

*Our Lord, Jesus
Christ, King of the
Universe
Year C*

23 November 2025



Readings: Sunday 23 November 2025

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel Reading: Luke 23:35-43

Readings: Sunday 30 November 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44

On this final Sunday of the Liturgical Year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 through his encyclical Quas Primas, the feast was intended to reassert the supremacy of Christ in a world increasingly attracted to secularism, nationalism, and ideological extremism. In our violent world, marked with similar enticements and divisions—this celebration continues to remind the faithful that Christ's reign contrasts sharply with conventional notions of power. We are invited to contemplate a kingship rooted in compassion and humility, and a love that draws all things into unity. The self-giving of the cross challenges the domination and self-interest of all worldly power. Christ's kingdom of gentleness and mercy is the inheritance of all who turn to him in their need, and the responsibility of all his followers.

Lectors and Special Ministers – could you please ensure that you tick your name off the Liturgy Roster (situated on the table in the Narthex) on your arrival. This will help to make the Sacristan's (especially at the 10.30am Mass) job easier, if they know you have arrived.

Thank you to those parishioners who volunteered to help out with the LITURGICAL PRESENTATION FOR SUNDAY MASS – Your time and talent is very much appreciated. If anyone else would like to Volunteer to help present our liturgy during the weekend Masses by using the church laptop, it would be very much appreciated. Training or a refresher course will be provided. If you can help, please contact Phiphi on 0421 212 129 or Lucy on 9398 2964.

"And he was saying, 'Jesus, remember me when you come in your Kingdom!'"
Luke 23:42

Jesus will never forget us. As this year comes to its liturgical end, let us continue as Christian stewards to follow Christ, our Lord and King, as we travel together along the disciple's journey.

The next meeting of the Safeguarding Committee is Tuesday, 25 November, 2026 at 7.15pm.

Let us Proclaim Christ as Our King! This Sunday 23rd November 2025 – Cardinal Mykola Bychok & Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at St. Patrick's Cathedral. 2pm Prayers. Holy Mass followed by a Eucharistic Street Procession, Benediction, Consecration to Our King. Enquiries 9509 2207. www.combinedsocietiesofmary.com



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Date: Thursday 4 December 2025

Time: 6pm or 9pm

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2. Join our **TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER** Information session for those who would like a short taste and tour of Palms placements to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May 2026.

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Liturgy Roster – 30 November, 2025

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Anthony Adewale	Olive Chadowski
8.30am	Jessica Duffy	Cath Cuthbert
10.30am	Robyn Powell	Noella Misquitta
Linen Roster November	Counting this week: Team 1: 23.11.2025	Counting next week: Team 2 – 30.11.2025
Thu Nguyen	Betty Fitzgerald Bill & Maureen Fogarty	Leticia Mauricio Raquel Arquesa Conee Manguiat

Christmas Carols in the Park – An annual event organized by Altona/Laverton Council of Churches. Family Friendly – All Welcome – Free Entry! Come and experience His Presence. December 7th 2025 at 6pm.

Logan Reserve Altona, Cnr Pier & Queen Streets, Altona. In case of wet weather this event will be held at The Salvation Army Hobsons Bay, 108 Queen Street Altona.

Christian Meditation takes place every Thursday evening at 7pm. If you would like to be part of this group, please phone Lucy at the Parish Office on 93982964. **MARANATHA!**

Australian Catholics Summer Edition – grab your free copy from the Narthex.

Red November: Pray for persecuted Christians - *Aid to the Church in Need* invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout **Red November**. Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video and download your Red Rosary prayer card by visiting www.rednovember.org

St. Mary MacKillops Daily thoughts

“ Let us Really love one another ”.



Recently Deceased:

Leo Ledwich

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

George & Loreta Calleja; Joan Grioli;
Mang Tran Thi; Kim Thanh

Prayers for the Sick:

Genna Angelowitch; Maura McCabe;
Trish Aitken; Anne Playnsek

Volunteers required to help set up the Christmas Tree in the Narthex and our Crib on **Saturday 29th November, 2026**. If you can help, please turn up at 4pm. Thank you.

2026 Fees for our 3 student priests at the Seminary in Timor Leste:

If you would like to contribute to the 2026 seminary fees for Eusebio Madeira, Tarcisio Abi, and Amorino Amaral (their photographs and biographies are on the wall outside the parish office) please place your donation in an envelope marked **TIMOR** and put your envelope in a Sunday collection basket.

Or, if you prefer, you are welcome to give your envelope to Father Deonildo, or to me.

The current exchange rate means we will need about \$1,200 (Australian) per student for the 2026 academic year in Timor Leste.

As it was earlier this year, our donation will be hand delivered (in January) to the Rector of the Seminary in Dili. Thank you for your kind assistance.

Archpriest Michael

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Priest in Residence: Fr Deonildo de Andrade
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Principal: Mrs Sonia Riccardi 9398 4842
Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am
Weekday Mass: Tuesday 5pm;
Wed to Sat 9.15am
(or as advertised in the Parish Bulletin and Parish Website)
Reconciliation: Saturday at 9.45am or by request
Anointing of the Sick and Elderly: Once per quarter at Mass or by request
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Marriages & Baptisms: by appointment

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