

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.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 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 18:33-37

from the holy Gospel according to John

'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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel thoughts

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

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34th Sunday (Year B) - Christ the King

22 November 2009

First Reading 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

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 languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 92

R/ 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.

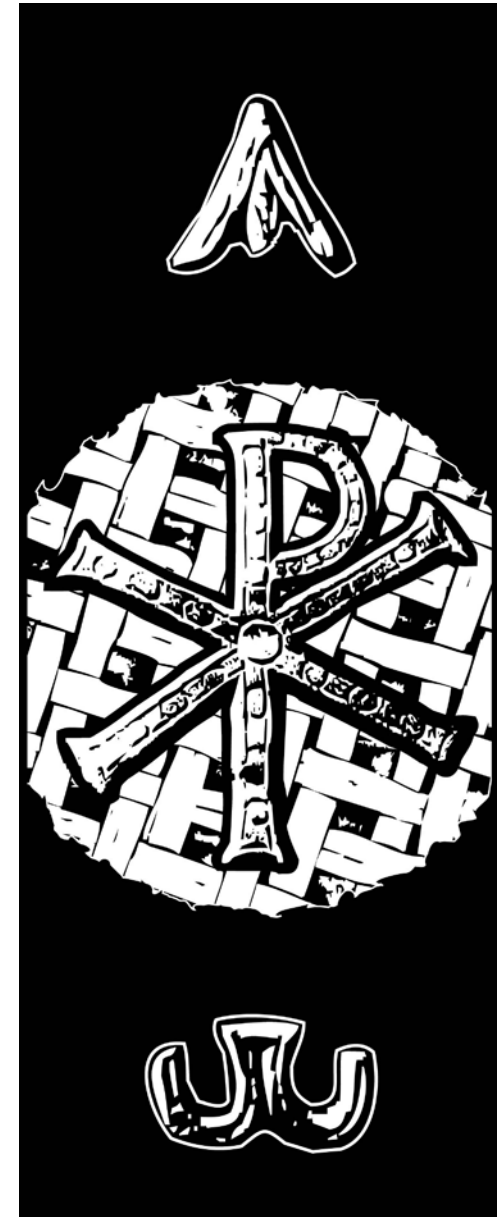
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

Second Reading 1:5-8

A reading from the book of Revelation

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



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The Feast of Christ the King 22 November 2009

Sunday Masses:

NOWRA 6pm Vigil; 8am, 9.30am & 6pm
BERRY 8.00am
BOMADERRY 9.30am
CULBURRA 6pm Vigil
VINCENTIA 6pm Vigil, & 9.30am
KANGAROO VALLEY 11.00am

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

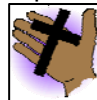
Nowra: Mon 7.a.m./Tues/Wed/Thurs 8.15am
 Friday 7.00am and 11.30am; Sat 9.00am
Holy Hour: Fri 10.30am
Berry: Tues: 5.30pm; **Culburra:** Thurs 5.30pm
Bomaderry: 1st Friday of the month only...5.45pm
Vincentia: Mon/Thurs/Fri 8am, Tues/Wed 5.30pm
Shoalhaven Heads: Fri 3.30pm Community Centre
Kangaroo Valley: Mon/ Tues/Thurs/Sat 8.00am; Wed 6.15am. Divine Office is chanted 15 mins prior to Mass. No Mass on Fridays.

Sacrament of Confession ~ Reconciliation

Nowra: Sat 11.30-12.30pm & 5.00 – 5.30pm
Culburra Beach: Sat 5.30pm. **Berry:** Tues 6.00pm
K.Valley: Sat 4.30 – 5⁰⁰pm **Vincentia:** Sat: 5⁰⁰ - 5³⁰pm

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER: –

Margaret Fallowfield – Sydney (sister of Greg Troy); also **Luigi Pozzar, Freda Hartman, Frank Hall, Marion Harber**, and the deceased members of the **Gernyi, Balazs and Greenaway families** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in eternal peace.



THE NOWRA BRANCH OF CWL will be holding an Ecumenical Evening in St Michael's Hall on 27 Nov at 7.30pm – Coffee and dessert. All are welcome.

THE CULBURRA FAMILY GROUP Nov function will be on Sun 29th. Please meet at the boat ramp/pontoon at Orient Point at 11.30 am for a shared lunch followed by fishing. Paul and Marg Casey

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Auxiliary will be holding their annual Christmas Raffle – tickets available from this weekend. Any donations would be gratefully received.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

- **CHRISTMAS BOOKSTALLS** – It's that time of year again!
 - **Vincentia** – 21/22 November
 - **Nowra** – 28/29 November
 - **Bomaderry** – 12/13 December
- There should be something for everyone – good Christmas gifts, devotional, etc.
- **THANKYOU BBQ** – to be held at City Farm on 12 Dec – all volunteers are invited to lunch. Please rsvp to Peter Delaney 4422 1129 or Mary Dunn 4421 0717.
 - **FOLLOWING THE OPENING** of our new store in Nowra, Vinnies are seeking new volunteers. If you have some spare time to join a great group of people working to assist those in need please call 4421 7244 or drop into the centre for a **volunteer application pack**. Positions include cashier, merchandising, sorting, driving, off-siding.
 - **HARRIS SCARFE in Junction St** is offering a donation to the Society for every item wrapped by a volunteer during the period 17/24 Dec. We are looking for people to assist them. If you have a little time please contact Mary 4421 0717 or Peter 4421 1129
 - **COLUMBAN CALENDARS and Christmas Cards** (\$6 pack of 10) are now available.



TAIZE PRAYER NIGHT will be held at St Michael's Church on Friday 4 December. A wonderful opportunity for spiritual preparation for Advent and Christmas.



BAY & BASIN CWL will be holding a Christmas stall after Mass on 5 & 6 Dec - proceeds to go to the Srs of Charity for drought stricken Darling Downs farmers. There will be raffles – Christmas basket and Goldflocks and the 3 bears. **Bring your money with you!**

ADVENT PROGRAM – the Diocesan program “**The Lord is Near**” is available this weekend – full colour featuring reflections on the 4 Sundays of Advent, a personal examination of conscience leading into 2010. Cost \$1 ea.

- **ALSO “The Little Blue Book”** is available at Nowra, Vincentia and Berry for \$4.00 a copy paid to St Vincent de Paul Society. If anyone else wants a copy please ring Robbie at the office.

CATECHIST NEWS: Catechists' end of Year Mass will be celebrated on Monday Nov. 23rd. at 9.30.a.m... Catechists from all regions of the parish are of course cordially invited. The Mass will be followed by morning Tea in the Parish Centre. Parishioners are also very welcome to this Mass.
Catechists please return all resources and any teachers' manuals you will not need in 2010.

St Michael's School new Principal has just been announced: Mr Paul Croker currently the Principal at Holy Family School at Gowrie ACT. We wish Paul and the school community under his leadership every blessing. Mr Croker will visit St Michael's School in approximately one week's time.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bob and Eithne Wood who celebrate their 59th Wedding Anniversary on the 25 November.

A CHRISTMAS 'THANK YOU' LUNCHEON will be held for volunteers and families of those with special needs on Wed 2 Dec in the Parish Centre from 12.00 to 1.30pm. Feel free to drop in for part of the meeting if you are short on time. Please rsvp for catering purposes to Sr Jeanie 4654 8709 or jeanieh@materdei.org.au

END OF THE YEAR PARTY – 1st Saturday Marian Group will be holding their Christmas party at the Postman's Tavern on Sun 29 Nov at 12.30pm (**please note change of time**). Cost \$12 or \$18 with dessert. Ring Jo 4422 4883 or Anna 4447 0382 to book by 28 November.

POSITION VACANT – Bishop Peter invites applications for the position of Coordinator of Parish Services, Diocese of W'gong – duties will commence 1 Feb 2010. The coordinator will be a member of the Parish Services Team which seeks to effectively serve the needs of parishes. An inform. package can be obtained by email jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au or ph 42530900. **Applications close Friday 11 December.**

Advent begins on Sunday next November 29th. (Cycle C for Sundays; 2 for weekdays.)