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What does the Lord require of you but to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

Sunday, 22nd November 2026 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon

Revelation 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

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.

Responsorial Psalm.

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)

2. 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.)

3. 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.)

4. 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

1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

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.

Gospel Acclamation. Mark 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

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.'

Communion Antiphon Psalm 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Joe Gray, Audrey Turl and Alexander Blair; for Judy Clements, Stanislaw Pieklarz and Lorraine Casey whose death anniversaries are at this time, and for all those in our Book of Remembrance. We pray that their families find comfort in the fact that they are safely in the arms of their loving Lord. We also pray for all our brothers and sisters in our community who are unwell, especially, Jill McIlroy, Barry Smith, Stacey Mazzerella, Didi Barnes, Riley Beecham, Jeremy Everett, Antony McLaughlin, Michael Hatch, Phillip Fitzgerald, Jenny Griffiths, Greg Wood, Noelene Bangel, Karen Allen, Julie Young, Danko Caran, Sean Murray, Franco Di Napoli Laurie Doohan, Linda Hicks, Michelle Gardam, Bradley Gardam, Cecilia Fanning, Kathleen Bell, Michelle Hadden, Cohen Hadden, Peter Joseph Apap, Sr Patricia Holligan, Greg Pigott, Deacon George Bryan, Kaye Bryan, Desley Mulock, Pauline Balkin, Mary Gayed, Shirley Harman, Dot Gray, Lucy Mikosic, Bernadette Hoolahan, Elisabeth Robens, Marion Betker, Maddie Millard, and Trish Devoy. If you know someone who needs prayers, please contact the parish office on 4735 1041 and we will add them to our prayer list. For privacy reasons, consent is required from the person, who is unwell, or from their next of kin.



Parish Notices:

Funeral Notice: The Requiem Mass for Joe Gray will be held on Wednesday, 25 Nov, at 11am. May he rest forever in God's care.

Cuppa and a Chat: Please join us after the 9:30am Mass this Sunday. All welcome!

Wrap with love knitters group meets on Thursdays from 9am -12pm in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Judy Prendergast (0407101254)

Playgroup: Playgroup meets every second Tuesday (during school term) in the parish hall. **Next playgroup: 24 Nov- for this week only, will run from 9.15am-10.45am.**

Children's liturgy will be this weekend at the 9.30am Mass.

Upper Primary Youth Group (yrs 4-7) 2nd Friday of the month, 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact the parish office on 4735 1041.

2027 Columban Calendars available for $10 each. Please see one of the church wardens or contact the Parish Office if you would like one.

Vinnies Christmas cards available for $10/pack.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal: Christmas can be a difficult time for many families in our local area. If you would like to donate to the annual Christmas appeal, envelopes are available at the rear of the church and can be placed in the 'Poor Box' or collection plate. Alternatively, please see Mel Topp at the rear of the church who has eftpos facilities.

Christmas choir practice will be on at 7:30pm on Tuesdays in the church commencing this Tuesday, 24 November. All welcome!

2027 Daily Mass Books are now available to purchase from the Parish Office for $25.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	5.30pm	8.00am	9.30am
21/22 November Christ the King	C: Trish Ryan R: Louise Goderie Stevenie Harman Debra Gleeson JS1: Josie JS2: Joseph	C: Geraldine Waters R: Maria Sirotti Matthew Topp Barbara Ryan JS1: Jacob JS2: Charlotte	C: Matthew Hamilton C: Gabriel Manouk ***Deacon Batsirai*** Lara Roser **Charity Maringhosi (Visit)** JS1: Hugo JS2: Jonah
28/29 November 1 Advent	C: Mary Balam R: Bellinda Henderson Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS1: Felicity JS2: Ottavia	C: Alex Jarominek R: Paul Ryan ***Deacon Batsirai*** Michael Blair JS1: Jacob JS2: Elizabeth	C: Don Robens R: Lisa Samojlowicz John Cowen **Kay Walker (Visit)** David Green JS1: Nicholas JS2: Chelsea

Sacramental News: Over the last 2 weekends, we have baptised 22 primary school children into the Catholic church! It was a very moving moment to see these young children process in dressed in white, like angels. Praise God for all he is doing in the hearts of so many people. Thank you all for your prayerful support and especially to those who have given their time and gifts to the program and the celebration of the Masses: Wolfgang, Sue, Helen H, Kystyna, Maria, Margaret, John, Chris and Thea, Wendy and Richard, Deacon Batsirai and Fr Michael.

Hall Update: Many of you would have noticed that the hall has had air conditioners installed. These have been installed at NO COST to the Parish, by the Diocesan based before and after school care group, Ambrose, to address the need and comfort of the students for the upcoming hot summer. As a benefit, during the summer and winter months, the Parish will also be able to access the units as needed.

Women's Refuge Christmas Gifts: The Women's Refuge at Katoomba would be delighted if we could assist with Christmas gifts again this year. There are 7 women and 19 children currently resident in the refuge. If you would like to assist, please take a tag from the rear of the church. Each tag notes the age, gender and suggested gifts for each child. Please return gifts on the first weekend in December- 5th/6th Dec *with the gift tag clearly visible* and place at the back of the church. Many thanks for your generosity.

During the month of November, we will have the Remembrance Book at the front of the church. Mass intention envelopes will be collected during the week for names to be added to the Remembrance Book. During the month of November, the priest will offer all Masses for people in the Book of Remembrance. A voluntary offering may be included in the envelope. You may also choose to write a Remembrance Note for your loved one.

Bishop's Good Works Appeal – This appeal will support young mothers and their children with secure shelter, nourishing food, and the support they need to build a strong family life and a hopeful future. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal, or giving envelopes are available on the pews. Thank you for your generosity, Christian kindness and compassion.

Parish Information

Parish office open Tues -Thurs 9am to 3pm; Fri 9.30am-1pm (ph: 4735 1041)
Parish priest: Fr Michael G. Gathuku
Deacon: Batsirai Maringehosi
Parish Office Administrator: Joanne Hamilton
Sacramental Co-ordinator: Cate Kensey
Our Lady of the Way principal:
Phillip Kapitanow (ph: 4777 7200)
Penola Catholic college principal:
Peta Sparkes (ph: 4728 8100)
CathWest Innovation College principal:
Paul Stenning (ph: 02 8886 9500)
St Vincent de Paul Contact Centre:
For assistance call 1800 606 724.

Weekend Mass times:
Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 8am, 9:30am
Filipino Mass-3rd Sunday of the month:12pm

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday 9am
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at 8.30am Thursday before Mass. Benediction last Thursday of the month.
First Fridays of the month – healing Mass.

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30 – 5:15pm.

Sacraments: baptisms and weddings by appointment. Please contact the parish office (emuplains@parracatholic.org) for information on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:



Red November Mass for persecuted Christians: 25 November Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta as we pray in solidarity with persecuted and suffering Christians around the world. Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, join us on Wednesday 25 November at 7:30 pm. A collection will be taken up to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a Pontifical Foundation supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. Learn more: www.rednovember.org

Table Talk Building an Inclusive Church for Families with Special Needs and Disabilities: 5 December The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton's "Special Hearts Ministry" and MET are hosting a Table Talk to raise awareness of the challenges and barriers faced by people with disabilities, particularly families with children with additional needs, in participating fully and actively in parish life. All are invited who are interested, want to learn more, or want to share their lived experience: Saturday 5 December 2026, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, 136 Hyatts Rd, Plumpton. Please register at tinyurl.com/IDPwD-tabletalk-26

2027 Liturgical Ministry Course enrolments are now open. The sessions include: Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick & Dying and Ministers at the Altar. Enrolment forms available at the rear of the church. Please note that places are limited, and it is recommended to enrol as soon as possible. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Feast days of the week:

Nov 23rd– St. Columban
Nov 24th –St. Andrew Dung Lac & Companions
Nov 25th – St. Catherine of Alexandria
Nov 26th – St. James Alberione
Nov 27th – Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Nov 28th – St. Catherine Laboure

Parish bank details:

If you would like to support our priest and church financially through **online banking**:
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BSB: 067 950
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