



# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

93 Burdekin Ave, Amaroo ACT

Supporting and supported by Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd,  
Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

20-21 November 2021

Feast of Christ the King | Year B



## Upcoming Events

### Monday

No Mass  
Office closed

### Tuesday

9:15am Mass

### Wednesday

7:00am Mass

### Thursday

9:15am Mass

### Friday

7:00am Mass

### Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday

8:00am Mass  
9:30am Mass (in person and  
via Zoom, please see parish  
app for meeting details.

## The Sword in the Stone

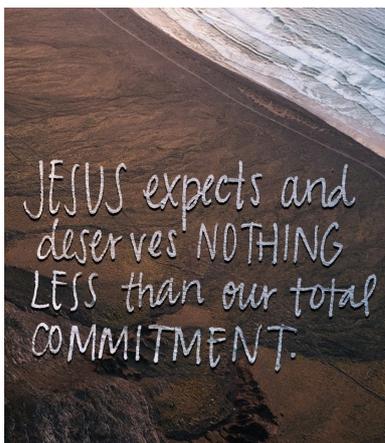
The legend of the sword in the stone used to make me shiver when I was young. A poor, helpless child, valued by no one, abused by everyone, could become a king! The selection of the king was made, not by worldly evaluations, but by divine revelation. The choice was made clear by the ability to pull the sword from the stone. Sheer human brawn couldn't do it. Nor could cleverness. You had to be the one, chosen by an unseen hand, to be able to release the sword.

Pilate looks for signs of kingship in Jesus, but he sees only with worldly eyes. Jesus does not have the dress or swagger of the kings of earth. He's not accompanied by servants, nor protected by armies. If there's a kingdom belonging to him somewhere, it doesn't seem to be of much assistance to him now.

Pilate focuses on all the things he can't see that might make Jesus the kind of king he understands. But he fails to see that Jesus is holding the truth in his hands. Jesus brandishes the truth before him plainly, but Pilate doesn't recognise it. As he will bluster later in this passage, "What is truth?" Truth is the difference between the kings of earth and the reign of God. The polite fiction that is human authority can be seen with the eye. The kingdom to come is revealed only by those who know the truth when they hear it.

Tell the truth. Admit who you are, and whom you serve. Confess your sins. Put away the life of pretence, and walk into the light of the kingdom.

**"Everyone who cares for truth,  
who has any feeling for the truth,  
recognises my voice".** [www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au)



## TODAY'S READINGS

**Readings:** Daniel 7:13-14, Revelations 1:5-8, John 18:33-37

**Entrance Antiphon:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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

**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!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.  
- Liturgy Help

# Ministry Marvels

**Name:** James Zhai

**Time in the parish:**

3 years (I started my RCIA with Amaroo parish in late 2018)

**Ministry:**

RCIA Team Member

**What do you enjoy about your ministry?**

Speaking to people and knowing why they want to become Catholic.

**What do you like about our parish?**

Being very multicultural .

**Fun fact about yourself:**

I did my RCIA twice - first time I was a bit too late to be confirmed, and second time was the year of Covid which saw my confirmation being further delayed.

**Favourite quote or prayer:**

For things are not to be loved for the sake of places, but places for the sake of good things.  
(St Gregory the Great)



## Welcoming new members into our community through RCIA



Welcoming new members is one of the most wonderful experiences in the life of the Church. It brings new life not only to the newly baptised but to the whole church community.

In the early church people seeking baptism spent many months or years in formation, this time was known as the catechumenate. As more people were baptised as infants, this practice almost disappeared. The catechumenate was restored following the Second Vatican Council, and we are now encouraged as a church community to enter into each of the liturgical rites of this preparation.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) involves steps, each with its own rite (liturgical ritual) reminding each of us that we share in the responsibility to support and pray for those preparing to follow Christ as members of the Catholic Church.

Over the past few months a number of Candidates (seeking Confirmation and/or Eucharist) and Catechumens (seeking Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) have been discerning how God is calling them to respond. This weekend we will welcome a number of people who seek to be welcomed into this community

It is through your words and hospitality that they will see Christ's presence.

A short Rite (ritual) will be held at the 9:30am Mass. Please pray for and welcome our parish RCIA candidates and catechumens (**Chris Biddle, David Campbell, Salote Fangupo, Adam Liquorish, Caitlin Berry, Isha Doering, Anisha Doering, Shauny Phillips and Lester Phillips**).

**RCIA Team**

# Parish News

\* **Anointing Mass:** Thursday 25 November at 9:15am followed by Seniors Morning Tea.

\* **2021 Advent and Christmas Reflection Book - Blessed**  
Grab your copy this weekend \$5.00 only! See foyer cabinet for details.

\* **Volunteers Needed!!** The weather prevented us from getting the outside decorations completed. If you can spare some time this weekend, please come along on Saturday 20 November at 8:30am—12:00pm to help with decorations and lights.



\* **Help needed to maintain our parish garden:** The parish community garden is a place for everyone. We do need some help though. Here are some ways you can contribute.



⇒ Use your prayer or exercise time to come and help weed the garden beds. Whatever time works for you.

⇒ Join the weekly watering roster. You might be lucky with the rain but if it's dry you may need to visit 3 or 4 times. A great early morning or afternoon job. You choose how often.

⇒ The remaining tulip bulbs need to be lifted. If you have any experience in this

area and can help we need you!

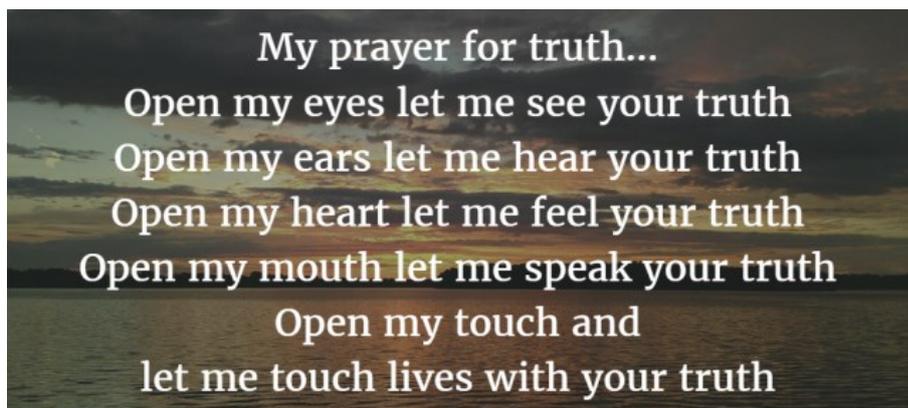
⇒ Please contact Fiona via email if you can help on [fionawilk62@gmail.com](mailto:fionawilk62@gmail.com)

\* **St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree** - Please support our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers by taking a tag and returning your item to the specially marked baskets in the Church foyer. Please donate ONLY non-perishable food donations, vouchers or money as specified on the tags you take. This is a very rewarding experience and a great way to give to people in our community who need our support this Advent and Christmas season.



\* **Christmas and January Roster:** Please complete our online form to let us know if you will be available to help during our Christmas and holiday period.

[Roster Form](#)



Please keep the following individuals in prayer.....



## For those who are sick

Baby Aarya  
Katie Charlton  
Ronald Robles  
Patricia Lebon  
Glenn Mowbray  
Gabrielle Eagles  
Roland Zocchi  
Sophia Vamvakaris  
Heather Hickey  
Paz Pinilla  
Graham Seymour  
Helen Morris  
Paul Mowbray  
Mark Williams

## Recently Deceased

Stephen Hickey  
Judi Darlington

## Anniversaries

Vincent James McCabe  
Paul David Twigg  
Judith O'Neill  
Bobbie Selems  
Kathleen Sullivan  
Paul Hingston

We include those who are members of our Parish or relatives. Please email contact the parish office or click here to request prayers.

[Prayer Requests](#)

*Lord, thank you for being a different kind of King.  
Thank you for your goodness and kindness in our lives.  
Thank you for your generosity.  
Thank you for loving us.  
Thank you for your Kingdom that is unlike any Kingdom in this world.*

# First Eucharist 2021

Over the past two weeks and across nine weeknight Masses (last one at 6:00pm today), over 200 children of our Parish celebrated their First Eucharist. We thank our Religious Education Coordinators Anne Leet (Mother Theresa School), Catherine Doig (Holy Spirit School), Anthony O'Connell/Erika Tokich (Good Shepherd School) and Frances Dinn (Parish Sacramental Teacher) along with all the Year 3 teachers for supporting our children and guiding them on the next step of their spiritual journey. This year was particularly challenging with having lockdown shortly after the program started, however all involved worked hard to keep the children connected to their faith and to ensure they were all able to receive the sacraments without delay.

A special thank you to **Frances Dinn** who not only taught our parish program class, but who also willingly gave up so much of her personal time to be at EVERY event to support the parish and the children receiving the sacrament. We are extremely grateful.

To the Mass Coordinators, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, your generosity of time and willingness to share your gifts is a real blessing to our faith community.

Lastly, a very big thank you to our Sacramental Coordinator, **Katrina Battilana**, who devoted so much time and energy into managing all these events. Katrina achieved all her tasks with dedication, kindness and without buckling under the enormous pressure and time constraints she faced. We are looking forward to 2022!

*Fr Mark*



# Upcoming EVENTS



## Save the Dates!

- \* Thursday 25 November—Anointing Mass and Seniors Morning Tea
- \* Saturday 27 November 7:00pm—Mass followed by lighting of the church and sausage sizzle
- \* Sunday 5 December 5:00pm—Altar Servers and Youth Group Christmas Party
- \* Saturday 11 December 5:00pm—Carols followed by Mass at 6:15pm
- \* Tuesday 21 December 7:00pm—Advent Reconciliation Service
- \* 15-23 December—Simbang Gabi Masses

More details about these events will be provided in the coming weeks. Please keep reading the newsletter so that you don't miss out!

## Change to Saturday Mass Times For two weekends only!

We are hosting two special Advent events and as a result we will change the 5:00pm Mass time on the following dates:

- \* Saturday 27 November 2021  
— Mass will be held at 7:00pm
- \* Saturday 11 December 2021  
— Mass will be held at 6:15pm



## Who Can Handle the Truth?

Pilate, like most of us, is a guy who can't handle the truth because it means accepting that our world is upside down and inside out.

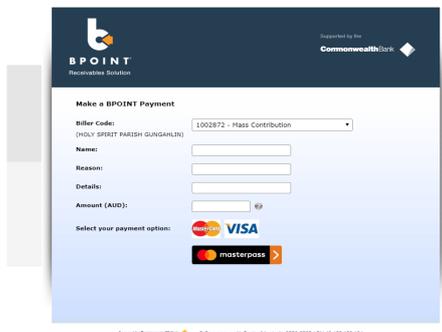
Open your eyes to the truth and you'll see that power, prestige, and security are only temporary and the world is based on false assumptions and miscalculations. Who wants to hear that? Like the former CEOs of today's corporations in crisis, most of us are out to protect our interests and are willing to whitewash reality and cook the books to prevent reports that our stock in ourselves is overrated - and that God and neighbour come above all else.

Start listening to the truth and next thing you know, you're living in the desert eating locusts and honey, or taking in strangers and trying to solve all the world's problems. No thank you.

But for all the crazy fears that surround accepting the truth, each of us is given a glimpse of the freedom that comes with it whenever we are overwhelmed by the love and warmth in a hug or kind gesture. The temporary loss of all cares and woes in those small moments is everlasting when you completely embrace the truth.

## WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Secure Online Payments



### Online Mass Contribution (First and Second Collections combined)

We encourage you to continue to support our parish by making contributions to our First and Second Collections online. Follow the steps below to make a secure online donation.

1. Click on <https://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/donations-payments/secure-online-payments/>
2. Select Biller Code 1002872 – Mass Contribution
3. Enter your payment details.

### Parish Bank Account Details

BSB: 062 786 Acc Number: 00010701 Acc Name: Holy Spirit Parish

## CONNECT WITH US

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