

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIphon:

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

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 5:1-3.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 122.

RESPONSE:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord'.
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. 

2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's witness it is to praise
the name of the Lord.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David. 

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:12-20.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43.

COMMUNION ANTIphon:

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

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 24 Nov Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr & Comps, Ms | Dan 1:1-6.8-20; Dan 3; Luke 21:1-4

St Andrew Dung-Lac highlights the need to depend on God's grace to face hardships and to know that God is present in difficult situations. Suffering for one's faith is a blessing and to be counted as such.

Tue 25 Nov (St Catherine of Alexandria, VM)

Daniel 2:31-45; Daniel 3; Luke 21:5-11

"O Jesus, good King, I await the sword for thy sake; do thou deign to receive my spirit, and to show mercy to those who honour my memory." – St Catherine of Alexandria's famous final prayer.

Wed 26 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Daniel 5:1-6.13-14.16-17.23-28; Daniel 3; Luke 21:12-19

Today we are reminded to look for what is of worth in situations we deem worthless, to find the good in what we think ought to be discarded and to find something to thank God for, even if the day seems dismal.

Thu 27 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Daniel 6:12-28; Daniel 3; Luke 21:20-28

There's an old saying: what you take without gratitude makes you a thief. Perhaps there's a little thief in each of us! What do we take for granted, for that which we take for granted cannot truly bless us?

Fri 28 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Daniel 7:2-14; Daniel 3; Luke 21:29-33

Every act of compassion and service, every prayer, or every healing is an emphatic statement that Jesus is alive and in our midst. May we live what we believe!

Sat 29 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Daniel 7:15-27; Daniel 3; Luke 21:34-36

Today Jesus urges us to slow down, and to look within. Create room for stillness, silence and solitude in your life and experience God's presence in a real way.

Sun 30 Nov 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Matthew 24:37-44

"Perfection is not the elimination of imperfection, as we think. Divine perfection is, in fact, the ability to recognize, forgive, and include imperfection! – just as God does with all of us." – Fr Richard Rohr OFM

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)
M=Martyr; V=Virgin



Catholic Link

CHRIST THE KING

Solemnity of Christ the King • Year C
Divine Office: Week II • 23 November 2025

Jubilee Year Crowned

One of the most well-known artists in South Africa was the late OMI priest from Belgium, Fr Frans Claerhout. Even while he was alive his art was worth a fortune. As a missionary he would sometimes say that he needed to build a new church, or provide borehole water somewhere, so he'd better sell some more paintings! One year I preached a mission in Bloemfontein where he lived, at the parish of Christ the King. Claerhout's painting in this church depicts Christ as a king who wears sandals, walks through a field, and reigns as a king through humble service to people and closeness to the earth. As Christ himself said, his kingdom is not of this world. Somehow, we have to discard our worldly images of what a king looks like, and recall that our King was arrested and scourged, wears a crown of thorns, and was crucified.

This is the Christ that Pope Francis wanted us to get to know during this Jubilee Year, when he made history by opening several Holy Doors apart from the traditional one at St Peter's Basilica. He declared as a Holy Door the one in the chapel of Rebbibbia, Rome's largest prison, as a sign of hope for the inmates there. This made him the first pope to open a Holy Door in a prison. In doing so, he was being true to Jesus' own mission agenda, when he stood up in the synagogue in Nazareth and proclaimed:

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight,

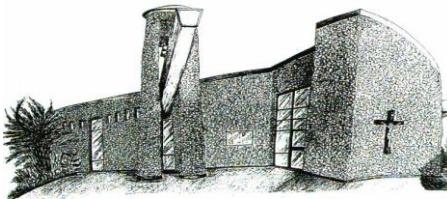


Washing of the Feet, a fresco in the Capella degli Scrovegni, Padua, Italy by Giotto, 1305 AD

Christ reigns over all. They are listed in the Preface of the Eucharist for today's feast, which proclaims

... an eternal and universal kingdom,
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

On this feast of Christ the King, we draw to a close Jubilee Year 2025, a year in which we also commemorated the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. It is also the year when Pope Francis passed the baton to Pope Leo XIV. Pope Leo likes to highlight the image of the Holy "Door". He urges us, in a world marked by division, to reject walls of separation and embrace Jesus as "a door that unites", an "open door" who enables us to enter his Kingdom with hope, in freedom and full confidence.



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Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive, as a Parish, to grow into disciples of Jesus Christ, Reaching out in Faith into a wider Community.

Prayer of the Church (Divine Office):

15 minutes before weekday Masses.

Prayer Circle:

Contact Cay Loader 0314664474 / 0789216797

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Our long-term Seriously Sick whose names are on the outside noticeboard, and our currently –
Seriously Sick:

Tashnim Dos Santos, Michael Tunley, Fr Chris Neville, Merlyn Oakes, Andy Rossell and Cathy Barr.

The Repose of the Soul of: Lulama Mnyani

CONFESIONS: Please note that Fr Mike is available for Personal Confessions on Saturday afternoons from **16.00 - 17.00**.

ONLINE MASS: Live-streamed on Facebook at the **Sunday 9:00am Mass**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:

Sat 22 Nov 5.30pm CHRIST THE KING

All those on the Pious Lists
All Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League

Quewan King's Birthday [Family]

Sun 23 Nov 7.00am CHRIST THE KING

All those on the Pious Lists

All Parishioners

Sun 23 Nov 9.00am CHRIST THE KING

All those on the Pious Lists

All 2025 First Holy Communicants

Maria & Manuel Marcelino R.I.P. [Family]

Mon 24 Nov 8.00am Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

All those on the Pious Lists

Veronica Thompson [Family]

Tue 25 Nov 5.30pm

All those on the Pious Lists

Wed 26 Nov 8.00am

All those on the Pious Lists

Kyro Meth's Birthday [Family]

Thu 27 Nov 5.30pm

All those on the Pious Lists

Candice Green's Birthday [Mum & Blake]

Andrew Emmanuel R.I.P. [Family]

Fri 28 Nov 8.00am

All those on the Pious Lists

Michael & Yolande Hudson R.I.P. [Bronwyn & Kids]

Sat 29 Nov 5.30pm ADVENT 1

Mrs Jenny Surry's Special Intention [Sr Pru]

Laura Ogle's Birthday [Family]

Sun 30 Nov 7.00am ADVENT 1

Leonard & Olivia Ryan's 34th Wedding Anniversary [Ryan & Hansen Families]

Lawrence & Dawn Colbeck's 44th Wedding Anniversary [Family]

Sun 30 Nov 9.00am ADVENT 1

All Parishioners

THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

Sun 23 Nov FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

9.00am First Holy Communion Mass (Gr 4)

10.30am Junior Catechism – Hall Complex

5.00pm Senior Catechism – Hall Complex

Mon 24 Nov

7.00pm Ministers of Holy Communion Meeting – Hall

7.00pm Men's League Meeting – Big Classroom

Wed 26 Nov

8.30am St Monica's Prayer Group – Church

6.30pm Women of Faith Group – Hall

Thu 27 Nov

6.30pm General Choir Practice – Church

7.00pm RCIA 2026 Topic: Living Advent in our Lives – Hall

Fri 28 Nov

7.00pm Senior Youth - Hall

NOTICES:

NOVEMBER PIUS LISTS: Pious List envelopes are still available at the church entrance.

ST ANNE'S PARISH CHESTERVILLE WINDOW SALES DRIVE:

Please see the sheet with options on the noticeboards, to donate towards the purchase of the windows, and contact SFX parish office with your details if you would like to participate.

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH FUNDRAISER:

Tickets at R100 each, to win an AMAROK truck, will again be available after all the weekend Masses.

SPRINGS OF CARMEL 2026 BIBLE DIARIES:

Pre-ordered copies available from the parish office during normal working hours, as well as from the Proof of EFT pre-payment (emailed to the parish office) is required before collection. A list of those who have already paid by EFT or in cash, to date, is noted at the office.

SOUTHERN CROSS: November issue are available at the church entrance @ R40 each.

PARISH GROUPS 2026 DATES: All parish groups are reminded to submit their 2026 meetings, events and requests for fundraising dates, to the parish office by the end of November, for collation into the 2026 Year Planner.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: 18H30 to 20H00 on Thursday 27 November at St Henry's Marist College, Please bring a donation of non-perishable food or toy, in exchange for a candle. See posters.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE: Saturday 29 November from 8am at Immaculate Conception Parish, Pinetown, hosted by the Archdiocese of Durban. See posters for program and further details.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION: All parishioners are invited to a series of special events to close out the Jubilee Year 2025. There will be a Prayer Evening each Wednesday of Advent at 6.30pm in the church, followed by a special event in the hall. Further details to follow.

Responsorial Psalm Response:
(Sat 5:30pm)

**Let us go
rejoicing to the house
of the Lord.**

