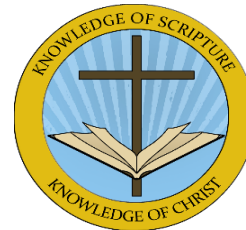


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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YR A- 22nd November

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FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 22:1-3,5-6.R.v.1*

**R: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **R**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**

SECOND READING *St. Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty,

authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Mk 11:9, 10*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Matthew 25:31-46*

Jesus said to His disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in His glory, escorted by all the angels, then He will take His seat on His throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before Him and He will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on His right hand and the goats on His left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome, naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next He will say to those on His left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then He will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Father's message

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

"I shall keep my sheep in view." (Ezekiel 34:12).

Jesus, our King, is our Shepherd. He lays down his life for his sheep. I take comfort from this assurance: **Jesus, my king, keeps me in view.** His loving gaze never leaves me. I am safe. He cares for me; he seeks me out.

How does Jesus keep me in view, how does he care for me?

"In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40).

He cares for me by ensuring that others are on my path, who carry a gift I need at this moment. He cares for my brothers and sisters by ensuring that I am there when they need the gifts, he entrusted to me.

He made us custodians of creation. A task given to no other creature. **"Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9)**

The Kingdom of Jesus exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every parish where people support one another and reach out to the needy with their gifts - as many of us do - see **our companion disciples, Called and Gifted, neighbourhood connections.** Each one of us, with our gifts, are the eyes, the hands, the feet of Christ the King. He keeps all of us in view - directly, and through each one of us.

Christ reigns as a king through us.

I need to welcome the care Jesus gives me through others, and let Him use my gifts to care for others.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2020

29 November - 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

16 – 24 December Missa do Galo at 5.30 am (Portuguese Tradition Mass)

21-23 December, 6.00pm – 8.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Church

Thursday 24 December, 6.00 pm – Family Mass on the School Oval (Please bring your own chairs and blankets)

Thursday 24 December, 8.00pm - Christmas Mass preceded by carols played at 7.30pm

Thursday 24 December, Midnight - Christmas Mass preceded by carols played at 11.30pm

Friday 25 December, 8.00am - Christmas Mass

Friday 25 December, 10.00am - Christmas Mass

NO 6.00 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday 28 December, 7.00am and 09.00am – Feast of Holy Innocents (Blessing of children after 9.00am Mass)

Thursday 31 December, 11.00pm - Thanksgiving Holy Hour

Thursday 31 December, 12.00 midnight - New Year's Eve Mass

WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday to Friday - 7am and 9am
Saturday - 9am

Religious Co-ordinator

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WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 6pm Vigil

Sunday - 8am, 10am and
6pm (Youth Mass)

Safeguarding Officers

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RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 10.00 – 11.00am and
5pm -5.30pm
Or on Request at any time

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Wednesday & Friday 9am to 2.30pm
Thursdays 9am to 12pm

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON HELL

1033 We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbour or against ourselves: "He who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are his brethren. To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell."

1034 Jesus often speaks of "Gehenna" of "the unquenchable fire" reserved for those who to the end of their lives refuse to believe and be converted, where both soul and body can be lost. Jesus solemnly proclaims that he "will send his angels, and they will gather . . . all evil doers, and throw them into the furnace of fire," and that he will pronounce the condemnation: "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire!"

1035 The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, "eternal fire." The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.

1036 The affirmations of Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church on the subject of hell are a call to the responsibility incumbent upon man to make use of his freedom in view of his eternal destiny. They are at the same time an urgent call to conversion: "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few." Since we know neither the day nor the hour, we should follow the advice of the Lord and watch constantly so that, when the single course of our earthly life is completed, we may merit to enter with him into the marriage feast and be numbered among the blessed, and not, like the wicked and slothful servants, be ordered to depart into the eternal fire, into the outer darkness where "men will weep and gnash their teeth."

1037 God predestines no one to go to hell; for this, a wilful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it until the end. In the Eucharistic liturgy and in the daily prayers of her faithful, the Church implores the mercy of God, who does not want "any to perish, but all to come to repentance": Father, accept this offering from your whole family. Grant us your peace in this life, save us from final damnation, and count us among those you have chosen.

CALLED AND GIFTED - A GIFT DISCERNMENT PROGRAMME

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Rockingham

Open to all people over 21 years. Thursdays, 6.30pm - 9.00pm.

Initial Discernment	Gift Interviews	Discernment in Depth
Jan 7	Three weeks' time	Feb 25
Jan 14	No group sessions	Mar 4
Jan 21		Mar 11
Jan 28		Mar 18
Feb 4		Mar 25

We need to know who wants to commit by 6th December, as we need to get enough materials for all. The cost of the materials will be \$50.00 per person. **Please contact Fr. Vijay D'Souza, CRS 9418 1229 or email johnson.dsouza@perthcatholic.org.au**

More details about the course can be found at <https://siena.org/called-gifted>

Margaret Fane – Art Exhibition and Raffle *(All proceeds will be donated to The Orphanage in India)*

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th November and Sunday 6th December after Mass tickets can be purchased in the Church foyer
For more information please see the notice board.

Feast Day of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Mass, Novena & Benediction Friday 27th November 6.00pm with Fr Ted Miller

RENEWAL PROGRAMS

If in the past you have participated in, been involved with, or have helped to facilitate a **Life in the Spirit Seminar**, an **Alpha Course**, a **Cursillo weekend**, or any other **program of renewal**, the Chair of our Parish Pastoral Council, James Parker, would like to hear from you **before Tuesday 08 December**. You can let Jame's know via text or call on **0452 012 091**, or leave your name on the list in the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Matilda De Santos, Sister Renee Quadros, Salvatore Lazzara, Alessio De Souza, John Alvarez, Marina & Rita Papalia, Sid Gaspar, Lucia Merenda, Madeleine Lombardo, Maria Fernandez.

(Please advise the parish office if any of these names need to be removed.)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 21/11/20	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Maria De Ceglie Soul of Beatrice De Tullio	Wed 25/11/20	7am Holy Souls in purgatory 9am Int. of Freitas & Yukos families Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (x Geralton)
Sun 22/11/20	8am	Soul of Alvaro De Freitas Soul of Jerry Abreu Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (x Geralton)	Thur 26/11/20	7am Soul of Fr Augustine Trong Holy Souls in purgatory 9am Soul of Josefina Beatriz- De Jesus Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (x Geralton)
	10am	Soul of Angelo Silvestri		
	6pm	Soul of Sandra De Faria	Fri 27/11/20	7am Holy Souls in purgatory 9am Souls of Kathleen & Frank Thaxton
Mon 23/11/20	7am	Souls of Frank & Kathleen Thaxton Soul of Frank Crosby		
	9am	Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (x Geralton) Int. for the suffering souls B'Day Int. Amy Flanagan		
Tues 24/11/20	7am	Souls of George & Ilario De Oliveira Holy Souls in purgatory	Sat 28/11/20	9am
	9am	Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (x Geralton)		

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