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## ~ Christ the King of the Universe ~

### Acknowledging the Sovereign Dominion of Our Lord and Saviour

The liturgical year culminates in the triumphant Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Pope Pius XI instituted this magnificent feast in 1925 as a direct and powerful remedy against the rising tides of secularism, atheism, and rebellion against divine law. As we approach the sacred season of Advent, the Church presents this feast as a stark reminder that Christ exercises absolute sovereign dominion over all creation, over every nation, and most importantly, over every human heart.

In our highly secularised modern culture, the concept of kingship is often misunderstood or relegated to the pages of history. Yet, the Kingship of Christ is an eternal and unchangeable reality. He is not merely a moral teacher, a historical figure, or a distant philosophical ideal. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Creator through whom all things were made, and the Redeemer who purchased our salvation with His most precious blood on the altar of the Cross. By right of creation and right of redemption, we belong entirely to Him.

When we declare Christ as our King, we are acknowledging that His divine authority supersedes all earthly powers. Governments and human institutions are bound to submit to His moral law. However, before we can expect our society to recognise His Kingship, we must first ensure that He reigns supremely within our own lives. We must ask ourselves if Christ truly governs our homes, our workplaces, our daily conversations, and our inner thoughts. A genuine citizen of this divine kingdom does not save their faith for Sundays alone, but allows it to permeate every action.

To submit to the Kingship of Christ is not a burden, but the pathway to true freedom and lasting peace. The world offers false promises of liberty that ultimately lead to the enslavement of sin. Christ the King, on the other hand, rules with profound love, justice, and mercy. His law is a law of grace. By frequenting the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Penance and the Holy Eucharist, we fortify our souls to serve Him faithfully. In doing so, we actively participate in the Church Militant, advancing the kingdom on earth while battling the forces of darkness.

As the Church year concludes, let us renew our baptismal promises and consecrate ourselves entirely to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord. We are called to be His loyal subjects, striving for personal holiness and defending His truth in a world that desperately needs His light. The battle for souls is fiercely contested, but we fight with unshakeable confidence that Christ has already won the ultimate victory over sin and death.

Let us always stand firm in our faith, completely unwavering in our devotion and obedience to our Sovereign Lord. When our time on this earth concludes, we fervently pray that we will be found as faithful servants of His kingdom so that when He finally returns in glory, we may hear those joyous words inviting us to inherit the eternal kingdom prepared for us.

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

**Holy Mass**
Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 9:15 a.m.
Friday, 9:15 a.m.
Saturday, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**Confessions**
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

**Nigerian Community Mass**
Second and fourth Sunday of the month, 11:00 a.m.

**Rosters**

**Church and Toilets Cleaning**
Nigerian Community

**Flower Arranging**
Ana Brown and Latu Manu

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

**Holy Mass**
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, 8:15 a.m.
Friday, 8:15 a.m.
Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

**Confessions**
Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

**Holy Mass in Latin**
First Thursday of the month, 7:15 p.m.

**Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass**
Second and last Sunday of the month, 11:30 a.m.

**Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass**
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

**Rosters**

**Church Cleaning** Group 3: Vietnamese Community

**Readers**
**Vigil** Rebecca Hanson, Gerry Pinto, Racquel La Rosa

**10:00 a.m.** Merlin Sandhiya, Sisters, Mary Georges

**Children's Liturgy**
Elmo and Shanthi Xavier

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, Ann Blesson, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmello Giovenco, Evangeline Grabato, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Terese Jones, Therese Khalil, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Zoe Mrzljak, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Don Provest, Ricardo Tognini, Sam Wardan

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Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
*by the grace of your Holy Spirit*
*cure the weaknesses of your servants,*
*and mercifully restore them to full health.*

## IN MEMORIAM

We prayerfully remember throughout November in a special way, all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and in particular, all those listed in the parish's Book of Remembrance.

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*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,*
*and let perpetual light shine upon them*
*May they rest in peace. Amen*
*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,*
*through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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# N O T I C E S

## Holy Mass to Commemorate Red November

Join us this coming Wednesday, 25 November for Holy Mass as we stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians. Holy Mass will be offered at Holy Trinity Church at 8:15 a.m. and at Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m. We invite you to wear RED that day to honour those who are persecuted and ignored.

Please take the time to join us for Holy Mass to pray for those who do not have the same opportunities as we do to freely attend Mass without the threat of persecution. The regular Wednesday evening schedule for Confession and Adoration will also be available.

In addition, and as a visible sign of our support, both parish churches will be lit up in red from Monday, 23 November until Sunday, 29 November. This special lighting is part of our parish's Red November commemorations, serving as a powerful visual reminder to our community to keep those who suffer for their faith in our prayers throughout the week.




## 2027 Columban Calendars for Sale in our Piety Shops

The 2027 Columban Art Calendar is on sale for $11.00 from our piety shops, with sales of the calendars supporting the great work of the Columban Missionaries and the parish.




The Zaiter family have again generously arranged a raffle in support of the parish and in memory of their parents, Dib and Laila Zaiter. There are three prizes to be won, and consist of a large assortment of children's toys. These would make a wonderful gift for Christmas.

Raffle tickets are available for $2.00 each or three tickets for $5.00. Tickets are on sale after the weekend Masses and will be drawn on Sunday, 20 December after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Thank you very much to the Zaiter family for their generosity and their support of the parish. All the prizes were arranged and donated by them and we are very grateful to them for their tremendous kindness.

Best of luck to everyone who purchases raffle tickets!

## November Mass Intentions for the Souls in Purgatory

Envelopes for the parish's Book of Remembrance are now available at the doors of the church.

The Book of Remembrance is a special way to honour and pray for the repose of the souls of our beloved dead throughout the month of November. If you wish to have the names of your deceased loved ones inscribed in the book, please take an envelope, clearly write the names, and place the sealed envelope in the clearly marked boxes located near the church doors.

*May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

## New Saturday Vigil Mass and Confession Times at Holy Trinity Church

A reminder that the Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Trinity Church now commences at the earlier time of 5:00 p.m.

Additionally, to assist with your spiritual preparation, the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) is also available weekly at Holy Trinity Church prior to the Saturday Mass, from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Parking is available on the primary school grounds with entry via Randle Street. Parking is also available on the surrounding streets.

This permanent adjustment has been made to retain an earlier Vigil Mass option that was so warmly received by many.




## Visit our Church Piety Shops

Please visit our Piety Shops after Mass this weekend. We have many beautiful, simple items perfect for thoughtful giving to your family and friends: rosaries, holy pictures, small statues, Nativity sets, and prayer books.

These meaningful gifts help us remember the true meaning of the season and share God's love with others. Best of all, every purchase makes a difference, as all money earned goes straight back to supporting our parish.

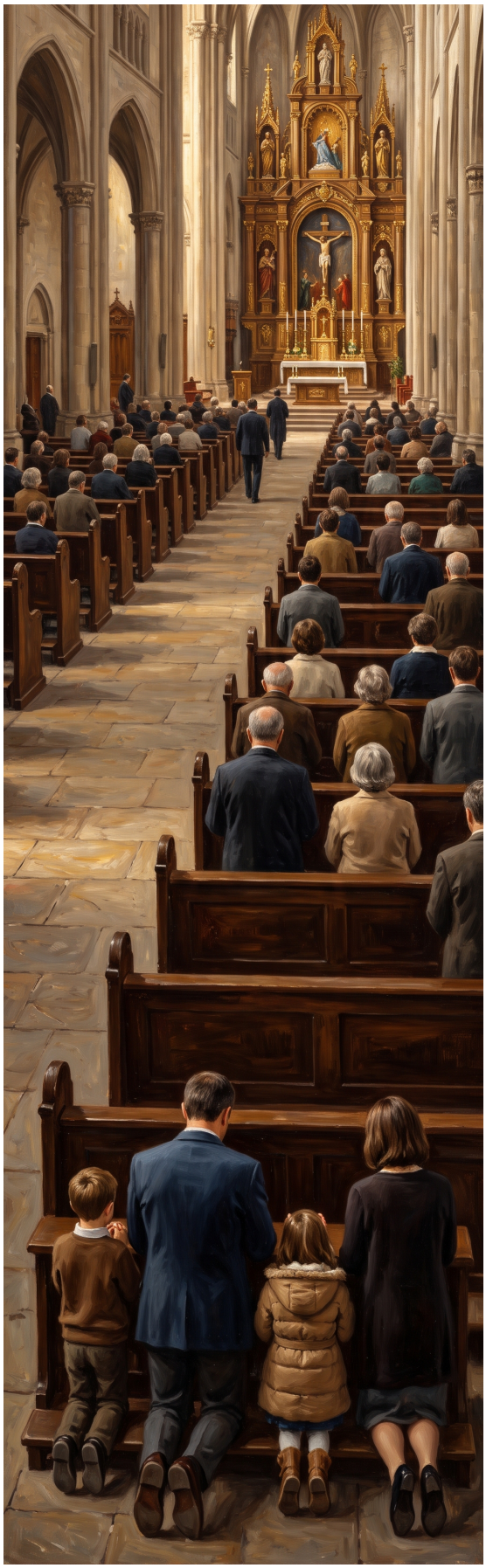
Thank you to our piety shop volunteers who tirelessly maintain our piety shops and thank you to all who support the parish.

# Honouring *the* Holy Sacrifice *of the* Mass: Modesty *and* True Reverence *in the* Presence of God

When we attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we are stepping into the court of the Heavenly King. Just as our punctuality demonstrates our respect, our outward appearance and the way we carry ourselves speak volumes about our personal belief in the Real Presence of Christ. How we physically present ourselves is a direct reflection of our spiritual understanding of exactly where we are and Who we are about receive.

Consider how we prepare for significant events in our lives. When we are invited to an important occasion, such as a formal dinner or a wedding, we naturally spend time preparing our appearance to honour those hosting us. How much more effort and care should we make when we are invited to the house of Our Lord? The church is not a social hall, a theatre, or a casual meeting place. It is a sacred sanctuary consecrated entirely to God, housing the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

Because of this awe-inspiring reality, our standard of dress must be distinctly different from our everyday lives. We are called to dress with modesty, dignity, and deep respect. Wearing casual, overly relaxed, or revealing clothing is not suited for our attendance at the Mass. By making a conscious, deliberate effort to wear our "Sunday best," we remind ourselves that this hour is entirely set apart from the rest of the week. Modest and dignified clothing draws attention to the sacredness of the liturgy rather than to ourselves, helping our fellow parishioners maintain a focused and prayerful mindset.



Alongside our clothing, the way we act and move must radiate reverence. This includes walking quietly down the aisles, genuflecting deliberately toward the tabernacle before entering our pew, and maintaining attentive, upright posture throughout the liturgy. Slouching, chewing gum, or allowing ourselves to be easily distracted diminishes the sacredness of the moment. Every physical action and gesture should confidently proclaim our absolute belief that God is truly present upon the altar.

Let us make a renewed commitment to honour Our Saviour in every aspect of our being. By adorning ourselves with modesty and carrying ourselves with dignified respect, we give God the reverence and adoration He truly deserves. Ultimately, our visible reverence becomes a beautiful, silent prayer of love offered directly to Him.

### Quick Guide for Holy Mass

**Sunday Best:**
*Dress with care and dignity to show utmost respect for the King of Kings.*

**Sacred Modesty:**
*Choose clothing that reflects the solemnity of the Mass, avoiding casual or revealing attire.*

**A Set-Apart Hour:**
*Remember that the church is a sacred space, distinctly different from everyday social venues.*

**Reverent Posture:**
*Genuflect carefully to the tabernacle and maintain attentive, upright posture in your pew.*

**Visible Reverence:**
*Let your actions and posture clearly demonstrate your firm faith in the Real Presence.*



# RED NOVEMBER

## Our Parish's Response *in* Faith *and* Solidarity

Over the past three weeks of Red November, our parish has embarked on a sobering but absolutely necessary spiritual journey. We began tracing the deep historical root of Christian persecution, remembering that the blood of the martyrs has always been the very seed of the Church. We then confronted the hidden reality of the modern world, acknowledging the staggering statistics of violence and discrimination faced by millions of believers today. Last week, we looked closely at the heroic faces of courage - the faithful priests, religious sisters, and everyday laypeople in places like Nigeria and Nicaragua who joyfully risk their lives, their freedom, and their livelihoods rather than betray Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, as we enter this fourth week of November, we arrive at a pivotal moment in our campaign. This coming Wednesday, 25 November, our parish commemorates Red Wednesday. It is a day when the universal Church stops to publicly stand in absolute solidarity with our suffering brothers and sisters. Across the globe, great cathedrals, historic monuments, and local parish churches will be illuminated in a striking red light. Here in our own community, the front of both Holy Family and Holy Trinity Churches will also be bathed in red.

This powerful visual statement is not just a dramatic display for the passerby. Red is the liturgical colour of blood and the fire of the Holy Spirit. It reminds us of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, poured out upon the Holy Cross for our salvation. It deeply honours the blood of the holy martyrs - from the early Roman arenas to the modern-day church burnings - who have laid down their lives for the One True Catholic faith. When our neighbours and those driving past our churches see this blood-red light illuminating the darkness of the evening, it serves as a silent but bold witness to the eternal truth of the Gospel.

However, lighting our buildings is only the beginning; the true response must come from our hearts. We cannot merely watch from the sidelines. Therefore, we issue an urgent and strong call to all parishioners to attend our special Red Wednesday Masses on 25 November, either at 8:15 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church, or at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church. Please make every sacrifice necessary to be there. Everyone is encouraged to wear an item of red clothing to Holy Mass as a visible, physical sign of our shared solidarity.

When we gather before the altar this Wednesday, let us offer our reception of Holy Communion and our fervent prayers for the persecuted Church. As people of faith, we know the immense spiritual power of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Holy Rosary. These are our greatest spiritual weapons against the darkness of this world. Furthermore as a concrete act of Christian charity, we highly encourage you to support the incredible work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Your offering directly helps to rebuild destroyed churches, sustain impoverished priests, and provide emergency relief to Christian refugees who have lost everything for the sake of the Gospel.

Finally, as we gather this coming Wednesday, let us take a hard look at our own lives here in Australia. We have reflected throughout this month on the creeping "white martyrdom" in our secular society. The persecution of the Church takes many forms. While we are currently spared from physical violence, our Catholic values are relentlessly mocked, and the pressure to conform to a godless culture continue to intensify. If we truly wish to honour the martyrs who die for the faith overseas, we must fiercely defend that same faith in our homes, our workplaces, and our public squares. We must take a stand and make our voices clear when others aim to mock our faith, the Blessed Virgin Mary and Our Lord, Himself. Let the glorious witness of the persecuted Church inspire us to be bold and unapologetic as Christians.

We hope the pews in both our churches will be full this Wednesday and you will all make the effort to attend Holy Mass. As we prepare for Advent, let us use this time of solidarity to strengthen our daily prayer routines. Committing to the Holy Rosary and quiet spiritual reading builds the spiritual stamina we urgently need. This daily devotion to Christ is our greatest defence against secular pressures, ensuring we remain courageous witnesses to the Gospel in our local community.

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# RED WEDNESDAY

## Light Red. Wear Red. Pray Red.

*Join us on Wednesday as we stand in solidarity*
*with persecuted Christians*
*who suffer unjustly for their peacefully-held beliefs.*

*To honour Red Wednesday Holy Cross Parish will turn our Facebook page RED*
*and the facade of Holy Family Church will be lit in RED from Monday to Sunday*
*as we do something peaceful and positive to highlight the suffering*
*– injustices, discrimination, violence, oppression, torture and death –*
*of so many Christians and others today which goes unnoticed by the world.*

*And we invite you to wear RED that day*
*to honour those who are persecuted and ignored*

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Holy Mass at 8:15 a.m.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m.

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# Saints & STUFF

## St. Alberto Hurtado

On the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the Gospel reveals the Final Judgement, where Our Lord separates the sheep from the goats based on a single criterion: our practical love for the vulnerable. He declares, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." A visionary saint who devoted his life to serving this disguised King is St. Alberto Hurtado, a 20th-century Chilean Jesuit priest.

Recognising the immense poverty in Santiago, St. Alberto did not just offer fleeting pity; he took structural, long-term action. Driving his battered green pickup truck through the city streets at night, he rescued homeless children and the destitute, founding the Hogar de Cristo (Home of Christ) to provide shelter, community, and dignity. He famously challenged his contemporaries by asking, "Is it not Christ who wanders our streets in the person of the poor?"

St. Alberto's witness reminds us that honouring Christ's kingship goes beyond majestic titles. Whether through decades of dedicated volunteering or managing the community projects that sustain the vulnerable, our consistent, hands-on service is the truest way we crown Him as our King.

*St. Alberto Hurtado, Pray for us!*

# CATECHISM *of the* CATHOLIC CHURCH

## *Serving the Least Brethren*

**678** Following in the steps of the prophets and John the Baptist, Jesus announced the judgement of the Last Day in his preaching. Then will the conduct of each one and the secrets of hearts be brought to light…

**1033** We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbour or against ourselves... Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are his brethren.

**2443** God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them... It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognise his chosen ones.

**2447** The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in his spiritual and bodily necessities... The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead.

# CATHOLIC Trivia

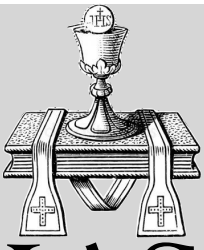
## The Father of Modern Genetics

Whenever someone remarks that a child has their mother's eyes or grandfather's nose, you are seeing genetics in action.Yet many people are surprised to learn that the "Father of Modern Genetics" was not a university scientist, but a humble Catholic friar.

Born in 1822, Gregor Mendel was an Augustinian friar at St Thomas's Abbey in today's Czech Republic. Between 1856 and 1863, he quietly turned the abbey's garden into a groundbreaking scientific workspace. With astonishing patience, he cultivated and crossbred roughly 28,000 pea plants, tracking traits like flower colour, seed texture, height, and pod shape.

Through these humble garden experiments, Mendel discovered dominant and recessive traits, uncovering the fundamental laws of inheritance. Although scientists largely overlooked his work during his lifetime, his abbey notes were rediscovered decades later and revolutionised modern biology and medicine forever.

Mendel's legacy reminds us that faith and science are never enemies, but partners exploring the wonders of God's creation. So next time you spot a family resemblance, or push peas around your plate, spare a grateful thought for this patient Catholic friar!



# MASS MATTERS

## *~ The Heavenly Banquet & the Eternal Kingdom ~*

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, bringing our liturgical year to a close. It is the ideal moment to see the Mass as a foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet. Before Communion, the priest elevates the Host and proclaims, "Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." These words come from the Book of Revelation, which pictures heaven as an eternal wedding feast. At Mass, the veil between heaven and earth is lifted. We are not merely remembering a past meal; we participate now in that celestial banquet, united with Christ our King and all the saints.

As this Church liturgical year ends, the Eucharist nourishes us to live as citizens of God's eternal kingdom.

# Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## The Readings

**Introit**
(Revelation 5:12; 1:6)

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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**First Reading**
**The Prophet of Ezekiel**
(Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17)

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

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**Responsorial Psalm**
(Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1)

℟. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. ℟.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. ℟.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ℟.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. ℟.

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**Second Reading**
**First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**
(1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

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**Gospel Acclamation**
(Mark 11:9-10)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

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**Gospel**
**The Gospel of Matthew**
(Matthew 25:31-46)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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**Communio**
(Psalm 28:10-11)

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