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 The year of the Priest



Feast of Christ the King

21st-22nd November, '09 - No 46

This Week

SUNDAY 22nd

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass

MONDAY 23rd

8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass

TUESDAY 24th

8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass
 9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 25th

6.30pm Prayer for Sr Ann
 (Prayer Room)
 7pm Mass
 7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 26th

9am North School
 (Gr. 5J/5K)

FRIDAY 27th

8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass
 9.30am D. Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY 28th

Reconciliation 10.30am
 6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 29th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass

A 'Mystical' Image for Service

When the young French mystic, Therese of Lisieux, was trying to explain her vocation, she referred to a soul-searing insight that was once given her:

"One Sunday, looking at a picture of Our Lord on the Cross, I was struck by the blood flowing from one of his divine hands. I felt a pang of great sorrow when thinking this blood was falling on the ground without anyone's hastening to gather it up. I was resolved to remain in spirit at the foot of the Cross and to receive its dew. ... I don't want this precious blood to be lost. I shall spend my life gathering it up for the good of souls. ... To live from love is to dry Your Face.

At one level, this can be seen as an image of simple excess piety, an over-pious young nun sitting in a chapel, admiring a crucifix and getting emotionally over-wrought in an imaginative scene of Jesus being abused and crucified. But this is a metaphor, a mystical image, and a very challenging one.

When Therese of Lisieux speaks of Christ here she is referring not just, nor even primarily, to the body of the historical Jesus, but to the body of Christ in this world. Christ is still suffering and blood is still flowing from his face and his hands in many parts of our world. One of our tasks as Christians, and simply as human beings, is to, metaphorically, notice that blood, gather it up, and properly honour it. The Christian task, always, is to stand at the foot of the cross and gather up its dew so that this preciousness is not lost. How do we do that?

◆ When Amnesty International, or any group or individual dedicated to justice, goes to war-torn and violent parts of

our world, documents the violence there, and lists publicly the names of all those who have been made to disappear, they are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

◆ When a nun leaves the safety and security of her own country and community and travels to Sudan to be with women who are being raped and documents their stories, she is standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

◆ When a friend on a playground rushes in after an incident to console the vulnerable young person who has just been humiliated by the school bully, she is standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

◆ When a man, like Greg Mortenson, steps out of a life of privilege and comfort to risk everything, including life itself, to build schools in the most rural parts of Pakistan so that young Muslims, especially young Muslim women, can receive an education, he is standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

◆ When men and women dedicate their lives to working with the mentally disabled so as to help enable the

lives and dignity of those whose talents are different, they are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

◆ When an idealistic young person joins the peace-corps, or becomes a missionary, in the sincere desire to help someone who is less privileged, he or she is standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

And ...

◆ Whenever any of us takes time at our place of work or in our home to listen to that wounded soul who has worn out everyone's patience with complaints



and whining reminiscences, we are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

◆ Whenever any of us makes the effort to listen with empathy to that frustrated friend, colleague, or sibling, who is wrapped-up in jealous frustration because his or her life has not turned out as he or she had dreamed, we are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

◆ Whenever any of us notices another's achievement and sincerely congratulates and blesses him or her on that success, we are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

◆ Whenever any of us, empathically, pray for all those people in this world whose dreams are being crushed and who are suffering the martyrdom of obscurity and anonymity, we are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

Blood still flows from both the hands and the face of the one being crucified. Mostly it goes unnoticed, with no one hastening to gather it up.

Our task, like that of Therese of Lisieux, is to notice, and the make sure that this preciousness does not go unnoticed, unmarked, without its proper honour.

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Parish Calendar, News & Events

NOVEMBER

**22nd Feast of Christ the King
Multicultural celebration 11am Mass**

23rd RCIA meeting
YCS

25th Family Group Leaders

27th Mass at Viewhills
Passionists Companions Retreat

29th Advent 1C

Family Mass 11am - Prep welcome
South School Christmas Fair
Altar Servers Mtg

This weekend: Christmas Hamper Lists:

Through the hampers we reach out to people in need within our local community. We are invited to 'adopt' a family and provide non-perishable food, gifts. Hamper lists available this weekend in the Gathering Space. Families or groups might like to work together to support a family or you may wish to provide for a family on your own. Completed hampers to be returned by Sunday 13th December. Details of what is suitable for hampers on list provided. We do stress that non-perishable food that is out of date or very close to 'use by date' will not be accepted.

Apostleship Awards: Congratulations to all the recipients!!!



Thank you to those parishioners who nominated fellow parishioners. Awards will be presented at 11am Mass this weekend. Nominations were also received for people who have already been recipients of an award in previous years.

This award is a 'once off' award.

Carols in Martin Place - Are you interested in joining a group to sing carols after the Hamper Mass? We need to get a group together & have practice, as we don't have much time left.

Contact: Andrea . 0433 300 458; Glen 0408 001 888

Advent Liturgy Committee:

You are invited to join with the Liturgy Committee to prepare the liturgy for Advent. Contact the parish Centre if you can help.

Care for people who are Sick or House-bound:

In response to our note in the Newsletter recently we have had a few names, if you know someone who you think is unable to get to Church or lives alone please let the Parish team know.

If you able to help with transport, we would be delighted to hear from you -contact the Parish Office.

Promoting a safe community for all

As a Catholic community we recognise the dignity of each individual for all are created in God's image and likeness. We aim to create a community where everyone is welcome and feels a sense of belonging. To meet the requirements laid down in civil and church guidelines we have been developing policies and a code of conduct that will support all who are engaged in activities with children, young people and vulnerable adults as they work to create and foster safety for all. In the next few months we will be having conversations with people who need to know. Meantime we all work at building our parish community so that all are welcomed.

27th Nov: Passionist Companions Retreat:

at Holy Cross - Templestowe.

28th Nov: Christmas Fair:

St Paul Apostle South School on William Hovell Drive 11am-4pm. Showbags, lollies, BBQ, International Food Stalls, Mini Golf, Raffles and much more. Great entertainment, see notice wall and Gathering Space for details.



29th Nov: Altar Servers Meeting :

All Altar Servers 'new and old' are invited to meet at 3pm until 4pm

8th Dec: Seniors Christmas Brunch:

Start with Mass at 10am, music, song, and lots of entertainment. Put this in your diary/calendar. Donations of food or money would be appreciated to support this day. More detail to follow.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas

Card/Columban Calendar 2010: on sale in the piety Stall - Cards 10pk \$7; Calendar \$7.

Other News & Events



29th Nov: Deanery Youth

Gathering: The last for 2009— 5.30-9pm at Resurrection Parish, 402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough. Starts with mass followed by forum and free dinner. All young people, (16-35 years) are welcome. The focus this month is "Grief and Growth" presented by Bishop Tim Costello.

29th Nov: Inaugural MCSV Multicultural Christmas

Carol Celebration at the Melbourne Town Hall 6-10pm. If you would like to register to be part of this contact Thomas 9467 2964/0401 048 591; Paul 0414 520 100.9436 7985. Details on notice wall in 'old foyer' and on table in Gathering Space.

From 4 Dec: "Messiah" -

The Palace Opera and Ballet will be screening Messiah at Palace Cinemas (Balwyn, Brighton Bay, Como and Kino). Groups of 20 receive a discounted rate of \$20—Britain's internationally acclaimed Choir of the King's College. Special discounted offer to all churches. To make a booking contact 9816 1777 or email

tara.williams@palacecinemas.com.au. See notice wall for detail.

Jesuit Social Services: Abbots for Biscuits Christmas Range:

Give a gift this Christmas that helps build a more just society. See brochure on notice wall for details of range and prices..

11th Dec: Taize Prayer:

During Advent you are invited for a hour of Taize Prayer at Salesian Retreat Centre, 465 Lysterfield Road, Lysterfield (Mel 83 G2). Phone 9752 2432 or 9758 1611. You are welcome to stay for a cuppa and chat after the prayer. See flyers on table in Gathering Space.

12th Dec: Friends of COG Fundraising Christmas Concert:

7.30pm, St Scholastica's Parish Centre, Bennettswood. Includes parts of previous musicals & the New Vibrant Musical 'Francis of Assisi.' Also Christmas Carols, Tsunami raffle/auction & other talented performances. All Enjoyable, Engaging and Inspiring.

Come join us enjoy the highly talented performers, singers, dancers and band. Cost: \$20 or early bird \$15 by 7/12. To book email cognow@gmail.com for info 0413 398 528. See both entrances for flyers.

Don Bosco Summer Camps

2010: Spaces are filling quickly for the upcoming Don Bosco Summer Camps in Safety Beach, January 2010. The Salesians of Don Bosco are a Catholic religious order dedicated to working with young people. If you are 9-15 years of age and enjoy going to the beach, eating good food and making new friends then this is the place for you. The camps are run by a team of young, enthusiastic leaders whose primary role is to ensure that each camper has the time of their life. There are 3 camps to choose from:

Junior Camps 1 & 2 (boys&girls aged 9-12): Jan 4-7 & Jan 18-21

Senior Camp (boys&girls aged 13-15): Jan 11-15

For an application form or more information go to

www.donboscocamp.org or ring **5987-2693.**

NB: change to notice

Useful Daily Prayer and Reflection Website

<http://dailyscripture.net/>

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK (Christ the King)

Daniel 7:13-14

Apocalypse 1:5-8

John 18:33-37

NEXT WEEK (Advent 1C)

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick:

Sean Quessy, Pablito Teves, Paul Hoareau, Shoiseha Younan, Pat D'Cunha, Heinz Weninger, Sr. Ann Halpin, Don Nelson, Leslie Thuraisingham, Jeanette Dalzotto, Alyzée Dromart, Joseph Alevedo, Robert Kilmartin, Maria Sepulveda, Dorothy de Souza, Markis Theodore, and Edgardo Sotiar



Those who have died

Aron Dascoli, Vince Marzin, Edward Burns Snr, Marie Almeida, William Joseph, Krystyna Orzowski, Anastascia Aclan, Richard Johnson, Jules Balancy, Elia Marcel, Giuseppe Eggizii, Aloysius DeSilva, Inocência Nunes, Luis Santos, Henry Charles Daly, Frank Whittam, Maryce Coiffic, Romana Da Costa, Joze Maria, Jose O Lontok Snr, Marta Medina, Olive Alveyn

**St Paul Apostle
Catholic Community**

Priests:

Fr Tim O'Toole CP (PP)
Fr James Fernandez CP

Pastoral Associates

Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr Bridget Murphy CP

Parish Staff

Mrs Bev Cresswell
(Pastoral & Sacrament Support)
Mrs Liz Spear
(Administration & Finance)

**Passionist
Community**

Fr Peter Addicoat CP
Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Tim O'Toole CP
Fr James Fernandez CP

**Sisters of Cross and
Passion**

Sr Anne Cunningham CP
Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr Bridget Murphy CP

**St Paul Apostle
North Primary
School**

9700 6068
Principal
Mrs Christine White

**St Paul Apostle
South Primary
School - 9700 3663**

Principal
Mrs Helen Greenhill

**St John's Regional
College - 9791 3366**

Principal
Mr Andrew Walsh



Rosters for this Weekend: (4th Week)				
	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	S Stone, Euch Min	M Nadarajah J Bilton, Euch Min	A Gargana Euch Min	Euch Min
Sacristan	M Maillard	N Raveche	L Forkgen	S Jayamaha
Gifts	R Vaz	M Magee	Volunteers	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs.	L Flood, M Ryan M Rolfe	J Callery L Lapierre	H Greenhill, L Newman	N Fernando C Bird M Meerwald
Communion Ministers	S Stone, D Arena S Sharp, A Petryk P Louden S, B & J Herbert	M Anthony B & E David J Aldag, F Price F Hall, D Mariette	F Lucette, J Solari, Y Sherwin C De Souza J Foenander H Greenhill G Calixto	K Jayasinha R Mathias J Catania N Sangalang
Servers	K Maillard N De Zilva J Ferrao, S Dang K Fernandes J D'Souza	D De Silva V Jayetileke Mark Harper S Jayasuriya K Dimitrakis	M O'Connor K Mehes A Del Socorro E Gubatanga	E Schumacher & Volunteers
Cuppa after Mass	L Flood & Volunteer	D De Rozario V Vaifale M Nadarajah	A Gargan & Volunteer	C Sendapperuma

Rosters for Next Weekend: 28th-29th November, 2009 (5th Week)				
<i>There are limited people on rosters this weekend. Please help out at Mass you attend. Thank</i>				
	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	Eucharistic Minist.	S de Rozairo	Eucharistic Minist.	Eucharistic Minist.
Sacristan	Volunteer	K McArdle	Y Sherwin	Volunteer
Readers & Commtrs.	M Daly, B Lock M Quirin	Volunteer	J Jornet	L Spear
Gifts	V & C De Zilva	J Bilton M Magee	Volunteer	Volunteer
Communion	H Sanders B Henstridge L Flood, M Rolfe S Fernandes L & B Cresswell	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Servers	N De Zilva J Ferrao, S Dang K Fernandes J D'Souza K Maillard	V Jayetileke M Harper S Jayasuriya K Dimitrakis D De Silva	K Mehes A Del Socorro E Gubatanga M O'Connor	E Schumacher & Volunteers
Communion to the Sick	A: J Rebeiro	B: P Shaw-Dennis J Chadwick	C: J & M Duyker (fortnightly)	
	Church Prep. - 3 O & M Trindade B & T Lobo S & C Quinless	Flowers No flowers during Advent	Counting A Astin, A Clark G Doran	Rosary T Wallace

Parish Finances		
Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes: (326 pledges)	\$3323.70	\$2274.35 (136 received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit		\$1859.38 (121 pledges)
Cash		\$ 437.05
Total		\$
Priests (2nd)		\$
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		Thank you

Parish Sacrament Information

Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Preparation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Information from the Parish Centre.

Marriages require 6 months notice to one of the priests, participation in a FOCUS marriage preparation program, or a Centacare Course. Information Forms at the Parish Centre.

Anointing of the Sick is held during Mass on the 1st Friday of the Month at 9am. Before going to hospital for major surgery, why not ask one of the priests to pray with you and anoint you.

Children's Sacraments require full participation in the preparation phase. Registration forms and Information from the Parish Centre.