

# Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A**

**26th November, 2023**

## Worship Timetable—Moonee Ponds

Sunday: **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**  
Tuesday - Friday: **9.15 am**  
Saturday: **8.00 am**  
**8.30 am—Reconciliation**

## Worship Timetable—Strathmore

Saturday Vigil: **6.00 pm**  
Sunday: **9.30 am**  
Tuesday - Friday: **10.00 am**

## Parish Office Hours

Tuesday

to

Friday

**9.00 am - 3.30 pm**

Dear friends,

This Sunday, we acknowledge Christ as King. But the kingship of Christ is radically different from anything which we might see in this world. Our First Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel tells us something of this. For our king cares for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep. In cultures and civilizations where the people have experience farming and agriculture – as it was for the people of Israel – the metaphor of the shepherd is a rich one. While shepherds exercise ultimate authority over their flock, they are intimately close to their sheep, surrounding them with care and thoughtfulness. Knowing each of the sheep by name, knowing whether they are doing well or not, leading them forwards with much prudence. This is why Sacred Scripture often compares leaders of the people, kings, and even God to shepherds. The image is a rich one: the image is a true one.

And the Son of God, who we acclaim today as Christ our King, has certainly taught us that his Kingdom is different from all that we might see in this world. Our long reading of Matthew's Gospel has come to its conclusion. The scene set before us today has Christ our King seated in glory at the end of all time. And our King judges us on how well or not we have proclaimed his kingdom.

And we proclaim his kingdom when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, when we welcome the stranger, when we clothe the naked, when we visit the sick and the imprisoned. To do all these things goes against everything of the so-called wisdom of this world. It is to proclaim that the smallest and the weakest have the best seats in the Kingdom. It is to proclaim that power and wealth and being first are not the values on which this Kingdom relies. It is to proclaim that ultimate strength lies in vulnerability. It is to proclaim our faith that the Wood of the Cross is, in fact, our Tree of Life.

And this is how we are judged. Not by how many rosaries or novenas or chaplets we have said. But on how well we have become more like Christ, our Shepherd King, caring for the smallest and weakest in the Kingdom. And when we have done our best to do all this, when we have exhausted our efforts in proclaiming this Kingdom in word and in deed, then will we hear the words: ***Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.***

With every peace,

Fr Tony.

**ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY** 3rd December 2023 — The First Sunday of Advent, Year B

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	L Bani RSC	L Mathews	S Letcher	S Maurici
10.30 am	K Martin	J Martin	J Morello	J Trethowan
5.30 pm	J Fernando		D Fernando	J Fernando

**CHURCH LINEN**

December—L Bani RSC

**CHURCH VACCUMING**

TEAM 4- Thursday 30th November at 9.45am

*Please remember in your prayers...*

**Recently Deceased**

Dianne Rabbas Michael Nelthorpe

**Anniversaries**

Gordon Windsor Vittoria Tata  
Bryan A'Hearn

**The Sick & Seriously Ill**

Please remember in your prayers all those in our Parish who are sick and suffering serious illness, together with their families and loved ones who care for them.

**Parish Contact List**

If you have not already done so, please make sure you subscribe to the new Parish Contact List — simply send an email to [MooneePonds@cam.org.au](mailto:MooneePonds@cam.org.au) with the subject line **Parish Contact List**.

**Sacramental Preparation for Children Attending Non-Catholic Schools—Confirmation 2024**

Classes to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation will commence early next year. Further information can be found in the information pack available from the Parish Office or from one of the priests. Please contact Fr Tony for further information.

**Available from the Piety Stall Now!**

**Columban Art Calendar 2024** now available — \$10.00 each.

**Christmas Cards**—\$3.00 for a packet of 5; \$5.00 for a packet of 8

**The Sign:  
Advent &  
Christmas  
Daily  
Reflections  
2023**



Once again, we have available this resource from the Diocese of Wollongong to nourish us and form during Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. For each day there is a short Scripture passage, a reflection, and a prayer for the day. For Sundays, there is also a reflection on a piece of art, matched to the season. \$4.00 each - available from the Piety Stall.

**Get your copy today—selling fast!**

**November—Month of the Holy Souls** • Envelopes for November Mass offerings are available in your regular set of envelopes or in the church. The Bishops of Victoria have legislated that the offering to be made for November masses is \$20.00. When envelopes for November Masses are received, the offerings are added together and then divided by 20 therefore giving the total number of November Masses to be offered in the Parish. In actual practice, most masses offered in the parish during November would be masses for the repose of the souls of the Faithful Departed.



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*"It is holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins".*  
11 Machabees 12:46

**November Masses**



**Child Safety Update** • There is an old African proverb which states it takes a village to raise a child. In much the same way, it takes a whole parish to be care for and be responsible for the safety of our children and vulnerable adults.

**Working with Children Checks**—A reminder that **all parish volunteers** need to have a valid WWCC with the Parish listed as one of the places where you undertake child related work. That means all

- Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Ministers of Communion to the Sick
- Musicians & Choir Members
- Church Cleaners

need to have a WWCC—if you are unsure, please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the priests. Registered teachers are exempt from requiring a WWCC but are required to notify WWCC if they engage in child-related work other than their teaching—Click here to notify WWCC [Teacher notification](#)

**Child Safeguarding Training**—All volunteers need to undertake safeguarding training. You may undertake this training online [Online Safeguarding Training](#) The parish will also be running some in-person sessions in the near future—please keep an eye on this Bulletin for details.

**Code of Conduct Declaration**—Thanks to all those who have completed their Code of Conduct Declaration. Again, this is a requirement of all volunteers. We will be following up with those yet to complete their declaration.



**A communion that radiates**

*How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?*

**Participation, governance and authority**

*What processes, structures and institutions in a missionary synodal Church?*

**Co-responsibility in mission**

*How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?*



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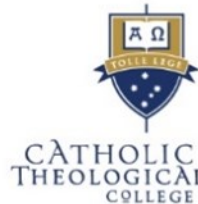
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**Catholic Theological College: 2023 Knox Public Lecture**—Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, Live videostream via Zoom: **“Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins”** Presented by **Dr Susan Connelly RSJ**. To book scan the QR code or go to [trybooking.com/CMYVM](http://trybooking.com/CMYVM) Enquiries: 9412 3333 [vi.panganiban@ctc.edu.au](mailto:vi.panganiban@ctc.edu.au) or [ctc.edu.au](http://ctc.edu.au)



**Stewardship Corner**

**...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me.**

**Matthew 25:40**

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

Special Collections 2023	
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Pastoral Care Appeal
Lent	Project Compassion
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday – Holy Places
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Propagation of the Faith
11 <sup>th</sup> June	SVdP Winter Appeal
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Collection for the Holy Father
13 <sup>th</sup> August	CatholicCare
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Priests' Retirement Foundation
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	World Mission Sunday
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Catholic Deaf
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Melbourne Overseas Mission

## Readings at Mass

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A — 26th November 2023

### 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

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

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

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.**

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.**

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 the 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME** *(click below)*

Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year A](#)

[\(weebly.com\)](#)

Children: [November 26 - CHRIST THE KING](#)

[\(yearaprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)