

**CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING
22ND NOVEMBER 2020**

REFLECTION

Over the last few weeks, the gospel texts have dealt with issues of being prepared, staying ready, and using our gifts well. In some ways, all these themes culminate in today's text. This gospel presents us with the bottom line! Are we judged worthy of a place in the kingdom? The criteria for being judged worthy are very clear—it is how we have served those most in need. This is what will count. If we do not see Christ in our brothers and sisters in need, then our faith is blind and will not lead to the kingdom.

There is another aspect of this gospel that should not be overlooked. It is the apocalyptic vision of the Son of Man coming in glory and reigning over all the nations as King.

To the King belongs the right of judgement and reward or punishment. While Matthew's community was in the 'inbetween' time, the evangelist held before them the central truth that the Son of Man, the King, will come again in his glory as judge.

- During his life, Christ was not a king in a political or autocratic sense. Far from it. The subjects of his kingdom are called to service with the marginalised, the poor and the powerless.
- How does your community engage in this service? How might you and your family become involved?

NZpray2day -

An app to encourage people to seek a moment to reflect, pray and respond to the ancient Christian cycle of seasons, saints and readings. Available from Apple's App Store or the Google Play Store; search for NZpray2day, It is free a gift for you from Te Kupenga – the Catholic Leadership Institute.

TRAINED WEEKEND MINISTERS

If you haven't already advised us of your availability over the Christmas/holiday do so this week. We need, at least a Mass Coordinator, a projectionist and 2 Ministers of the Word at each Mass over the holiday period. If you are not going away then please volunteer and email your availability to info@northcotecatholic.org.nz
THANK YOU THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY DONE SO.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (VINNIES) NEED HELP!

Come and join our volunteer teams at the Beachhaven & Glenfield Op Shops.
MON-FRI. 9.30 to 4pm Sat. 10 to 2pm more
Info please call Wanda on 021 248 0629.

Do all the good you can, to as many people as you can, as often as you can

SUMMER JOB NEEDED!

Our seminarian Joseph Pham provides home services including haircut and IT support as his summer job. If you can help please contact him at josepham298@gmail.com or 0221993298.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December

6.00pm Children's Play

6.30pm Vigil Mass

11.20pm Christmas Carols

12midnight Mass

Christmas Day Friday 25th December

8.15am Children's play

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

We revert to the normal Timetable on

26th December

5.30pm Sat. Vigil 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm

With weekday Mass Monday to Saturday at 9.15am

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

If your child/ren would like to take part in the Christmas Play please email the parish info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

With their age, gender and which Mass you will attend, either the Vigil at 6pm on Christmas eve or the morning Mass at 8.30am on Christmas day.

ADVENT RECOLLECTION EVENING

"Uncertainty: What is The Christian Response?" conducted by Fr Lio Rotor Friday 11 Dec. 7pm to 9pm followed by fellowship (a plate to share welcomed). Please register with office to determine venue.

COVID_19 HYGIENE

Even though things are more normal now, we encourage you to use the sanitizers available as you enter & leave the church, in addition to frequent washing of your hands. Also ensure that you cough or sneezed into your elbow. We also ask that you be conscious of the fact that some parishioners are still not comfortable with personal contact so a smile/wave of acknowledgement is most acceptable.

DE PAUL HOUSE FOOD BANK REQUEST

Thank you so much for the ongoing donations of food for De Paul House. **Stocks are VERY LOW** so please help with anything you can especially items for Children's lunches and

ANGEL TREE

We have started earlier this year as the need is greater  with De Paul House now having more full accommodation to cater for plus their outreach families. Please take an Angel from the tree and purchase a gift for the gender/age group stated. Unwrapped Gifts to be returned by Friday 11th December at the latest, to give time for them to be sorted and delivered to families before Christmas. A list of suggested gifts and suitable donations for Food Hampers for the families is on the Notice Board to help you.

DAILY REFLECTION

A Reflection on the Gospel of the day can be viewed through Bishop Pat's Facebook page and the front page of the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz> where you can also access the weekly message.

WORKING BEE TO MAKE THE CHURCH AND GROUNDS LOOK BEAUTIFUL FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday 5th December from 10am to approximately 12noon.

Please bring cleaning materials, cloths, tools for the garden, water blaster and your enthusiasm & energy!!!
Many hands make light work

PARENTS

If YOU have a senior Student (year 12 or 13) who has made an outstanding achievement at College this year, our parish would like to recognise this in the newsletter. Please email name, College and details of the award to info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SENIOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED SO WELL AT COLLEGE IN 2020

Carmel College Year 13

Ellie JARVIS

Victoria University Tangiwai Scholarship

Lucy WHITE

Victoria University Tangiwai Scholarship

Christie MONCRIEF

Edmunds Achievement Award for perseverance and making a significant contribution to service

Lauren COLLETE

Otago University Leaders of

Tomorrow Scholarship

Collene Roche Cup for all round excellence and participation to all facets of school

Emma SPENCE

University of Waikato Outstanding Academic Achievement Scholarship
Year 13 Dean Award for participation in all aspect of school life

Top Scholar in Accounting, Economics, Religious Education

Cranmer Cup for commitment to the Social Sciences

Juliette SPENCE

Otago University Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Top Scholar in Classical Studies, Religious Education

Debating Cup

Carmel College Year 12

Arlene SAPTAPUTRA

Distinction in Accounting—Chemistry—Digital Technologies—Maths—Physics and Religious Education

Birkenhead College Year 13

Joan MERCED

Mildenhall Cup for Head Girl 2020

Year 13 Deans Award

AUT School Leavers Scholarship - Significant Student - Contribution to School and Community
WELL DONE LADIES!!

NZ CATHOLIC I

Is available in the Church Foyer at \$4.00 per copy

HALL FOR HIRE - phone 480 7357 or Email info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

LIFETEEN

Our last event was a blast, thank you to all those who attended and we hope to see you back in the new year! If you are free to help out at the De Paul House Christmas Party on 4th December 5 to 8pm, please let us know 022 687 0369.

EDGE last event of the year De Paul House Christmas Party, meet in front of the church and we can walk over together.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

For 2021 are now available from the parish office at \$12 each. **If you would like to volunteer to sell them after weekend Masses Please contact Pauline 480 7357.**

DAILY MASS CALENDARS

For the new liturgical year are also available from the parish office. Cost \$3.00 each

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY!

Anointing of the Sick Masses 5.30pm Vigil 5th December and 10.30am Mass 6th December
Advent Reconciliations Rite II
 Tuesday 8 Dec Orewa 7pm
Wednesday 9 Dec Northcote 7pm
 Thursday 10 Dec Takapuna 7pm
 Friday 11 Dec ECB Mairangi 7pm
 Thursday 17 Dec Glenfield 7pm
 Friday 18 Dec Beach Haven 7pm

De Paul House : Special Collection of non perishable Food and Christmas Treats (list of suggested items posted on the notice board) Weekend of the 12/13th December.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Christmas Concert 2020 Performances fro Brass Ensemble, Choirs, Chamber Orchestra, Piano Club in St Mary's College Hall Sunday 6 December 7.00pm Adults \$120 children free

CARE OF CHURCH LINEN –22 Nov. Anne H –29 Nov. Peta Pule
CHURCH CLEANING - 28 Nov. Malia & Tofu O 05 Dec. Lai family

Please pray : For the elderly and frail and the sick in our parish, especially, Philip, Yohann, Linda F, John McC, Megan S, Peter D, Peter C, John W, Mary L. Shannon, Owen B, Susan C. Brian, Neil M, Katya, S Perry, Kathy M, Matthew S. Ronald B. Paula & Peter O'S, Syrel C, Billy G M. Angus C, Eileen Kit Yung D, Keira, Mark B, Kelly & Craig N, Max W, Ava, David P, Anne C, Yvonne S, Andrew C, Lauren S, Fe T, Jamie S-W, Jill O'N, Adam S, Roxanne V-R, Maria Theresa V, Marie B, Colleen S, James F, Lu P, Adela M, Caroline C, Connie B, John H, Emily D, Sebastian C, Jess N, Lucia, Jenny F, Victoria R, Huda AW, George & Hilda P, David K, Sharon L , Alice C

DAILY READINGS

Monday -
 Reading Apocalypse 14: 1- 5 Ps. 24
 Gospel Luke 21: 1- 4

Tuesday –St Andrew Dung-Lac & Comps.
 Reading Apocalypse 14:14-19 Ps.. 96
 Gospel Luke 21: 5-11

Wednesday
 Reading Apocalypse 15: 1- 4 Ps. 98
 Gospel Luke 21:12-19

Thursday –
 Reading Apocalypse 18: 1– 2,21-23;19:1-3,9 Ps. 100
 Gospel Luke 21:20-28

Friday–
 Reading Apocalypse 20: 1– 4,11-21:2 Ps. 84
 Gospel Luke 21:29-33

Saturday
 Reading Apocalypse 22: 1- 7 Ps. 95
 Gospel Luke 21:34-36

Sunday - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 1st Reading Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1,3-8 Ps. 80
 2nd Reading I Cor. 1: 3- 9
 Gospel Mark 13:33-37

SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION 2021 RECONCILIATION/ CONFIRMATION/HOLY COMMUNION

Due to the previous Level Three Lockdown, the registration had to be put on hold however we are delighted to announce the new registration dates for the next programme. To register you will need to attend one of two sessions, either **Tuesday 24th November at 6.30pm or Sunday 29th November 12noon**, in the Foley Centre. Please note that the programme itself will not be starting until February 2021. **Children do not need to attend, these sessions are for ADULTS ONLY.** You will need to bring your child/ren's Baptism Certificates, if they were not baptised here at St Mary's and a fee \$30 per child which will cover all three Sacraments plus photos of Confirmation/1st Holy Communion liturgies and their celebration supper after Confirmation. We do not take registrations online or via the phone as the registration sessions are also important information/teaching sessions. Further info. please call 480 7357 or email: info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

ONLINE SESSION (RETREAT DAY):

Who am I ? – Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 28 November, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60. (Please note new Date!) For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

FIT FOR MISSION



MASS INTENTIONS

Thurs. 9.15am Ron & Rosalind Halpin RIP (would have been their 60th Wedding Anniversary)

WEEKEND 21/22 NOVEMBER

MASS	ALTAR	PROJECTIONIST
5.30PM	???????????	Magdalene W
8.30AM	???????????	
10.30AM	?????????? R	Tintu J
5.00PM	?????????????????	Jessica K

PRO-LIFE FACTS

A pro-life group called "Prolove" provides practical help to new and expectant mums. The Prolove team is rapidly expanding and seeking other pro-lifers who can partner with them, in reaching mums and families in their own region. The process is very simple. Someone from ProLove passes on the name and contact details of a mum in your region. You then make contact with the mum to see what practical help she needs. It's then a case of collating some baby gear (e.g. baby clothes, nappies, cot sheets, etc.) with the help of friends, and churches, and then delivering the items to the mum/family. If you are interested in becoming a local Prolove volunteer, you are welcome to contact Melissa Dobbs by email or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PROLOVEinaction/> or Prolove_ministry@outlook.com

For more pro-life information, visit *Voice for Life* at voiceforlife.org.nz