

Sacred Heart Parish (Canonically Erected 1868) Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A - 22 November 2026

"Christ is the King of glory, and He reigns in the hearts of those who love Him."
- St Augustine of Hippo

Entrance Antiphon: 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.

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

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.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22:1-3, 5-6

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

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

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

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

4. 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.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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.

The word of the Lord.

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!**

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Reflection

An excerpt from the encyclical letter *Quas Primas* of Pope Pius XI, establishing the Feast of Christ the King on 11 December 1925:

It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of "King," because of the high degree of perfection whereby He excels all creatures. So He is said to reign "in the hearts of men," both by reason of the keenness of His intellect and the extent of His knowledge, and also because He is very truth, and it is from Him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind. He reigns, too, in the wills of men, for in Him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the Holy Will of God, and further by His grace and inspiration He so subjects our free-will as to incite us to the most noble endeavours. He is King of hearts, too, by reason of His "charity which exceedeth all knowledge." And His mercy and kindness which draw all men to Him, for never has it been known, nor will it ever be, that man be loved so much and so universally as Jesus Christ. But if we ponder this matter more deeply, we cannot but see that the title and the power of King belongs to Christ as man in the strict and proper sense too. For it is only as man that He may be said to have received from the Father "power and glory and a kingdom," since the Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with Him, and therefore has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created.

Continue reading the reflection on the parish website (Resources>Parish News) or on the parish Facebook page on Sunday morning.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Mon, 23 November & Fri, 27 November - 8am to 1pm
Tues, 24 November - 8am to 12pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of the souls of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased: Regina Radman, Vojo Dizdar, Fr Bernard Flood, Michael O'Sullivan, Fr Barry Leech, Phillip Regan.

the sick: Peter Moroney, Sr Gaye Lennon, Steven Kent, Erin Muggleton, Bernice Murray, Jennifer Wheeler, Christina O'Brien, Chris Perceval, Julie Daley, Christopher Pay, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth Albany, Fr Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish. **Please contact the Parish Office to add/ remove names to/from the Sick List and if you know a sick parishioner who would appreciate a visit from the priest.**

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon 23rd:	No Mass - Church open 8am to 1pm
Tues 24th:	No Mass - Church open 8am to 12 Noon
Wed 25th:	11.30am Rosary, 12 Noon Holy Mass, 12.30pm Prayer Cenacle
Thurs 26th:	10am Holy Mass at McLean, with Blessing of the sick
Fri 27th:	9am Rosary, 9.30am Holy Mass 4.30pm - 5.30pm Church open for private devotion
Sat 28th:	Tingha: 4pm Holy Mass Inverell: 5.15pm - 5.50pm Confession, 5.30pm Rosary, 6pm Holy Mass
Sun 29th:	8am Confession, 8.30am Rosary, 9am Holy Mass Yetman: 12 Noon Holy Mass

Detailed Weekday Liturgy Schedule: This can be found on the noticeboards in the church and on the parish website.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Liturgy Committee Meeting: Sat 21 Nov 2026, 9am, meeting room
Sunday Morning Tea: Sun 22 November 2026, after Mass
Ladies Lunch: Wed 2 Dec 2026, 12.30pm at Australia Café
Men's Breakfast: Wed 9 Dec 2026, 8.00am The Haven Café, 140 Byron Street (across the alley from the Telstra shop)
Women's Breakfast: Fri 11 Dec 2026, 8.00am The Haven Café
SVDP Society Meeting: Wed 16 Dec 2026, 5pm - 7pm, meeting room
November Altar Society Roster: Victoria Talampas & Neroli O'Brien

Upcoming Feast Days this Week

23 Nov: St Clement I, pope, martyr
24 Nov: St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, priest, & companions, martyrs
25 Nov: St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr
27 Nov: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
28 Nov: St Catherine Labouré

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

To mark the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe this Sunday, the 9am Mass will end with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. During the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Act of Dedication to Christ the King will be prayed. When this Act of Dedication is recited publicly on this day, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions of a sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, detachment from sin, and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

Centacare Hampers Appeal



Thank you to all those parishioners who have already donated. The pile is steadily growing. If you wish to contribute, you have until 29 Nov. Suggested hamper items: Canned foods, pasta, rice & noodles, breakfast cereals & school snacks, long-life milk, condiments eg. jam & vegemite, tea & coffee, biscuits, toiletries & personal care items, cleaning products, and toilet paper.

Youth Mass - Saturday 21 November

All youth are welcome to serve and participate in the Mass this Saturday. There will be a pizza dinner after the Mass for the youth.

November Mass Offering Envelopes

If parishioners would like a Mass offered for a departed friend or relation, please fill in the envelope and hand it to either the priest or it may be put on one of the collection plates. The names of all the departed for whom Masses have been requested, will be placed on the side of the altar. Our parish will offer the November Masses for them. The recommended stipend (according to the Catholic Bishops of NSW & ACT, October 2025) is $20.

Choir Practice for Christmas Eve Mass

Rehearsals will be each Sunday after the 9am Mass / Morning tea. All those interested in joining, are very welcome.

Morning Tea

Morning Tea will be held after the 9am Mass this Sunday, 22 Nov. All are welcome, especially visitors and new parishioners.

Joint Celebration - Tuesday 1 December, 5.30pm

On Tuesday 1 December, we will also be holding our parish Christmas party. Fr Juvi will also be celebrating his 19th year of ordination. The festivities will be on the Church lawn and those coming are encouraged to bring a plate of delicacies to share - be it a dessert, salad, main dish, sandwiches or mini treats like chocolates! **For Catering Purposes:** Those interested in attending should place their name and the number of those accompanying them in the forms at the Church entrances. **Homebound:** If you know of any home bound parishioners who wish to attend, please inform the parish office so we may organise transportation for them.

Parish Christmas Raffle

Tickets will go on sale at the main door this weekend after each Mass. $2 each or 3 for $5. Raffle will be drawn 20 Dec.

Immaculata Mission School: 1st - 7th January 2027

Start your year afresh with Christ. Receive and grow deeper in your faith and make good friendships and develop good habits, with times of prayer, fantastic Catholic speakers, share groups, fun activities and lots more. ***Who is it for?*** Everyone. The 1-7th Jan is open to adults of all ages and youth 14 years and up. Families with children are welcome and there is a children's ministry program available 1-5 Jan. ***What is the theme?*** "Am I Not Your Mother?" - grow in friendship with Jesus under the banner of His Mother Mary. ***Where is it?*** Presbyterian Ladies College, Armidale, NSW. **Early-bird prices finish 30th November, registrations close 23rd Dec.** For costs, more information and to register visit www.immaculata.org.au/ims

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM - SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB No. 082105 Account No. 001023550

Ac. Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB No. 082105 Account No. 001013072

Ac. Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference. If you wish to join the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

Our Parish is committed to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and has a zero-tolerance approach to abuse. This is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns or feedback, please contact our Priest / Safeguarding Contact Person (Parish Secretary), or our Diocesan Safeguarding and Professional Standards Office at@armidale.catholic.org.au or on(02) 6771 8700.

Sunday Missal (Red Missal) for Sunday Mass:

* Proper of Mass, Page 526
* Preface I-VIII of the Sundays in Ordinary Time: Pg 40-43
* Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Pg 61 or No. 3 Pg 72

Weekday Missal (Blue Missal) for Weekday Masses:

Last Week of Ordinary Time Year II commences on Pg 1387