

Parish Link!

Sunday 21st November 2021

"ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?"



After a night when Jesus was interrogated, beaten, and made fun of, Jesus is brought before Pilate. Pilate's first question to him is, "Are you the king of the Jews?" As often happens with Jesus, he answers the question with a question, and tries to draw Pilate to understand what kind of king he is, a servant king, a king who upholds truth. A shepherd king who gives his life for his sheep. He wants Pilate to understand that the title king of the Jews is another way of saying the Messiah. But Pilate fails to understand, as also have the Jewish people failed to understand what kind of king the Messiah had to be. Note how Jesus, who is accused and condemned, is always calm, always in control of the situation.

In our churches and in so-called holy cards we often have Jesus sitting on a purple throne, dressed in royal robes, wearing a golden crown, holding a golden sceptre in his hand. How did we ever come to corrupt the image of Jesus wearing a crown of thorns, stripped of his clothes, holding a mock sceptre, and wearing the wounds of his beatings? The perfect image of Christ the King is Jesus crucified. Thank God we do have a large crucifix (sometimes ornate to soften the reality?) above the altar in all our churches.

This is our king, we are his followers, his disciples. Where is he leading us? To his glorious kingdom in heaven, which comes after we stand for truth, for justice, for peace, above all for love. His kingdom comes after facing misunderstandings, jeers, persecutions, and the way of the cross. A sad picture? No, no, a joyful picture which the early Christians understood when they sang hymns as they went to their martyrdom. "My kingdom is not of this world!" It is of somewhere unimaginably better than this world.

- Fr Anthony Scerri O Carm

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FOR EAST TIMOR

This year we were unable to sell our usual Fathers' Day Cards due to the Lockdown. We are replacing it with a Christmas Raffle as we still need to raise funds to sponsor students in 2022.

This will include continuing to support:

- * Bachelor of Nutrition for Sophie
- * Diploma of Nursing for Zelia

Incencio has completed a Four Year Bachelor Degree in Agricultural Business and Ricardo has completed Year 12 at the Claretian Technical College. We will replace these young men with two new students.

Tickets will be on sale from next weekend. \$2 per ticket of Book of 6 for \$10. Prizes on display in Parish Centre.

- Sr Margaret Harrison rsm (East Timor Committee)



McAULEY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL IS NOW ENROLLING FOR YR 7 2023.

Contact the School for an enrolment pack or visit www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au. Applications close 25/3/22. Tours of the school campus will be held from 8/3/22 to 11/3/22. Visit the school website to book a tour.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTERS!

READERS & COMMENTATORS: 28th November 2021

MASS TIME	READER	COMMENTATOR
Saturday 6.00pm	Bob Hanna	Janine Hanna
Sunday 8.00am	Cat Paulo	Nell Jasiak
Sunday 10.00am	Sohad Mathews	Fiona Bylsma
Sunday 6.00pm	Michelle Pereira	Nelissa Almeida

COVID-SAFE CHECK-IN

Thank you for continuing to register your attendance at Masses using the parish QR code or sign-in sheet. Unfortunately, we are not able to scan individual QR codes provided by Service NSW. We understand that many businesses (including Coles and Woolworths) are also having the same difficulty. If this is the case for you, please continue to sign-in manually at any entrance to the church.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS— ON SALE THIS WEEKEND!

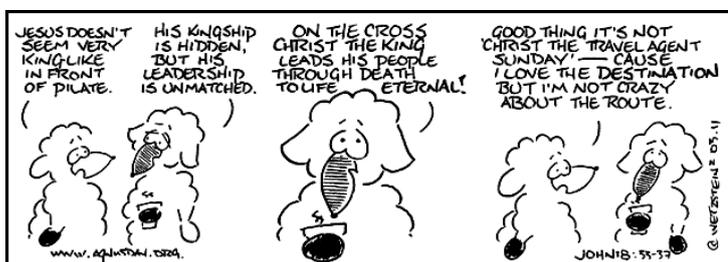
November issue of Carmel Contact out today!

- FUNERAL -

A Requiem Mass will be held at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, Wentworthville this coming Friday 26th November at 10.30am for the late Mary Therese O'Keefe. Mary was a faithful parishioner and member of the Lay Carmelites here at Wentworthville. May she rest in peace.

Advent with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy

You are invited to 'Expect the Unexpected' this Advent. Join Bruce each day for a short, free Advent Daily Devotional Video. Starting 28/11/21, you'll receive short inspirational videos each day, full of real life stories & practical ways to become all that God has created you to be! Register at <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent/> or Email: info@brucedownes.org



CHURCH CLEANING The next Church Cleaning day will be on Thursday 2nd December after the 9.00am Mass. Pauline could always do with some helpers. So if you can spare an hour or so, please consider giving Pauline and her small but enthusiastic team a hand.

Quotes on Philosophy

- *Life is the sum of all your choices.*
- *Integrity has no need of rules.*
- *It is easier for the world to accept a simple lie than a complex truth.*
- *If you ever find yourself in the wrong story—leave!*
- *Never let your sense of morals prevent you from doing what is right.*

In Loving Memory

Recently Deceased: Mary O'Keefe, John Bishop, Baby Mary Joseph, Margaret Machado, David Williams, Linda Weatherall, Mr & Mrs Leon Cruz de Pereira, Annette Pereira, Rose Attard, Mary Catania, Regina Navan, Linda Weatherall, Those who have lost their lives to Covid 19

Other Intentions

Thanksgiving: Daphne Dominic, In Honour of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Special Intentions: Aliyah Velayavarman (Birthday)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

1st Sunday of Advent Yr C

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14—16

2nd Reading: I Thessalonians 3: 12—4: 2

Gospel: Luke 21: 25—28, 34—36



Campion College Summer Program

Registration is now open! If you know a 16—20 year old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy & theology, encourage them to sign up for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register at: www.campion.edu.au/summer-program

- November Masses -

During the month of November, we remember all our deceased loved ones. A shrine is placed at the front of the church with a list of the names of all those whom our parishioners wish to pray for. November Mass envelopes are available in the parish centre. Please print the names **CLEARLY** as we like to make sure the names are correctly spelt. Since all deceased loved ones whose names are prayed for at all Masses, we do not accept Mass Intentions specifically for deceased people during this month. However, Mass Intentions for the living, or those who have died recently, are still accepted.

Intercultural Christmas Album

A new CD featuring classic Christmas songs in eight languages from the Asia Pacific – Samoan, Filipino, Fijian, Tamil, Tongan, Mandarin, Indonesian and Japanese is raising money for the House of Welcome in the Diocese of Parramatta. Find how to order at linktr.ee/SoundsChristmasAsiaPacific

ADVENT AT THE GRAIL

You are invited to the Grail on Wednesday 1st & 8th December to celebrate the coming of Christ and the hope He brings to our world. Arrive at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start, ending 9pm. The Grail Centre, 22 McHatton Street, North Sydney. RSVP is essential for space & seating purposes. Phone 9955 3053 or email admin@grailaustralia.org.au or by Monday 29/11/21.

Feast Days this Week

Monday: *St Cecilia
Tuesday: St Clement I, St Columban
Wednesday: St Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions
Thursday: St Catherine of Alexandria
Friday: St Leonard of Port Maurice
Saturday: BVM, Bl Leonard Kimura
Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

