

November 20 and 21, 2021

<u>Mass Times</u>:

Vigil mass Saturday 6pm

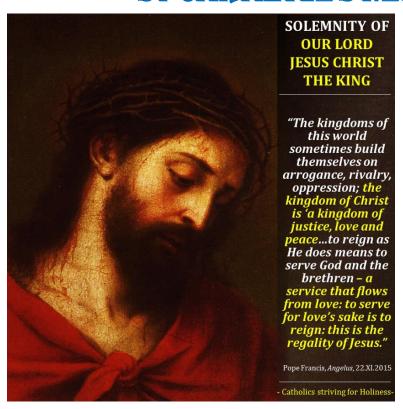
Family mass Sunday 10am

Student mass Sunday 5pm

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## ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER





### **#53 General Liturgical Guidelines**

## The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: Dn 7:13-14. Vision of the son receiving kingship, dominion and glory.

**Response:** The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

**Second Reading:** Rv 1:5-8. The Lord is the Alpha and the Omega.

Gospel Acclamation: 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!

**Gospel**: <u>Jn 18:33-37</u>. Pilate questions Jesus about his identity.

## Last week of the liturgical year

# This Sunday marks the end of Mark's Gospels as we enter the new liturgical Year of Luke.

In the last few weeks "the message Jesus offers to the gathered community in the first century rings out to us in the twenty-first century – when it looks like things are bleak – we should expect Christ to be with us – not to bring wrath; but salvation (1 Thessalonians 5:9)." (Sunday is coming! "The beginning at the end." Advent 1C, Luke 21:25-36 | sinibaldo.wordpress.com)

The liturgical year begins with Advent, which is the season of awaiting the coming of Christ. Observing Christ the King Sunday at the end of the liturgical year celebrates and emphasizes the Kingship of Christ.

The first Feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and was to be celebrated throughout the universal church. This feast day was in response to the increasing denial of Christ as king and the rise of secularism throughout Europe. We are called to reflect deeply in this time on this Salvic Kingship of Christ for us personally, to discover in this Advent what may best serve our preparation for celebration of the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.





Dear Parishioners, now that we can gather again in the Church, we can finally give a formal welcome to our 'new' Parish Priest, Joe Caddy. **A welcome will be held after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, 28 November**. We will have tea/coffee and some eats. It will be great to see as many as can make it!

St Carthage's Pastoral Council



# To assist in preparation for your festive celebrations, below is an early schedule for Christmas services

Christmas Eve masses: 6pm Children's mass, 8pm mass, 11.30pm carols followed by midnight mass

Christmas Day: 10am mass (no evening mass)

#### **CONFIRMATION SERVICE THIS SUNDAY 11:30am**

To mark this Sunday's feast of Christ the King is the ceremony of Confirmation which has finally arrived for our Confirmation Candidates. Please say a prayer in welcome for the seven candidates, that they truly receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Parish Discussion Group**

On **Tues 23 Nov 7.30-8.30pm**, the Parish Discussion Group will meet at St Carthage's to discuss issues of synodality, currently being debated in Rome. Parishioners can hear from Susan Pascoe AM, a member of the Vatican Commission on Methodology, planning for the 2023 Synod on Synodality. She has held a number of senior roles in the Church and government, including inaugural Commissioner for the Australian Charities and Not-forprofits Commission and head of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria. If you are not currently on the Parish Discussion Group list and would like to attend, please send an email to Constant.Mews@monash.edu Please indicate if you expect to attend in person or would prefer to participate by zoom.



# <u>International Day of Tolerance – Dealing With Difficult Family</u> <u>Members</u>

Today is International Day of Tolerance. We often hear about the importance of tolerating people from other cultures or those with different political views. However, closer to home, many people are forced to tolerate family members who are particularly difficult.

A popular focus session with marriage counsellor Derek Boylen deals with difficult family members. In this Figuring out Families podcast, Derek explores the many reasons why people meddle and shares strategies to deal with family members who are causing issues.





ACN continues to
highlight the Persecution of
Red Wednesday.
On this day Cathedrals
throughout Australia and the
world will hold masses, and prayer
vigils be lit in red



to remember our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith.

To learn more and get involved visit

www.aidtochurch.org/red wednesday

#### Start the journey to Synod 2023

Interested to learn more about the local consultation process in preparation for the Synod of Bishops—For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission?

Both sessions will be hosted online (via Zoom), and registration is essential:

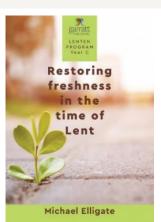
www.trybooking.com/BVEXX. A range of resources are also available.



#### RESTORING FRESHNESS IN THE TIME OF LENT Garratt Lenten Program Year C. MICHAEL ELLIGATE

Begins with a guide to facilitating a scripture discussion group

- step-by-step instructions that will make the most of the Lenten program.
- a theme and focus for prayer each week.
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# Reminder about the Long-awaited <u>IRISH POETRY and MUSIC DAY</u> Featuring Chris Watson Poetry

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Catherine Connelly Harpist
5 December, 2021, 2pm. Mercy Hub, 607 Nicholson St, North Carlton.

RSVP: <u>admin.mercyhub@ismapng.org.au</u>
Entry donation for Mercy sisters in PNG optional

As part of St Carthage's commitment to the safety and well-being of all vulnerable people, just a friendly reminder to observe the signs around the Church grounds. All Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.