



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

CHRIST THE KING - Year B

CELEBRATING JESUS CHRIST OUR KING

When we think of a king, we tend to think of a throne, a crown, a palace, robes, great wealth, power and prestige, armed forces guarding and protecting him, and people bowing and kneeling before him.

But when we think of Jesus, what do we see? He has no throne, crown, robes, palace, or soldiers. We see him walking the dusty roads of Palestine with a little band of disciples. He is surrounded by the poor and the sick, by sinners, outcasts, rejects, the 'battlers' and the broken. In short, he is surrounded by the kind of people who would never get inside the gates of a palace today, let alone talk to a king or queen.

Jesus, then, is not that kind of king, and yet we don't hesitate to say of him now that 'Jesus is Lord', to call him the 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords', and to acknowledge that he is 'the king of the whole world' and 'the Lord of all'.

But even before God the Father raised him from the dead and crowned him with glory and honour and a place at his right hand, Jesus was already a king, as he admitted to Pilate in our gospel today. In the darkness of his own time and world, he was an endless source of light, goodness, and hope. He was what we might call today 'a people person'. Just by being the kind of person he was, people were attracted to him. They sensed that he spoke and acted with authority, that he was a man of influence, and that he could make things happen for the better. Over and over again, his kind and generous heart went out to the poorest, most vulnerable and wounded people of his day. So much so, that whenever he saw a wrong, there and then he wanted to right it.

He was a leader all right, consistently courageous and compassionate. He was so great a leader that to this day, he remains our inspiration. He is still your king and mine.

Contrast the leadership of Jesus to that of some of the rulers of our days. Think of such tyrants as Saddam Hussein, Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, and Robert Mugabe. One of the features of their iron control has been their 'cult of personality'. They idolise themselves. They put themselves on pedestals. Everywhere they put around pictures or statues of themselves, pictures and statues that turn them into idols. But in the eyes of their people, those idols stand for oppression, cruelty, and terror. So when eventually their evil regimes collapse, the first thing people do is pull down those idols and smash them to the ground in pieces.

In the years when Communism was collapsing in Europe, Time magazine published a touching picture, taken in the Ukraine, formerly a Russian satellite state. It showed a group of people gathered in prayer around a simple altar in a public place. Standing on the altar was a bust of Jesus. Time's picture of that statue said it all. The idols have been toppled, and Jesus the Messiah-King is back in his rightful place.

What a contrast between his rule and the rule of the idols! The idols command; Jesus invites. The idols rule through fear; Jesus rules through love. The idols bring oppression and death; Jesus brings freedom and life. No wonder we give him an allegiance and a loyalty which we would never give to any other person or institution on earth!

The Kingdom of Christ is made up of all those things we long for – all that is right and true, all that is beautiful, just, and good. Our Preface for the feast today calls it 'a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace'.

Christ our King doesn't need or want soldiers and tanks. But he does need witnesses, people who are ready to stand up for justice, truth, peace, kindness, compassion and care. Both out there and within ourselves, one big struggle still goes on between

The kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light, between the kingdom of lies and the kingdom of truth; between the kingdom of evil and the kingdom of justice between the kingdom of malice and nastiness, and the kingdom of love—acceptance and respect, of love and care.

*On which side are we? Where do we stand?
To whom do we belong? To whom are we bound?
Who has our lasting loyalty and allegiance?*

You and I know our answer to that. So, today, let us renew our loyalty and allegiance to Jesus, our King, and the King of the Whole Wide World!

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COMMITTEES/VOLUNTEERS
“THANK YOU” GATHERING
TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER at
7.00pm: SHRUBLAND HALL

The Parish Team invites you all to a social get-together, chat, eat, drink— **and no work** - as we say “Thank you” for all your hard work during the past year!

Parish Team

Sr Elena CP will be away from the Parish next week on retreat, returning on Saturday 1 December.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women: 25 November 2018

“Orange the World: #Hear Me Too”

Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations in the world today and remains largely unreported due to the impunity, silence, stigma and shame surrounding it. While gender-based violence can happen to anyone, some women & girls are especially vulnerable—young girls, older women, migrants & refugees, ethnic minorities, those living with disabilities, and more. Violence against women continues to be an obstacle to achieving equality, development, peace, as well as to the fulfilment of women and girls’ human rights. Throughout the world, in this period of Activism, including White Ribbon Day last Friday and culminating on 10 December 2018, International Human Rights Day, we are encouraged to wear a touch of orange, symbolizing a brighter future and a world free from violence, and to continue to especially keep this goal in our prayers.

St Brigid’s Piety Store

Now Available: Christmas Cards (PK of 10): \$6.00
Columban Calendars: \$9.00 (ALL proceeds to work of St Vincent de Paul Society).
Weather Statues as well as statues of Baby Jesus and a wider range of Baptism candles.

Safeguarding Training: November 2018

NEXT Session: *NEXT* Tuesday 27 November at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

November Prayer Vigil

The last of our November Prayer Vigils— *for the loss of missing loved ones*— will take place **NEXT** Friday, 30 November, in the Church at 7.00pm.

St Brigid’s Primary School

“Celebration of Cultures”

You, Me, Everybody, Technology!

NEXT Friday 30 November from 4.30pm

This is the major fund-raiser for the school each year - stock up from stalls laden with delicious food for a cooking-free weekend! Also Prize Wheel; Games, Raffle; Kids’ Stall; Performances. **ALL WELCOME!**

NO PARKING IN
DRIVEWAY BEHIND
CHURCH

It is the emergency access for the Passionist Monastery and **MUST** be kept clear at **ALL** times .

“Come and See” Passionist Discernment Week
From December 3-9 2018, the Passionist will be running a Discernment Week at their student house in Melbourne. This will be a time to experience Passionist Community life in a real way—live, pray, eat, discuss together. For further information contact Br Luke Bulley CP at: lbulley@icloud.com

Red Wednesday Mass and

Interfaith Gathering—28 November 2018

As part of an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need, Mass will be celebrated at 5.30pm at St Mary’s Cathedral in support of those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their peacefully held religious beliefs. This will be followed by an interfaith gathering in the Crypt attended by Archbishop Fisher OP and leaders from other faith groups. The evening will conclude with St Mary’s Cathedral façade being floodlit in red light. Details: www.redwednesday.org

“Choral Christmas Celebration Concert”

Friday 14 December 2018 at St Mary’s Cathedral. Two sessions at 11am and 7.00pm: tickets from \$20.00. www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
Safeguarding Office

If you or anyone close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney, we invite you to contact us. u. Contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on: 9390 5812





MARRICKVILLE COMMUNITY
Christmas
CAROLS

Saturday 8 December, 2018
at
St Brigid's Church
392 Marrickville Road, Marrickville
6pm - 9pm

★ **Food for sale**
Sausage sizzle and more!

★ **Refreshments from 6pm**
Carols from 7pm - 9pm
Candles and glow sticks available

★ **Fireworks**

★ **ALL SALES -**
CASH ONLY

Join us to celebrate the spirit of Christmas

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Dao Thu Lua; Joachim Hoang Van Lap; Maria Castellano; Madeline Akkary; Erstina Kurniawan; Jose Nobrega Dos Santos; Sr Madge Nipperess RSM.

Carrying Severe Illness: Maria Tropea; Maria Guilfoyle; Mary Harb; Lucja Suter.

Mass Texts: Christ the King (Yr B)

First Reading: Daniel 7: 13-14
Response: The Lord is King with majesty enrobed.
Second Reading: Apocalypse 1: 5-8
Gospel: John 18: 33-37
Intercessions Response:
Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Advent 1 (Yr C)

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Response: To you O Lord, I lift up my soul.
Second Reading: 1 Thessal 3:12-4: 2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28. 34-36
Intercessions Response:
Lord, graciously hear us

Liturgical Timetable

Mon—Fri: Mass at 6.45am followed by adoration until 8.45am. Benediction at 8.45am followed by Mass at 9.00am.
Wednesday: Eucharistic adoration 6-7.00pm

Public Hols: Mass 9.00am only

Saturday: Mass 7.30 am; Reconciliation 9-10 am; Marriages 10-3 pm; Reconciliation 4-4.45 pm; Mass:5 pm; & 6.30 pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday: Mass at 7.30 am, 9 am, 10 .30am (multilingual); 4.30pm (Vietnamese); and 6pm.

Ministry of Care & Support to Aged and Infirm

Mass is celebrated monthly in all the Nursing Homes in Marrickville.

Communion is taken to sick residents in Nursing Homes & in their homes on a weekly basis, either by Ministers of Care or family members.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered after Masses on First Fridays, and at the 10am Italian mass on 1st Fridays. Also available on request and recommended before attending hospital for major surgery.

