

## SUNDAY MASS

### 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 authority for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 122.

### RESPONSE:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'. And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**
2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's witness it is to praise the name of the Lord.

There were set the thrones for judgement, the thrones of the house of David. **R**

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 1:12-20.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 23:33-43.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

# Live the Word

**Mon 21 Nov** Presentation of our Lady

Zachariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:46-55; Matthew 12:46-50

Mary's presentation in the Temple stresses an important truth about Mary, that from the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands.

**Tue 22 Nov** St Cecilia, VM

Revelations 14:14-19; Psalm 96; Luke 21: 5-11

We need to trust that whatever we offer in wholehearted giving, though it may seem small or be difficult, can make a difference. Allow the coins of your kindness and attentive presence to fall into the life of someone else.

**Wed 23 Nov** (St Columban, Ab)

Revelation 15:1-4; Psalm 98; Luke 21:12-19

When will all people see your goodness, O Lord? When will all come to you and drink at the source of your grace? How can I tell them of your sweetness and your power? How can my happiness reach others?

**Thu 24 Nov** Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr & companions, Ms

Rev 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9; Psalm 100; Luke 21:20-28  
Do we allow the Lord to guide our speech? Do we speak and then wish we had been silent? Or do we stay silent and then wish we had spoken?

**Fri 25 Nov** (St Catherine of Alexandria)

Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21; 2; Psalm 84; Luke 21:27-33  
"One of the most beautiful gifts in the world is the gift of encouragement. When someone encourages you, that person helps you over a threshold you might otherwise never have crossed on your own." - John O'Donohue

**Sat 26 Nov** Liturgy of the Day

Revelation 22:1-7; Psalm 95; Luke 21:34-36  
It is hard to be vigilant when we are rushing. It is hard to get quiet and listen for guidance when we surround ourselves with noise. Slow down, and stand still before your God.

**Sun 27 Nov** 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Matthew 24:37-44  
We can get so caught up in daily anxieties, but in Advent, we step back for a moment and refocus on where we are ultimately headed. We are reminded about how transitory all our daily concerns are.

(KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)  
V=Virgin; M=Martyr; Ab=Abbot

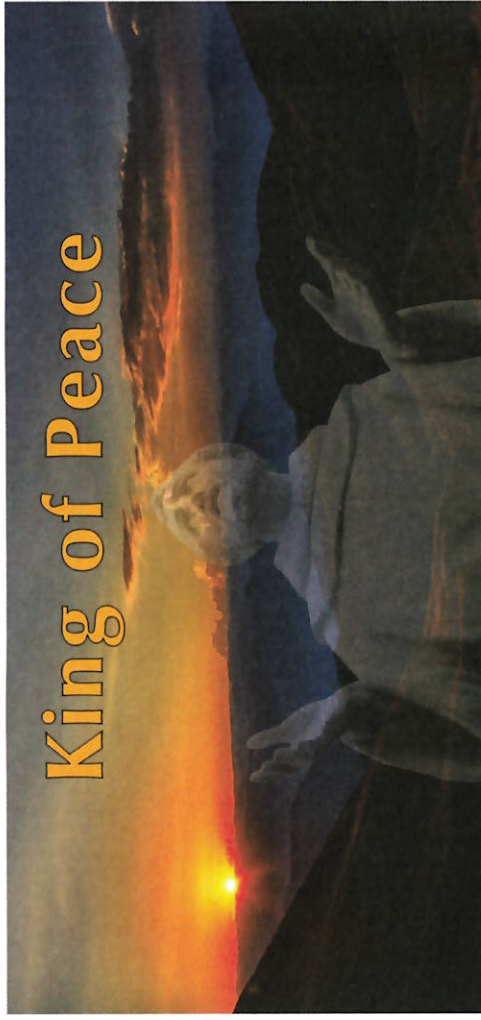
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# Catholic Link

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Solemnity of Christ the King • Year C  
Divine Office: Week 11 • 20 November 2022

# King of Peace



**S**t Francis of Assisi is without doubt one of the Church's greatest apostles of peace. On one occasion, he heard of the bitter dispute between the bishop and mayor of Assisi. Arranging a meeting between the two men and inviting all the citizens of Assisi to be present, he got two friars to sing his poem, "The Canticle of the Sun" that gives glory to God for the beauty of creation. The two previous enemies were converted as they listened to and reflected on words about the harmony of creation. Perhaps they realized just how out of harmony with creation they themselves were!

St Francis knew the harmony inherent in nature. He believed that if a person could love one other person, one unique animal, one flower, one special place of beauty on this earth, then there is no reason in principle why that love cannot stretch out to embrace every single creature to the furthest reaches of God's universe. He taught his friars:

"We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost the way."

That mission is no less real today on the feast of Christ the King. Christ proclaimed a Kingdom comprising the truth, goodness and beauty of every human being. He declared, "I am a king. I was born for this. I came into the world for this - to bear witness to the truth."

During the World Day of Peace in 1981, Pope Saint John Paul II said that "truth serves the cause of peace." For him, peace can only begin

when we realize the truth about persons: the truth that each one is made in the image and likeness of God. When the truth about each person is not respected, terrible consequences follow. Pope John Paul asks these questions:

What should we say of the practice of silencing those who do not share the same views? What should we say of the sly insinuations, the manipulation of information? Underlying all forms of non-truth is a mistaken ideology of people. The first lie, the basic falsehood, is to refuse to believe in the dignity of people.

"Truth is the power of peace", words Pope St John Paul II uttered time and again throughout his pontificate. What truth is, we can only learn from Christ the King who called himself "The Way, the Truth and the Life". But in proclaiming truth sometimes he had to disturb the peace; disturb the hypocrisy of the pharisees; disturb the legalism of the scribes; disturb the materialism of the traders in the Temple. Even though Jesus told his followers, "Blessed are the peacemakers...", he also knew that working for peace is to carry a cross.

This is not exactly an "upbeat" note on which to end our *Link* series on Catholic Social Teaching. But let it be a sobering reminder that in all our reflections we saw that Christian action on behalf of justice, peace, human development and the care of earth, is to walk in the footsteps of the humble king from Nazareth who, lifted on a cross and lifted up in glory, draws all people to himself.



A book of paintings by deafblind Rabbi Priest Cyril Axelrod with reflections on each painting by friends who know him.

Fr Cyril celebrated 50 years as a priest in November 2020 and this book has been compiled as a tribute to him and his amazing life.

"Cyril has never seen a single painting which he himself created. Instead, he invites you to use your own gift of eyesight to see them. But beyond that, to experience them with "heart-sight", as he does."

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**CHRIST THE KING - Year C**  
19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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Date	Intentions
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b> 17h30 18h00	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> Catherine Chapman RIP Prayer & Rosary
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b> 09h00 11h00 17h30 18h00	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> Anthony Church RIP <b>CHRIST THE KING</b> First Holy Communion Class <b>CHRIST THE KING</b> Missa pro Populo Prayer & Rosary
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b> 08h00 18h00	<b>Presentation of Our Lady</b> Horne Family Prayer & Rosary
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 08h00 18h00	<b>St Cecilia</b> Patricia Ryan RIP Prayer & Rosary
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 08h00 18h00	Mass of the Day Mortuary List Prayer & Rosary
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b> 08h00 18h00	<b>St Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Comp.</b> Margot Hotz RIP Prayer & Rosary
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b> 09h30 18h00	Mass of the Day Greg Cheminais RIP Prayer & Rosary
<b>CONFESSION</b>	<b>Saturdays 16h30-17h15 Or by Appointment</b>

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**Daily Rosary:** At 18h00 every evening:  
<http://bit.ly/ConstantiaZoom>  
Please see our emailers and website for regular updates. [www.constantiacatholic.com](http://www.constantiacatholic.com)

**Mortuary List 2023:** To add your loved ones, either complete the online form on our website, email names to the parish office, or complete the form available at the back of the church. Please make an appropriate donation using envelopes available at the back of the church or EFT to the parish account, using your Surname and Mortuary List as reference.

**Prayer Intentions:** For all in need of our prayers and their families: Malcolm Asher, Allen Galvin, William De Villiers, Margaret Savage, Sarah Glenday, Cecco Giovannini, Phil Barton, Brendan Bosson, Neva Bruce-Brand, Melissa Blumenthal, Lucinda Bromfield, Mark Clifford-Holmes, Derek Kudzai, Jana Forrester, Elijah, Dieter Lauff, Connor Young, Maryann Groenewald, Lionel Soule, Anthea Becker.

**Our Prayerful Condolences** to the family and friends of Anthony Church who passed away on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. His funeral was held at our parish this Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. May he rest in eternal peace.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

Our best wishes and prayers go to our First Holy Communion Class who received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time this Sunday:

- ⊕ Elliot Berndsen
- ⊕ Emily Bothma
- ⊕ Louis De Drouâs
- ⊕ Oliver Ferrao
- ⊕ Charlie Lagan
- ⊕ Liam McEwen
- ⊕ Alicia Ntunzwenimana
- ⊕ Tracy Ntunzwenimana
- ⊕ Ben Smith
- ⊕ Rebecca Smith
- ⊕ Jake Weeks

We would like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful Catechists who have helped prepare our children spiritually for the Blessed Sacrament.

**Second Collection – Advent Appeal:** The first of our four annual Advent Appeal collections will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Please find envelopes at the back of the church. If you wish to contribute by EFT, please see parish bank details at bottom of page use ref ADVENT. *Thank you!*

**20 Years Of Bags Of Love:** Reach out to a needy family over Christmas. Fill your own bag using the shopping list or make a donation. Thank you for your constant love and support and our thanks to Gina Clifford-Holmes who has lovingly run this programme for all these years! Let's make this a bumper 20th year!

**Nativity Pageant**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 17h00**  
**Followed by a Family picnic on the lawn.**  
Please sign up on the list in the foyer if your child would like to participate. We need 14 main characters and lots and lots of angels and shepherds!

**MEXICAN FIESTA**

Get your tickets after Mass  
**LET'S BE A COMMUNITY**  
Volunteers and donations still welcome!

**Advent Candle Lighting:** Families who would like to participate in the lighting of the Advent candles on the 4 weekends of Advent, please sign up on the list at the back of the church – *still some slots available!*

**Available at the back of the church or from the parish office:**

- The Southern Cross Magazine: - R30.
- Nazareth House Jams: R35 per jar
- 2023 Liturgical Calendars: R30 each
- Advent Candles: R60.00 – only a few sets left!

**TEA AFTER 9AM MASS**

**This Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
*All most welcome!*

Our grateful thanks to all volunteers and contributors – if you'd like to help, please email Julie Junor: [juliejunor@gmail.com](mailto:juliejunor@gmail.com)

**Senior Catechism Retreat**

**Sunday 04 December:**  
**11.30am – 6.30pm**  
**(includes evening Mass)**  
**At Constantia Catholic Church**  
**Lunch included**  
**2023's Grade 8s welcome!**  
**For more info: Joseph 073 887 1799**

**REFLECTION: Christ the King**

The most important question to ask on this feast of Christ the King isn't whether he reigns in the world but whether he reigns in US, determines our goals and establishes our priorities because, more important than being king, Jesus is a loving God. Our task must be to proclaim his Kingdom, showing love for his subjects, our neighbors, and treat them as he does.  
*Richard.*

*Our parish mission is to be a welcoming and evangelising Catholic community, striving, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, to know, love and serve God more, as disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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