

Ministry Roster.

This Week: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe(24/11.) Next Week First Sunday of Advent (1/12).

| Ministry | Vigil | 8:30AM. | Vigil | 8:30 AM. |
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| Acolyte. | R Kemmis. | G Verhoeven. | R. Kemmis. | G Verhoeven. |
| Commentator. | L Blahut. | P Gannon. | T Burgheim. | M Kundukulam. |
| Reader. | M Golez. | S Sheean. | S Sheean. | K Powell. |
| Flowers. | J West. | | J Gannon. | |
| Cleaning. | T Griffiths & G Hitchen. | | L Blahut & M Kundukulam. | |

If you are unable to carry out your ministry please organise a replacement or call Richard on the Parish phone number listed on the first page of this bulletin before COB Fridays(5:00PM).

Epiphany Pilgrimage 2025.

Our Lady of the Nativity will be hosting the Epiphany Pilgrimage group again in 2025 as they journey up the mountains from 2 - 9 January and celebrate 10 years of pilgrimage through our deanery. In preparation for the pilgrimage, you are invited to write any prayer requests on the cards provided and place them in the Epiphany Pilgrimage prayer box to be prayed each day by the pilgrims. Please join the pilgrimage group for Adoration and a reflection by the Good Sam sisters, and a festive meal on 5 January from 5.30pm, and Mass on 6 January at 6.30am. To participate in some or all of the pilgrimage - including walks, Mass, Adoration / prayer sessions and meals - visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org

Information about the Sacramental Program for children :

Baptised children who are in YEAR 3 OR ABOVE



IN 2025

will be invited to join the First Reconciliation (First Confession) preparation program

to be held in term 4 in 2025 Enquiries; Maureen Ryan olon254@gmail.com

Flyers are also available in our church foyer.

Lawson Vinnies is very active in our Community, and we are looking for more volunteers to assist the needy in the Mid Mountains.

If you are considering a transition to retirement in the coming year or two or just have a bit of spare time once a month or so, could you please contact Paul Gannon on 0409592055 to discuss (I'll shout the coffee). Thanks, in anticipation on behalf of the Lawson Vinnies Team.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Paul Gannon

President and Justice of the Peace

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Parish Priest: Fr Paul Slyney - 0418 461 316.

Parish Office Hours: Thursdays & Fridays 10.00 am - 3.30 pm.

Weekend Masses: **Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 8:30 AM.**

WEEKDAY MASSES : Each Tuesday at 5:00PM during November ONLY.

Baptisms: First & Third Saturdays at 11:00 AM. **Weddings:** Call the office & six months notice.

Funerals: Call the office. **BENEDICTION: First Fridays 7:00 PM.**

Baptisms during the Year.

This weekend we celebrate the Kingship Of Jesus. Through Baptism we are privileged to become the sisters and brothers of Jesus the Christ. Baptism is the great gift we have been given where we share in the love and mission of our brother Jesus. Below are listed all the youngsters who were initiated into the family of Jesus during the last 12 months. We pray for them and their parents and godparents who have the task and great honour of supporting these little ones as they grow in faith and love.

Not all those baptised were baptised as infants, three of the baptisms were of older children who chose the sacrament themselves and made their very own commitments to follow Jesus within our Catholic, Christian Community

Those Baptised in 2024 are :

Naiden Joey Hewakankanamage.

Lewin David Starr.

Indigo McKay Starr.

Camille Nila Hines.

Henry Ewan Woolnough.

Naomi Joy Jing Au-Mahoney.

Mija Cvita Visser.

Franklin Samuel Visser.

Lincoln Paul Price.

Cailen Michael Fitzpatrick.

Saraya Arden Joy Marshall.

Elena Faith Luc.

Bonnie Elizabeth Wilson.

Havana Rose Bugeja.

Matthew James Legge.

Vincent Gianni Amies.

Banthoeng Sunga-Johnston.



Maureen Ryan.

Sacramental Co-ordinator.

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Darug and Gundungarra People and their elders - the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather.



Recently Deceased: Anniversaries:

Sick: Phillip Doherty, Tony Gilmour, Rob Nickl, Lan Franco Matteucci, Anthony Griffin, Daniel Smith, Sienna Erdmanis, Kees Van Der Donk, Mary Whyte , Shirley Bennett and all Private Intentions. *Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the permission of the immediate family. Thank you.*

First Reading

Daniel 7:13-14. Daniel prophesies about the coming of the Son of Man.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 93:1,1-2,5. A prayer of praise to God our king

Second Reading

Revelation 1:5-8. Jesus is the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of all.

Gospel Reading

John 18:33b-37. Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is “King of the Jews.”

Background on the Gospel Reading.

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John’s Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favourable light than in the other Gospels. In today’s reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John’s Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate’s questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus’ mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John’s Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see [John 17:6-18](#)), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world’s salvation. In today’s reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John’s theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John’s Gospel to understand the context for Jesus’ words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John’s language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John’s Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus’ kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today’s Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.

OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY

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SANTA MARIA CONFERENCE CENTRE

Available for meetings,
functions and
conferences. Phone
Sr Veronica on 4759 1116.

What’s the buzz?

Lately, some parishioners have been chatting about strengthening community connections within the parish. How do you feel about where we are as a parish? Do you have any ideas about how you would like to refresh or build on what we value most in our community?

For instance, might it be valuable, as part of the Gathering Rite of our Mass, to extend a little that brief moment we presently have so that we can properly greet and engage with the people in the pews around us?

Why not throw your ideas and thoughts around those points with some other parishioners after Mass one day soon!

Chris van der Walle

KEEP THE DATE FREE :

An invitation is extended to **ALL** parishioners to enjoy a coming together **Parish pre-Christmas and welcome return home to Fr Paul MORNING TEA**, being held in the **Santa Maria Hall after the 8.30am Mass on SUNDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.**

To curtail any expense on the parish, each person attending is being asked to bring a small plate of goodies to share. Tea, coffee, etc is being provided.

As many parishioners do their volunteer work independently within the parish, this will be an opportunity for our ministry groups to come together before the end of the year. Just one way of them being shown our appreciation for the personal time they give to assist in one way or another. If the weather is suitable (fingers crossed) people may like to spill out into the Labrynth area and surrounds of the hall. The gardens have been revamped in a spectacular manner over the past year with seating throughout, all of which the Good Samaritan Sisters would like to share with you.

So put the event on your calendars and extend the invitation to all of those you come in contact with.

Paula Currie on behalf of the Parish Team.

NEW ICON.

We have a new icon in the church which was donated by a parishioner and is located behind the votive candle stand. The icon is The Black Virgin Mary of Russia and is the icon of the Romanov family. Her feast days are 27th March and 29th August.