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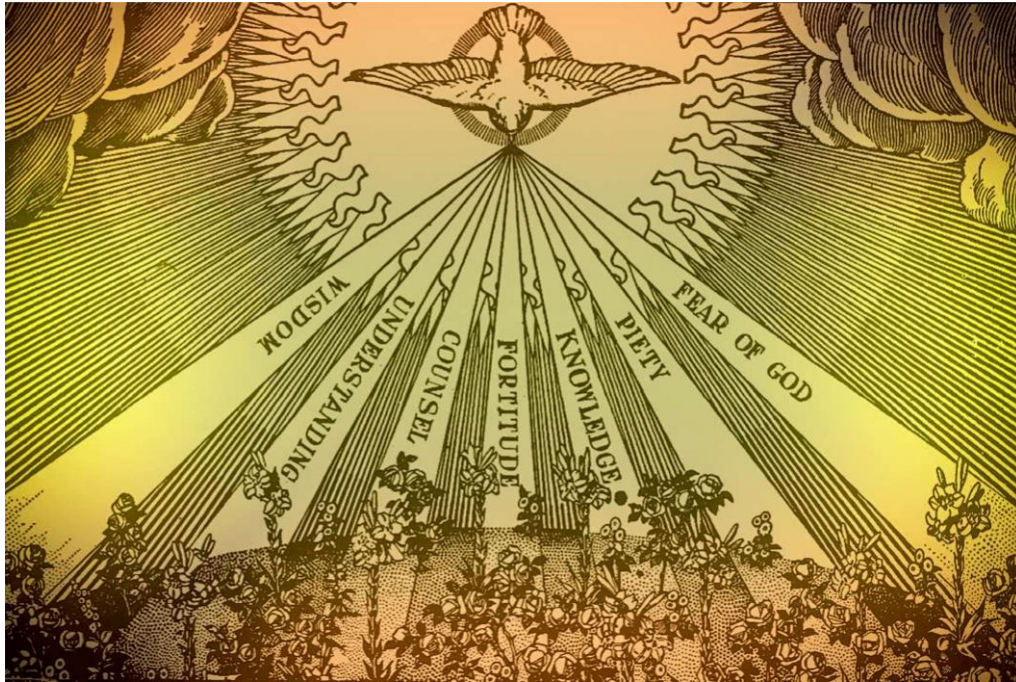
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Incorporating the Communities of St Mary's Sea Lake, Sacred Heart Culgoa, St Joseph's Nandaly, S's Peter & Paul Quambatook & St Mary's Swan Hill as well as the Lake Boga Families & Faith Group



SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2025:

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We are so excited to be welcoming 56 children for Confirmation this weekend, with another 2 to follow in the next couple of weeks. Please know we have been praying for you over the last few months! May this be a very special day for you. Today, you say your special yes to faith and to following Jesus as our King. And he is a Good King, the best! We can trust him, because he loves us more than we can ever know. May you know that great Love in your heart as today you share in a special gift of the Holy Spirit. May you feel it deeply and never, ever doubt it. May it shape you and move you, so that you might say your 'yes' to God and serve him by sharing his Love with all the world!

We also welcome all our families and special friends who have come in support of the children today.

Thank you for helping them get ready for this big day.

Today is also a special reminder for the power of God's Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives. He has filled us with his gifts. May those gifts be renewed and strengthened in us today, so that we too may continue to do our part in bringing his Love to all the people in our life.

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Child Safe Church

Here in the Parish of Holy Family North East Mallee we follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
RECENT DEATHS+**

Dorothy Scott

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Edna O'Halloran, Michael Power, Cyril Storer
Catherine Scalora, Marlene Kelly, Emilio Tuntar
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Tom O'Connor, Leon McDougall
Michael Leonard, Mary Rogers, Mary O'Connor
Frank Curran, Trevor Wiedermann, Amy Leggett
Yvonne Annan, Mary Bryant, James Stahl,
Trevor Wright, Antonio Tarascio, Brian Templeton,
Graeme Patterson Mary O'Connor,
Michael Considine, Cade Hickey
Carmela Capone, Mary Considine

SICK LIST

Pat Jeans, Teresa O'Brien, Pat Egan, Carmel Ryan,
Pat Croft, Yvonne Richardson, Jayden Williams,
Margaret Foott, Jarrod Crimmins, Michael Bourke,
Jack Donohue, Jude Lewis, Bridget Phyland,
Peter Amezdroz, Ken Duryea, Helen Duryea

**THIS WEEKEND 23RD NOVEMBER
CHRIST THE KING**

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill **Confirmations**

Sunday 8.30am Quambatook

Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill **Confirmations**

Sunday 3pm Sea Lake Confirmations

WEEKDAYS IN SWAN HILL

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Wednesday: 10.30am

Thurs: Confessions 5pm, Mass 5.30pm, Adoration

Friday: 10.30am

Saturday: 10:30am Mass

NEXT WEEKEND 30TH NOVEMBER

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 6pm Swan Hill

Sunday 10:30am Swan Hill

NOTICES



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDARS

Our Reverse Advent Calendars are available again this year. Boxes will be available from the parish office or after Masses next weekend. Return date is the weekend of the 14th/15th December when we will deliver them to A Good Kitchen/St Vinnies for Christmas. A suggestion list of items to go in the boxes is available.

Donations of items or money from anyone who would like to help but not fill a box are most welcome as we can make up boxes to be donated. These can be left at the Parish Office Tuesdays or Fridays between 10.30 and 2pm.

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Silent Night Oh Holy Night.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

I know, it is scary right, but Christmas is not too far away! Just so you can set your diaries and organise your families, our Christmas Mass times will be...

Christmas Eve (Wednesday 24th)

4:30pm Sea Lake

7pm Swan Hill (*With Nativity Play*)

9:30pm Swan Hill

Christmas Day (Thursday 25th)

Quambatook 8:30am

Swan Hill 10:30am

Please start passing the message around!

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COLUMBAN CALENDARS & GOD'S WORD 2026

Have arrived and are now available from the Parish Office- Calendars are \$10 each and God's Words \$20.

Also Religious Christmas Cards, \$10 per pack



HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

How do the different reactions to Jesus reveal different understandings of kingship?

In what way is the second criminal's question to Jesus a statement of faith?

Why does this gospel ascribe words to the criminals that the other gospels don't record?

Why were the poor and outcast able to see a truth about Jesus that others could not?

Throughout this liturgical year, what have you come to appreciate about the gospel of Luke?

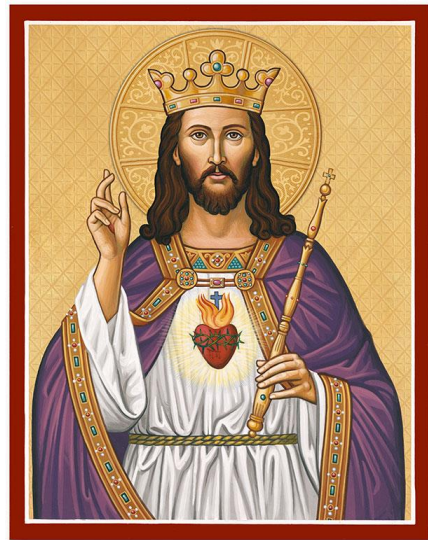
BACKGROUND TO THE GOSPEL

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in

mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leader's jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all. © Loyola Press



When the feast of Christ the King was first conceived by Pope Pius XI in 1925, its intention was to emphasise the majesty and power of Jesus Christ, King and ruler of the world. However, our understanding of 'king' as it can be applied to Jesus has changed significantly in the intervening years. Despite earthly notions of kingship and the role of the Messiah, Jesus completely rejected such expectations and assumed the role of servant to the poor and outcast. As we have seen throughout this year, the gospel of Luke depicts in great detail the emphasis and priority that Jesus gave to the lowly and marginalised.

The theme that flows through the gospel is again captured in the account of the crucifixion. At this most critical point, it is a criminal, crucified alongside Jesus, who responds in faith to Jesus and asks to join Jesus when he enters into his kingdom. The criminal has a much better idea of the nature of the sort of king that Jesus really is than is revealed by the sign that Pilate has had nailed to the cross.

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The Word of the Lord. *ALL: Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 121:1-5. *R. see v.2*

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God

and the first-born of all creation,

for in him were created

all things in heaven and on earth:

everything visible and everything invisible,

Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –

all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed,

and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,

he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,

he was first to be born from the dead,

so that he should be first in every way;

because God wanted all perfection

to be found in him

and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,

everything in heaven and everything on earth,

when he made peace

by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord. *ALL: Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mark 11:9. 10

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 Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross, watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord. *ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR A

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44