

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.

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INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

One of the duties of a king in the ancient world was that of being the judge of the highest court in the land and the last court of appeal for anyone seeking justice. In the readings for today, we are invited onto a large stage to witness a drama in which the lives of individuals, nations, and all forms of authority and power, must stand before God's judgement.

In Ezekiel, the cries and suffering of the people have not gone unnoticed by God. The religious leaders had proved themselves to be unworthy and God will now provide the care and leadership that had been entrusted to them. Using the beautiful image of the shepherd who shelters, comforts, and heals, Ezekiel shows how God's judgement and rule are accompanied by loving care for those who suffer.

For his part, Paul reflects on the role of Jesus in the larger scheme of salvation history. The resurrection of the Lord had convinced him that a new age, a new creation was dawning. Jesus had been exalted as Lord and King and his rule would last until death had been conquered. Then he will offer a renewed creation back to God the source of all.

The fascinating development in the Gospel passage is that we are called to share in the development and growth of the kingdom by means of our loving concern for others. The responsibility of caring for the flock is one in which we are all called to share, and it is on this basis that we will be judged.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Ezek 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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

■ The word of the Lord.

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

Mt 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.



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MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

Weekday Mass: Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days);

Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary); Friday - 5pm

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

CCC Mass: Sunday at 12noon (English/Cantonese)

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 4pm-5pm

First Friday Devotion: Monthly at 4pm

First Saturday Mass and Devotion: Monthly at 9am

Exposition and Benediction: First weekend of the month at all Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

26th Nov 2023

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Death Anniversary: Lorraine Smith, Kathleen McElhone, Doreen Furlong

Deceased: Peter Leung, Mary & Joseph Maher, Leonardo Barbagallo, Tony Youssef and Cecilia, Abbas Wahbe and Lila, Don Raffin, Peter McNamara, Milly Farrell, Francis Murray, Marie Cummins; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott and Stewart families; Geoff and Patricia Clarke; Ron & Jan Brayon

Sick: Sheriden Nemecek, Paul Celler, Dave Isaacs, Terence Cahill, Barbara Hall, Elizabeth Uy Tan, Graham Rumble, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES AND MEMORIALS:

Saint Andrew Nov 30, First Sunday of Advent Dec 3

ST KEVIN'S PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Join us in the Parish Hall on Sat 2nd Dec, 6:30pm and enjoy a festive buffet dinner plus a chance to win great raffle prizes! Registration essential. **RSVP by Nov 26!**

To register for the dinner: Scan the QR code or call the parish office on 9874 2533. COST: Adults & Children 13yo and up - \$20; Pensioners - \$15; Children 12yo & under - FREE! This cost includes: buffet dinner, dessert, tea & coffee. BYO drinks & nibbles. Cash payments can be put in an envelope, write 'Christmas Dinner' together with your name, and drop them in the collection bags at weekend Masses, or hand them to our volunteers after each Mass this weekend. Alternatively, pay online: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/eastwoodparish>, choose 'Events' on the 'Biller Code.'

To purchase raffle tickets: See our parish volunteer/s in the church foyer after Mass. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. Collect a flyer in the church foyer for raffle details.

NB: All proceeds from the Christmas dinner and raffle will be used for the liturgical enrichment of our church, upgrade of the Stations of the Cross, a new monstrance for the

adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the renovation of the baptismal font. Your generosity and support will be needed to achieve these goals. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS:

• **My dear Friends, as you can see, we have a new statue of Our Lady of Fatima in our church. It is a gift from a family who does not wish to be named. I respect their wish and want to thank them very much for offering this gift to our church. The statue will be officially blessed on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 8th Dec, during 5PM Mass. - Fr Pawel**



• **Dec 3 is the First Sunday of Advent.** Advent is a season of waiting and expectation for



Christmas – a period to prepare our homes and hearts before the birth of Christ.

To help us prepare & reflect on the scriptures this Season of Advent, parishioners are invited to join our **Advent Reflection Group**, led by Fr Pawel, starting **Thu 30th Nov at 6:30pm in the church.** We will use the Advent Companion 2023:

Listen to the Word, Prepare for His Birth. This free Advent Companion contains Gospel readings & reflections. Available to download at: www.gomakedisciples.org.au.

• **St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal December 2 & 3:** Support families struggling with the escalating cost-of-living crisis this Christmas. Envelopes will be available next weekend.

• **We welcome into the family of God, Andrew & Dora Guo.** Congratulations on your baptism!

• **50th Festival of St Cecilia** this Sun 26th Nov at 1:30pm in the church. www.kevinwood.org

• **THANK YOU for your generosity. We raised \$5,251.80 for the CWF November Appeal.**

• **On Dec 1, first Friday of the month, we will have Mass and devotion starting at 4pm.**

• **Final Men's Prayer Breakfast for 2023 will be on Sat, 2nd Dec at 7am in the Parish Hall, followed by Mass and devotion in the Church at 9am.**

• **NO FOSK morning tea on Sun Dec 3.** Next FOSK morning tea will be on Sun 4th Feb 2024.

• Due to infant baptism queries, we have scheduled a Baptism Info Evening on Dec 12 at 8pm in the parish office meeting room. To register, please contact the parish office.

• **Christmas at the Cathedral, 14-25 Dec 2023:** Festivities begin at 5.30pm with: Christmas market stalls, food, fun kids activities, and live entertainment. **St Kevin's Brothers in Christ MEN'S CHOIR will perform on Dec 19 at 6:30pm. Please join us!** All welcome.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

• **The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation in the Archdiocese of Sydney is excited to present the 2023-24 Summer Series**, with world-renowned guests: Matt Fradd, Jason Evert, and Dr Christopher West! For info and to register, visit <https://sydneycatholic.org/summer-series/>

• **Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal:** Caritas Australia is working with Catholic Relief Services (CRS), providing emergency shelter for over 1,200 people & cash support to over 7,100 families. Please donate by phone 1800024413 or via: www.caritas.org.au/gaza

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office (02) 9390 5810 or E: safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may speak to your Parish Priest who'll be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.