



# SAINT FIACRE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Parish

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Bring people closer to Jesus Christ and His Holy Church through Mother Mary, by proclaiming the Good News (*Mission*), forming the family of God (*Community*), and changing lives in Christ (*Renewal*).

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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - SUNDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2020**

**IN THIS ISSUE**

## RCIA begins this Sunday

The RCIA is a preparatory process, in which the Church prepares adults - men and women - who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. For more information, please check here: [www.stfiacreparish.com/becoming-catholic](http://www.stfiacreparish.com/becoming-catholic). Nevertheless, RCIA is also open to Catholics who have been baptised but want to re-learn the teachings of the Church.

Our Parish will officially start the RCIA Program this Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, at the Parish Hall. This activity will take place every Sunday, starting from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (until March 2021). Every RCIA participant is required to attend Holy Mass at 9:30 AM, at St Fiacre's church. At this point, we already have some candidates who are interested in joining this program. However, the Parish still opens the registration. Please do the registration via email: [fiacre@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:fiacre@capuchinfriars.org.au). This process of formation will be led by Fr Pionius and a team from the Parish.

## Morning Tea for All Church Volunteers and Helpers

Our Parish would like to say thank you for all church volunteers and helpers: cleaners, florists, catechists, marshals, musicians, choirs, altar servers, readers, money counters, etc. Therefore, the Parish invites all people who have been helping this year to join our small gathering on:

- ➔ **Date:** Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
- ➔ **Time:** 09:30 AM – 11:00 AM.
- ➔ **Place:** St Fiacre's Parish Hall.

If you are one of them, please notify Fr Pio or the Parish Office at (02) 9518 0650.

At the same day, if you have a chance, please join us for a Working Bee before Christmas. We will start from 8:00 AM until 09:30 AM, just one and a half-hour before the gathering. Please bring garden supplies and other tools for this activity. You are most welcome to join us too.

## Next Sunday is Advent!

Just a gentle reminder that next Sunday we will enter the First Sunday of Advent. I want to invite you to increase your prayer, fasting, and charity for the glory of God and the salvation of others who need your help. May all the hard work we do in this world will be rewarded in the Kingdom of Heaven. Cheers! – Fr Pio.

### QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS:

*"Even a smile that we can share with the poor is a source of love. An outstretched hand can always be enriched by the smile of those who quietly and unassumingly offer to help, inspired only by the joy of living as one of Christ's disciples."*

## LITURGY & DEVOTIONAL TIMETABLE

- ❖ **DAILY MASS:** Monday-Saturday, 7:00 AM, followed by the Holy Rosary after Mass
- ❖ **SUNDAY MASS:**
  - Vigil Mass (Saturday afternoon), 5:30 PM
  - English Mass, 8:00 AM (*at St Francis' church, Lilyfield*)
  - English Mass, 9:30 AM
  - Italian Mass, 11:00 AM
  - Adoration & Mass for Young Adults/Professionals, 4:00 PM
- ❖ **CONFESSION:**
  - Every Saturday 4:45 PM – 5:15 PM
  - Every Sunday 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM (during the Adoration for Young Adults/Professionals).
  - Other time, by appointment. Please contact the Parish Office.
- ❖ **BAPTISMS:** 1st & 3rd Saturday (at 11:00 AM), or 2nd & 4th Sunday (at 12:30 PM).
- ❖ **WEDDINGS:** Every Saturday, at 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM. Please contact the Parish at least six months before the wedding.
- ❖ **FUNERALS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** by appointment.

## READINGS ON SUNDAY

### Entrance Antiphon *Rv 5:12; 1:6*

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.

### First reading *Ez 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.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1*

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

### Second reading *1 Cor 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 their 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.

### Gospel Acclamation *Mk 11:9-10*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

### Gospel *Mt 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."

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Is 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Cor 1:3-9

**Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37

## WEEKLY PSALM RESPONSES

**Monday 23 November:** Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

**Tuesday 24 November (St Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions, Martyrs):** The Lord comes to judge the earth.

**Wednesday 25 November:** Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God!

**Thursday 26 November:** Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

**Friday 27 November:** Here God lives among his people!

**Saturday 28 November:** Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

## **DO YOU ALREADY HAVE A PLANNED GIVING NUMBER?**

More and more parishioners are joining the *Planned Giving Programme*. They love the church and they are ready to support it. Join them by choosing one of the following options:

- ➔ Set up an *Automatic Monthly Direct Debit* by contacting the Parish Office at [fiacre@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:fiacre@capuchinfriars.org.au). You will receive a Planned Giving number.
- ➔ Take and complete the Planned Giving registration form at the church entrance/foyer. Then, return it via the collection box at Mass, or to the Parish Office, or by email.
- ➔ Scan the QR code below with your mobile device, or visit our Parish website and click on the button "**MAKE A DONATION**". Then, choose Planned Giving option.



- ➔ Donate via EFT with the details below. Then, contact the Parish Office by phone or email.
  - ❖ **Name:** St Fiacre's Catholic Church
  - ❖ **BSB:** 062-784
  - ❖ **Account No:** 0457 5001
  - ❖ **Ref.:** Join the Planned Giving

# Gospel Reflection

by Greg Sunter

## Have you thought? - Christ the King

This week's liturgy marks the end of the liturgical cycle. Next week begins the new year with the season of Advent. The liturgy is celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King – reminding us of a very imperial model of church and theology that reflected the structure of the Roman Empire and later, Feudal Europe. To have this reading on the feast of Christ the King is a powerful reminder of how Jesus envisaged the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the Kingdom was not a rule of power and status but a rule of justice and peace for even the lowliest. It is an apt conclusion to the liturgical year.










## Gospel Focus - The Final Judgment

Often referred to as 'The Final Judgment', this gospel presents an understanding of judgment and punishment that reflects the theology and culture of the first century. It is an image that has continued to dominate Christian art and theology for most of its history: the idea of God sitting in judgment on the final day and weighing up each individual's actions. It is often applied very literally and it is a dominant image of God represented in the media – TV sit-coms and movies often draw on the image. It is a literalist image of God that needs to be challenged. We must remember that the

focus of the gospel passage is on the call to action for justice, happiness.  
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**SAINT MICHAEL PRAYER:**

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2021</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>Our parish has already opened the registration for the Sacramental Program 2021. If you wish that your child could receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation next year, the <b>application form is available at the foyer of the church.</b> Please fill the form and return it to the Parish Office during office hour.</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOVEMBER MASS</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>Please write the names of your beloved deceased in <b>PRINT</b>, clearly and one per line. All names will be put into the Book of Remembrance, and will be placed on the altar during November.</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRIARS' VAN CHRISTMAS APPEAL</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>The Friars' Van, our ministry to the homeless, will open the Christmas Appeal next week, <b>Sunday 29th November.</b> For this purpose, two big containers will be placed near the entrance of the church. Please feel free to give your donation: milo, coffee, tea, chocolate bars, cordial drinks, full cream milk, masks, gloves, etc. Thank you for your generous supports!</p> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>The next Baptism Preparation Evening is <b>Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020, 7:00 PM</b>, at the Hall. All parents who wish to baptise their children in December are required to join this program. Please RSVP by 29th November by contacting the Parish Office: (02) 9518 0650.</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRISTMAS CRIB</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>Our Parish is looking for a good designer for a Christmas Crib. If you know of someone with experience designing a Christmas Crib, please contact Fr Pio.</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>Bishop Richard Umbers will celebrate the Mass for Expectant Mothers on <b>Saturday, 12th December, 12:00 PM</b> at St Mary's Cathedral. Each expectant mother and her unborn child are invited to join the celebration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Please click here to register: <a href="http://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com">sydneycatholic.eventsair.com</a>.</li> <li>➔ For more information, please go to: <a href="http://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au">www.stmaryscathedral.org.au</a></li> </ul> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLEANING DONATIONS</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>Our parish needs donations in the form of cleaning supplies, such as disinfectant sprays (<i>Glen 20</i>), antibacterial wipes, and tissues. If you can help, please drop them at the sacristy before or after Holy Mass. Thanks.</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>All parishioners who undertake ministry where children or vulnerable people are involved, are required to have a valid WWC check. Please send your details to the Parish Office, i.e. your family name, date of birth, and WWC number. If you don't have one or want to renew it, please visit: <a href="http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au">www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au</a>.</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMUNION AT HOME</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>If you know of any of our parishioners who cannot go to church because of illness or old age, but they are eager to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office. We will arrange for a priest to visit them.</p> </div>

We acknowledge that this land area traditionally belonged to the Gadigal and Wangal peoples of the Eora nation.  
We pay our respects to their elders past, present, and emerging.



**22 Novembre – NOSTRO SIGNORE GESÙ CRISTO RE DELL'UNIVERSO** - **Venga il tuo regno** - Il regno di Dio, secondo la parola del nostro Signore e Salvatore, non viene in modo da attirare l'attenzione e nessuno dirà: Eccolo qui o eccolo là; il regno di Dio è in mezzo a noi, poiché assai vicina è la sua parola sulla nostra bocca e nel nostro cuore. Perciò, senza dubbio, colui che prega che venga il regno di Dio, prega in realtà che si sviluppi, produca i suoi frutti e giunga al suo compimento quel regno di Dio che egli ha in sé. Dio regna nell'anima dei santi ed essi obbediscono alle leggi spirituali di Dio che in lui abita. Così l'anima del santo diventa proprio come una città ben governata. Nell'anima dei giusti è presente il Padre e col Padre anche Cristo, secondo quell'affermazione: «Verremo a lui e prenderemo dimora presso di lui». Ma questo regno di Dio, che è in noi, col nostro instancabile procedere giungerà al suo compimento, quando si avvererà ciò che afferma l'Apostolo del Cristo. Quando cioè egli, dopo aver sottomesso tutti i suoi nemici, consegnerà il regno a Dio Padre, perché Dio sia tutto in tutti. Perciò preghiamo senza stancarci. Facciamolo con una disposizione interiore sublimata e come divinizzata dalla presenza del Verbo. Diciamo al nostro Padre che è in cielo: «Sia santificato il tuo nome; venga il tuo regno». Ricordiamo che il regno di Dio non può accordarsi con il regno del peccato, come non vi è rapporto tra la giustizia e l'iniquità né unione tra la luce e le tenebre né intesa tra Cristo e Beliar. Se vogliamo quindi che Dio regni in noi, in nessun modo «regni il peccato nel nostro corpo mortale». Mortifichiamo le nostre « membra che appartengono alla terra ». Facciamo frutti nello Spirito, perché Dio possa dimorare in noi come in un paradiso spirituale. Regni in noi solo Dio Padre col suo Cristo. Sia in noi Cristo assiso alla destra di quella potenza spirituale che pure noi desideriamo ricevere. Rimanga finché tutti i suoi nemici, che si trovano in noi, diventino «sgabello dei suoi piedi», e così sia allontanato da noi ogni loro dominio, potere ed influsso. Tutto ciò può avvenire in ognuno di noi. Allora, alla fine, «ultima nemica sarà distrutta la morte». Allora Cristo potrà dire dentro di noi: «Dov'è , o morte, il tuo pungiglione? Dov'è , o morte, la tua vittoria? ». Fin d'ora perciò il nostro «corpo corruttibile» si rivesta di santità e di « incorruttibilità; e ciò che è mortale cacci via la morte, si ricopra dell'immortalità» del Padre. Così regnando Dio in noi, possiamo già godere dei beni della rigenerazione e della risurrezione.



### WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH:

*Romeo Guarascio*

*(The child of Raffaele and Rebekah)*

May your baptism be just the start of a life filled with blessings.

Our Church marks the Feast of Christ the King this Sunday, also called the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, on the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, a week before we enter Advent. This Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas*, to respond to a world that was rejecting Christ and was being dominated by secularism. To help mark this special feast, you will find prayer resources for parishes and families on the Archdiocese of Sydney website: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/christ-reigns-the-feast-of-christ-the-king/>

### A PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Blessed are you, Father, who, in your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities. May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy.

Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

Our Lady, Help of Christians. *Pray for us!*

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation. *Pray for us!*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. *Pray for us!*

### TAP & GO MACHINE



The Tap & Go machine is now available at the church entrance, and is set for \$10. If you wish to donate more, simply tap your credit card as many times you like.

It also accepts Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Pay Wave. All contributions go to the maintenance and development of the Parish, as does the Second Collection at weekend Masses (no tax-receipt). Many thanks for your generous support!

Alternatively, you can upgrade and join the *Planned Giving Programme*. Forms are available in the foyer of the church and on our Parish website: [www.stfiacreparish.com/donate-now](http://www.stfiacreparish.com/donate-now)

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins."  
Mach. 2:XXII. 40

### **NOVEMBER MASSES**

Dear Father  
Please remember in your Mass the souls of

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The celebration of All Souls Day and the whole month of November is given over to the important ministry of offering Masses for the souls in purgatory, publicly and privately. By this we consciously give them our love and we commend them more fully to Jesus' love. What are you going to do this month that will help your loved ones who have gone Home to Jesus but who are probably not yet enjoying the fullness of his love for them? A bonus benefit is that we are also purified, here on earth instead of later after our own deaths, because such deeds made on behalf of others will increase our own holiness. If you wish to participate in offering Mass, please use the envelopes provided in the church.

Durante tutto il mese di Novembre la Chiesa universale ricorda tutte le Anime Sante del Purgatorio. Per tutti coloro che desiderano ricordare i propri cari durante le Sante Messe feriali e festive di tutto il mese di Novembre, sono pregati di usare questa bustina che potrà essere consegnata direttamente al prete oppure lasciata nell'apposito cestino davanti l'altare.