

Dear friends

End of liturgical year

As usual this weekend, with the Feast of Christ the King, we finish the liturgical year, ready for the next one to begin with next weekend's 1st Sunday of Advent. For the benefit of anyone who might not realise, there is a three year cycle of readings and prayers for the Sundays of the year; Year A, Year B and Year C. We're just finishing Year C (which features the Gospel of Luke on most of its weekends) and next week will begin Year A (which will mostly feature the Gospel of Matthew). Year A will go through until November 2020.

Today's Feast of Christ the King

Our Catholic faith teaches that we, as baptised people, share in Christ's mission as king. Here's a formal line from the Catechism of the Catholic Church that says this:

The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to their own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king (Paragraph 1546).

How is it that we are 'king'?

This aspect of Christian identity – Christ's mission as king – can be understood in some key ways. Even though it's a male term, it includes men and women in this identity. Getting behind the word, the realm of a king/royal included leadership over land, assets and various resources and activities in the world. To say today that Christians share this aspect of Christ's mission; this aspect of king; says that Christians are called to leadership over land, assets and various resources and activities in the world – and that they are called to such leadership specifically and intentionally with the mind and heart of Christ. Putting it in these terms, there are endless possibilities for how we apply this aspect of Christian identity.

Another aspect of our kingly/royal identity

The king or royal also had the oversight of mercy in a royal realm. They had the power to grant pardon and to provide for the welfare and care of people under their jurisdiction. For baptised Christians, these aspects of being channels of mercy and channels of care are also very significant applications of the kingly mission of Christ in which the baptised faithful share. Exercising our kingly mission, we are called to be leaders in mercy and care in the world. Hence, what a powerful potential it holds to be identified in the kingly mission of Christ.

The faithful also as prophet and priest

Notice the earlier Catechism reference also says that the faithful share in Christ's mission as prophet and priest. This can surprise some people, especially the priest part! It often hasn't been a strong focus because we've mainly focussed on the ordained priesthood. **Continued -**



OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH EMU PLAINS

What does the LORD require of you but
to act justly, to love tenderly, and to
walk humbly with your God MICAH
6:8

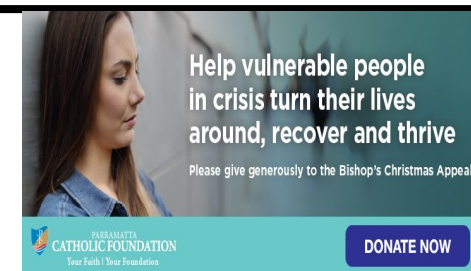
So, these themes too for another time. For now, happy feast of Christ the King. Happy sharing in Christ's mission as king! **With friendship in God's mission fr. Paul**

REST IN PEACE— WILLIAM SIMMONDS (a foundational member of OLOW Parish assisting in the construction of our original church). We extend our prayers and condolences to Nola, Nicole, Mark and all the Simmonds family and friends at the loss of William. A Funeral service for William will be held on **Tuesday 26th Nov. 10.30 am in our Church.**

VINNIES Bushfire Appeal - in order to help those who have suffered in the recent bushfires Vinnies is conducting a special appeal to provide emergency groceries and essential items, clothing , help to re-equip homes when all contents are lost or fund a families rent while they rebuild a home. Donations can be made on line by searching for Vinnies Bushfire Appeal or by calling 131812.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS: Available for sale in the church foyer. The price for each pack is \$7.00. Please place money in the special container provided and not in the poor box. Thank you for your generous response. Barry Harris.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL: *Help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive through your generous and compassionate donation to this focused initiative of CatholicCare.* yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal This appeal will commence on the 30th November and run throughout December.



SRE LUNCHEON (Catechist): An invitation to all those who serve our children in our public schools to attend our Christmas Luncheon in the parish hall on Thursday 28th November. 1pm-2.30pm *Look forward to see you there. Bless you all ! RSVP Michelle Harris. - 0404 875 143*

PLENARY 2020 LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT: For your information please see the flyer inserted in your Bulletin **Theme 5: A joyful, hope-filled and servant community.**



CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE: Will commence on Tuesday evening 7.30pm on **November 26.** Everyone is welcome!



SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.45pm-5:30 pm

Baptisms: By appointment

Weddings: By appointment

First Holy Communion and / or Confirmation

Please contact Parish Office

olowpar@pnc.com.au or

emuplains@parracatholic.org

R.C.I.A : The process for adults interested in becoming Catholic. Office: 4735 1041

Please pray for Recently Deceased William Simmonds and the Anniversaries of Paddy Finn & Stanaslav Piekler & Luningning Peregrina.

Please pray for those who are sick in our community:

Grace Perry, Kevin Rose, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton, Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Bernie Payne, Shirley & Les Coburn, Graham & Christine Hall, Michelle Gardam, Melissa Reardon, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley, Habib Kaltoum Rahme, Michael Mercieca, Carmen Smith, Beryl Page, Frances Payne, Val Smith, Barbara Grant, Gregory Clare, Judy Chesters, Paul Cudmore, Angela Lonergan, Emma Woods, Brian O'Hara, Bruce Gillett, Denis Woodward, Chris Thompson, Ken Skillicorn, Ray Dukes & Lyn Hodder.



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MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am

3rd Sunday of the Month

Filipino Mass 1.00 pm

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 9.15 am

Thursday 8.15am &

Friday 7.15am.

Children's Liturgy

During 9.30 am

Mass on the

1st & 3rd

Sundays each

month