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Diocese of Wangaratta

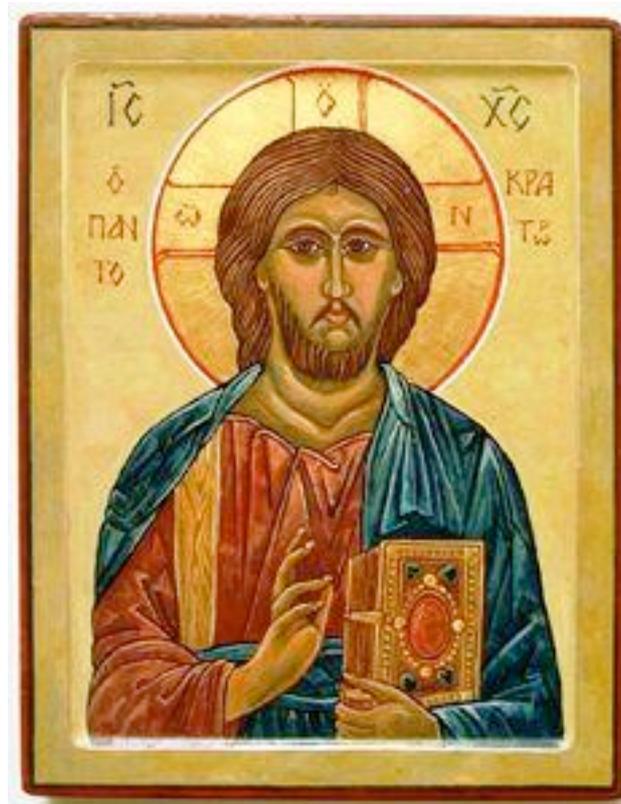


The Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
29th November 2015
Feast of Christ the King

[transferred from 22nd November]

HYMNS: 216, 231, Pew Sheet, 520

Warm welcome to everyone please stay and enjoy hospitality with us after the service.



Christ Pantocrator (Ruler of All)

[Jesus is typically depicted as teacher and philosopher, hence he holds a book. His gaze is intent, inquiring, both open and inward. His heavenly blue outer garment and earthy red inner garment symbolize his dual nature. His unique halo is marked by a cross and lettering, roughly translatable as "I am who I am."]

Introit Hymn

Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

We are the body of Christ

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Litany for Christ the King

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,

Lord Jesus Christ, we hail you as our King.

Through you all things came to be;
in you all things will reach their destiny.

Lord Jesus Christ, we hail you as our King.

You are the image of your Father, the richness of God's grace,
God's free gift to us of life and love.

You love us with an everlasting love.

Lord Jesus Christ, we hail you as our King.

You share with us your mission to bring the Good News to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives, to set the downtrodden free.

Lord Jesus Christ, we hail you as our King.

**Take us and use us to bring your life, your love, and the glorious freedom
as the people of God, to all with whom we share our lives and to all the
world. Come Lord Jesus as our King, now and forever. Amen.**

The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book

SENTENCE

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and
might and honour and glory and blessing. *Revelation 5.12*

THE COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and
sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the
power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 23.1-7

[David's last words, celebrating the beauty of the one who rules righteously, and remembering
God's covenant with David and his family. This is all in contrast with godless people whose
lives are wasted.]

A reading from the second book Samuel

These are the last words of David: "The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse,
the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High, the man anointed by the God
of Jacob, the hero of Israel's songs: "The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me;
his word was on my tongue. The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to
me: "When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of
God, he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the
brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth." "If my house were not
right with God, surely he would not have made with me an everlasting covenant,

SECOND READING

Revelation 1.4b-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the first to rise from death, and the ruler of all kings. He has freed us by shedding his blood and has made us a kingdom of priests. He is the beginning and the end, and will be seen by all people when he comes with the clouds of heaven.

A reading from the book of Revelation

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. ‘Look, he is coming with the clouds,’ and ‘every eye will see him, even those who pierced him’; and all peoples on earth ‘will mourn because of him.’ So shall it be! Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the Lord.

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an- | cestor David

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 18.33-37

[Pilate asks Jesus if he is the king of the Jews. Jesus replies that his kingdom is not of this world. When Pilate seeks to confirm that he is a king, Jesus cryptically replies that it is Pilate who says so, but that he came into the world to testify to the truth.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Pilate went inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ ‘Is that your own idea,’ Jesus asked, ‘or did others talk to you about me?’ ‘Am I a Jew?’ Pilate replied. ‘Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?’ Jesus said, ‘My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.’ ‘You are a king, then!’ said Pilate. Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord of the past and the future: we give thanks and praise to you for all of the last Church Year. We thank you for the fellowship and joy of our worship together as a community; pray for the coming year, that we may benefit from the teaching and wisdom of the church and grow in faith and knowledge of you. We give thanks and pray for our clergy who lead us; for John our Bishop, for Kim, Maryann and John; for those tasked with leadership giving thanks for our wardens and members of our Parish Council, and for all who participate in our parish life.

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord of all, you spurned the trappings of power, and all thrones, dominions, principalities and powers are subject to your reign; pray to turn the hearts of despots and tyrants and all who wreck terror and war; for all who suffer, made homeless and traumatised by violence; for all refugees and asylum seekers; may your reign of peace break in upon a wounded and broken world.

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, the world is charged with your grandeur, which pervades every part of the created universe; we are daily reminded of your continual renewing power in the breaking of the new day; help us and all your people to protect the environment and to share your gifts of creation with justice and peace.

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Christ our Lord and king, help us to follow your example and be as servants to others, mindful that we shall meet you in the most unlikely of places; for our hands offering bread to the hungry and drink to the thirsty are yours; and the hands reaching out to receive are yours also; the sick we take care of are you, and the stranger we welcome into our midst is you. You taught us by example how to touch the lives of others; help us so that our own wounds may bear fruit in love; may the pains we have endured create in us compassion and stir up in us generosity, graciousness in giving, and lavishness in loving, one to another.

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord, son of David's line, we pray for all who are in need; for relief and comfort for the sick and those living with pain and despair; for all impacted by fire in Western Australia and South Australia, those who mourn loss of loved ones and enterprise; for those known to us and those who have requested prayer;

Prayer request from: *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Tom Scrivens, Franca Caia, Tom & Sandra Davidson, Bianca Davidson, Jenny Curry, Dianne Mitsakis, Seth Gunter, Barbara Kaye, Sarah, Lisa, Alex Impols, Elizabeth, Mark Bennetts, Penny, Belinda Shannon, Eric Javor the Bott Family, Bruce Scott.*

We give thanks for healing and blessing where ever received.

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord of the dance, we pray for all those whom we love who have departed this life; for the recently departed and those years mind occurring at this time;

Year's mind: *29th Rita Castles, Edward Ryan; 30th Raymond Speirs, Stan Pawlicki, Kathleen Kirk; 1st Dec. Paul Sutton, 2nd Lillian Evans, 3rd Esma Woods, Albert Boyd, 4th Hilda Maher, Nell Pearce; 5th Angus Cooper (priest).*

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings in your heavenly kingdom:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus our Christ, you walked the earth and endured the pain and joy of life; hear us as we pray for ourselves; heal us and give us the hope that we cannot grasp alone; when our hope dies, when we forget how to dream, kindle a fire in our hearts; help us to heal; fill our hearts, our souls and our bodies with your Spirit; and open for us the gates of heaven.

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Guide us, O Christ our King, to new beginnings, and now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or conceive, by the power that is at work among us, be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus our Lord and King throughout all ages. **AMEN.**

Reflections on Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King is a relatively recent addition to the Western liturgical calendar, having been instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. It was inaugurated in response to the political intrigues with the Italian Government in the Kingdom of Italy of those days. The secular State had annexed the provinces of the Papal State, and set up the Vatican State in Rome which we know today. In 1970 the Feast Day was moved to the last Sunday of the year before Advent and adopted by Anglicans, Lutherans, and many other Protestants along with the new Revised Common Lectionary. The reading from John 18 contrasts the way of Jesus and the way of Caesar, embodied in the actions of Pilate. Christ's realm is not grounded in this world's values of imperialism, coercion, violence, and oppression. It takes the pathway of Philippians 2:5-11, that is victory through loving hospitality. Every knee bows out of love rather than fear. Christ creates a circle of love that embraces everyone; seekers, doubters, skeptics, pilgrims, and persons of other faiths. This is of significant relevance as we seek to respond to the atrocities experienced around the world. We need profound spiritual transformation in our relationships with other nations, ethnicities, and religious traditions. The starting point is to confess our superiority and seek ways to embrace the millions who seek sanctuary from terror and fear. The crisis the world faces is not God's doing but that of humans seeking to impose idolatrous systems of power. But God is found walking with the refugee and mourning loss of loved ones. May God lead us to ways of justice and peace for all the world.

Fr Kim Benton 2015

Hymn: Jesus and God's Kingdom [Tune 'Tis 262 Kingsfold 86.8.D]

1. When Jesus taught in Galilee
his message was quite new;
he said God's kingdom had arrived;
"It now belongs to you."
He loved the children of his day;
he sat them on his knees;
"God's kingdom,
you should understand,
belongs to such as these."

2. When Jesus taught in Galilee
his message was quite clear;
"The time has come.
I bring Good News.
God's Kingdom has come near."
It is for those with heavy loads
he said, "I bring relief.
God's Kingdom comes to offer hope
to those who have belief."

3. If Jesus came to us to today
what might his message be?
It may just be the same as then
with pow'r and urgency.
God's Kingdom still belongs to those
who suffer for the right;
to those who work for truth and peace
and in these find delight.

4. God's Kingdom is, as Jesus said,
within humanity;
it is uncovered when we love
and strive for equity;
God's Kingdom is both here and now
whenever truth prevails;
when we allow God's rule to come
it's true - Love never fails.

Lyrics George Stuart (2009)

Christmas Services

Sunday 13 December	7pm	Community Carols	St Stephens, Tallarook
Thursday 17 December	2.30pm 4.00pm	Christmas Service	Caladenia Dianella
Sunday 20 December	5.00 BBQ 6.30pm	Festival of Carols	Christ Church, Kilmore
Thursday 24 December	5.00pm	Christmas Mass	Transfiguration, Pyalong
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Matthews, Broadford
Friday 25 December	9.00am	Christmas Mass	Christ Church, Kilmore
	11.00am	Christmas Mass	St Stephens, Tallarook

Notices

Christ Church Singers meet 6.30pm Tuesday 1st December at Christ Church for rehearsals for Festival of Carols.

Kilmore Community Carols 6.30 pm Friday 4th December at Kilmore Miniature Railway will feature Salvation Jane singers accompanied by Barry Breakwell. Park at Leisure Centre, bring own cushion, gates open 4pm for rail rides. BBQ and Santa. Performers are welcome especially guitarists, contact Wilma 0408950258.

Faith Enhancement Study Group Advent Study continues 7.00pm this Friday at 13 The Parade.

Next Monthly Parish BBQ. 12.30pm Sunday 13th - host Beris Hannam, 37/33 The Elms Blvd, Kilmore.

Festival of Lessons and Carols at Christ Church Sunday 20th December at Christ Church with Church 4 Kids children and the Christ Church Singers 5.00pm BBQ. Watch this space.

Parish life this week

Monday 30th [ANDREW, APOSTLE & MARTYR]
Tuesday 1st Dec 6.30pm Singers Rehearsal @ Christ Church
Wednesday 2nd [*Francis Perry, founder Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne (d.1892)*]
7.30pm Bamford's Memorial Service Seymour
Thursday 3rd [*Francis Xavier, priest & missionary (d.1552)*]
10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews
10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade
4.00pm Eucharist, Dianella
Friday 4th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House
6.30pm Kilmore Community Carols
7.00pm Faith Enhancement Advent Study
Saturday 5th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 6th December 2014 - Second Sunday of Advent
Malachi 3.1-14; Song of Zechariah; Philippians 1.1-11; Luke 3.1-6

Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephens	11am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration	4pm	Holy Eucharist

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