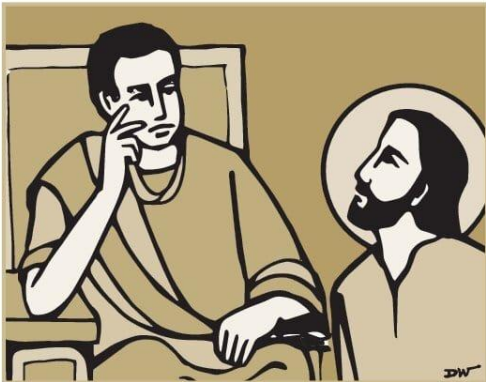


A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*You say that I am a king.*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / B

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## WITNESSING TO THE TRUTH

In the ancient world, the monarchy was understood as a sacred institution. The ruler was appointed, sustained, and legitimated by the gods. The king was understood to rule with the blessing of the gods and acted on their behalf in the human sphere. Notwithstanding this perception of the dignity of the monarchy, Israel's experience of this institution was a mixed one – not all rulers exhibited the qualities which the psalms and prophets spoke of as desirable and necessary in a monarch.

Today's readings invite us at the end of the Church's year to ponder anew the nature of Jesus' kingship and the royal dignity each of us shares by virtue of our baptism. Pilate was confronted with the problem of determining Jesus' identity and whether he was guilty of the crime of sedition. After some questioning, Jesus' identity as a king emerges, but in an unexpected manner. As king, Jesus' role is not that of earthly rule but of bearing witness to the truth about the God who sent him into the world.

The kingship of Jesus is proclaimed in the reading from the Apocalypse but in such a way that the reader never loses sight of the manner in which it was most clearly given expression. Jesus' death on the cross is the means by which we are once again reconciled to God and is the source of the dignity of all those who are baptised. It is by witnessing to the truth that we exercise the dignity which has been given to us in baptism.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Dan 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel  
*His sovereignty is eternal.*

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages  
became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 92:1-2, 5. R. v. 1

**R.** The Lord is king;  
he is robed in majesty.

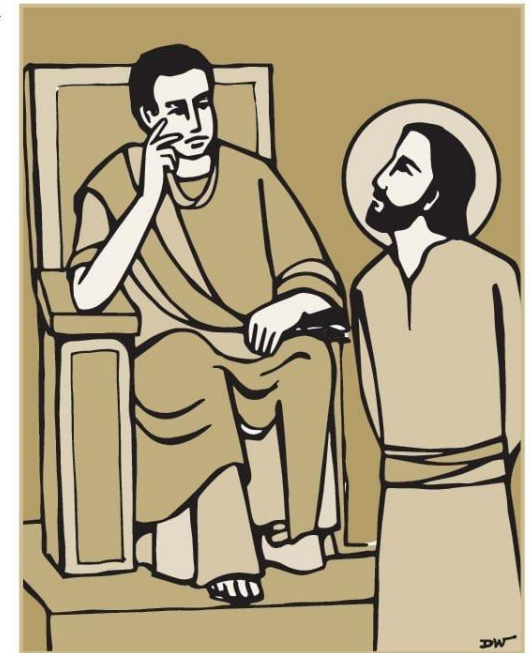
1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; /  
the Lord has robed himself with might, / he  
has girded himself with power. **R.**
2. The world you made firm, not to be  
moved; / your throne has stood firm from of  
old. / From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. /  
Holiness is fitting to your house, / O Lord,  
until the end of time. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Apoc 1:5-8

A reading from the book of Apocalypse  
*The ruler of the kings of the earth . . . made us a  
line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away



our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

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# Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30pm

Sunday Mass Times: 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) & 6pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Holy Rosary: Mon – Thu after 7:30am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2021



**Our Deceased:** Roy Mesiti, Doreen Furlong, Robert Anderson, Nicola & Sapienza Tedesco, Nunzia & Salvatore Fallico, Carmelina & Tony Natoli, Nancy Fallico, Salvatore Laguzza, Eugenio R. Avila Jr, Don Raffin, Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Landon, Stewart, Pigott and Casey families. Lastly, please pray for all the souls in purgatory.

**Our Sick:** Stephanie Thielbeer, Sam Wong, Donald Mees, Agnes, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

St Cecilia 22<sup>nd</sup> November, St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions 24<sup>th</sup> November

### PARISH NEWS:

- **Next weekend is the First Sunday of Advent.**
- **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal:** "Through countless pandemics, famines, natural disasters and wars, over the years, Christians have dedicated themselves to caring for their fellow men and women" — Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Support your local charity! To donate, scan the QR code or visit [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf). Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.
- **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of December. Columban Calendars now available in the Piety Store.**
- **FESTIVAL OF ST CECILIA AFTERNOON CONCERT:** An exciting afternoon of varied music in the church this Sun, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov starting at 1:30pm. Orchestra, bells, choir and visiting guitarists. More info and programme download at [www.kevinwood.org](http://www.kevinwood.org).
- **To all Catechists: Please collect your Safeguarding Certificates at the back of the church.**
- **Reader and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist rosters are now available at the back of the church. To all Readers: please collect your 'Break Open the Word' book.** Thank you.
- **IMPORTANT NOTICE: Midweek Men's Prayer Hour has now moved to TUESDAYS** at 7:30pm in the Holy Family Chapel. For info contact Lou Youssef 0400 303 733.
- **The St Kevin's Men's Choir is planning a Christmas Fundraising Concert.** This is to be held on Sunday Dec 12th at 3pm in the Church. 100% of the funds raised will be used to help families in our parish who are experiencing financial difficulties. We are all parishioners, so come along enjoy the concert and support this very worthwhile cause!
- **All November Masses will be offered for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed.**
- **The parish office will be open at different times, please call 9874 2533 before coming in.**



### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Advent Companion Available Now:** With gratitude in our hearts, let us gather in our parishes to prepare a welcome for the newborn Jesus at Christmas! **'Rejoice! Receiving**

*and Sharing the Gift of the Good News'* contains Gospel readings for Sundays and Christmas Day, spiritual reflections, and other resources for Advent - for individual or group prayer, in-person, or online gatherings. Available to download at: <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/> or get a sample in our church foyer. Training on how to run an Advent group on Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov from 11-11:45am. To register go to: <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>.

- **Lights of Christmas 2021, St Mary's Cathedral forecourt, Dec 9-25.** Choirs from 7:30pm. Light show 8:30pm-11pm. Info: <https://lightsofchristmas.com.au>.
- **Job Vacancies** - Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part time work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across the Archdiocese. For details visit, [www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work).



### FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

#### LOOKING BACK!

People from all time eras often look back on where they have come from in their life and then reflect on what they may best learn. I know that I do!

Recently I read this reflection from a now deceased priest as to what he would comment on if he lived until the year 2100, below is what he wrote, "In the year 2020 I noticed that too many people believe that wars, trade or military could really solve problems without considering that they created bigger problems. There are so many Western developed countries that allow lucrative military hardware and arms deals to dominate their budgets. I see that so many people are complacent with using fossil fuels without considering that these fuels will eventually run out. I am constantly amazed as to how many people continually pollute the air that they are inhaling. Hopefully in the year 2100 the people of this world will have new issues to deal with and not the ones that I have been part of during my life."

Even in the year 2021 we are more than ever living within a global world rather than an independent national world. It would be a big mistake to not appreciate this truth. In the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC, a psalmist wrote, "that the earth is the Lord's, its fullness is for those who dwell in it." We all need to be conscious stewards and not unconscious consumers in what we have!

### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – M Nassif)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	S Dick	A Condoleon	M Velasco	A Ho
Readers	R: L Laybutt C: C Small	R: R Tohme C: L Scully	R: R Tibbertsma C: D Li	R: S Fernandez C: C Fernandez
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	S Gibbons F Reay	J Gywnne S Zavesky	J Cruz M Cruz	L Adams L Tesoriero