteers who have indicated that they are planning to join in the Christmas fun, and all are welcome to come along to the meeting in preparation for the activity in Market Square in mid December.

Christmas Cards: Christmas cards, Christian and secular, are now available from Pearly Gates. Details from Jeanette 5250 2082

Thank you to everyone who has brought along something to share for the pot luck post Annual Meeting lunch.

Thank you to the band of volunteers who assisted with the Nation wide "Democracy Sausage Sizzle" at St Paul's on Saturday.

Congratulations to all the candidates in our own small scale election for being courageous in their service to this parish. Don't worry if you don't gain a place on parish council, we will have plenty of other ways that your enthusiasm for this parish can be put to good (and God's) purpose!

Men's Breakfast: The next breakfast is on December 1st at Leopold Uniting Church. The theme: Souvenirs – What are they? Are they animal, vegetable or mineral? Several men are bringing along something to show and tell. Christmas carol sing along. Donation \$3 Any enquiries contact Alf 5250 2082

'Love one another and you will be happy.'

It's as simple and difficult as that.

There is no other way.

Amen

(A Common Prayer by Leunig)

Report on Parish Council Meeting
November 15th at St Barnabas'

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