

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH, KILMORE

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THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR C)

23 November 2025

THE CROSS AND THE CROWN: CHRIST OUR KING

The Catholic liturgical year concludes with the **Solemnity of Christ the King**, a feast that stands as a kind of interpretive key for the entire Christian mystery. In Christ, the **eternal Logos** (Jn 1:1) who entered history, we perceive that time is not a succession of meaningless moments but a **pilgrimage** oriented toward its fulfilment in God. The universe is not the product of blind forces; it bears within itself the imprint of Reason and Love. To profess Christ as King, therefore, is not an act of triumphalism—it is the recognition that the deepest structure of reality is personal, and that this **Person** has revealed His face in Jesus of Nazareth.

The placement of this Solemnity at the end of the liturgical cycle is thus profoundly theological. Over the course of the year, the Church has unfolded the events of Christ's entire earthly life, and now she turns our attention to **the One** who gathers all these mysteries into unity: the **Crucified and Risen Lord** who reigns from the Cross. Here the apparent contradiction of Christian faith becomes luminous. Divine kingship is revealed not through worldly power but through the self-emptying love that restores humanity to truth. The Cross, which appears as defeat to human eyes, is in fact the definitive act of royal authority, for it is there that Christ "*draws all things to Himself*" (Jn 12:32) and opens the world to the kingdom that does not pass away.

This perspective leads naturally to the contemplation of the **Last Things—death, judgment, heaven, and hell**. These realities are not peripheral topics; they belong to the very heart of the Christian proclamation. Indeed, a faith that loses sight of the final horizon risks reducing itself to a merely ethical or sociological project. Eschatology is not an appendix to Christian doctrine; it is its inner form, its orientation toward the fullness of life with God.

Death confronts us with the finitude of our existence, reminding us that we are not self-grounding beings. **Judgment** reveals that our lives are not neutral trajectories but meaningful responses to the gift of freedom. **Heaven** is not a vague dream but the consummation of our longing for the infinite—communion with the God who is Love. And **hell**, understood in its sober truth, is the tragic possibility that the human heart can lock itself against this love, choosing isolation over communion.

Yet in contemplating these ultimate realities, the Christian does not fall into despair. For the Judge who stands at the end of history is the same Lord who has entered history, carrying our humanity into the very life of God. His judgment is not arbitrary power but the radiant manifestation of truth. Before Him, all falsehood dissolves, and the heart is summoned to become what it was created to be.

Dear parishioners, as Advent approaches, the Church calls us to renew the fundamental attitude of the Christian life: **watchfulness**. We await not an impersonal future but the coming of a Person—the One who **has already come**, who **comes now** in the sacraments and in His Word, and who **will come again** in glory. In this threefold coming of Christ, the believer finds both orientation and hope. It is because Christ the King is not a distant ruler but the living centre of history, the One toward whom all creation moves and in whom all things find their meaning.

Let us make room in our hearts to receive Christ our King, so that He may dwell within us and lead us on the pilgrimage toward our heavenly homeland.

Rev. Fr Andrew Choi

CHURCHES

ST. PATRICK'S

37 Sutherland St, Kilmore

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Cnr The Parade & McKenzie St, Broadford

OUR LADY OF THE WAY

30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan East

ST. MICHAEL'S

33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil) 5 pm, Broadford
6.30 pm, Kilmore

Sun 8.45 am, Wallan
10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat 9 am, Kilmore
Wed 9 am, Wallan

CONFESSION

30 minutes prior to each Mass
& during Adoration (Thu)

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet

15 minutes prior to
each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary

after each weekday Mass, and
Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan)
10.20 am (Kilmore)

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READINGS FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY (Year C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | Rv 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.

FIRST READING | 2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron.
‘Look’ they said ‘we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, “You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.”’ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 121(122):1-5

R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R)**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **(R)**

For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R)**

SECOND READING | Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning,

he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mark 11:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL | Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. ‘He saved others,’ they said ‘let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.’ The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’ Above him there was an inscription: ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ One of the criminals hanging there abused him. ‘Are you not the Christ?’ he said. ‘Save yourself and us as well.’ But the other spoke up and rebuked him. ‘Have you no fear of God at all?’ he said. ‘You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,’ he said ‘remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ‘Indeed, I promise you,’ he replied ‘today you will be with me in paradise.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON | Ps 28:10-11

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

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

(1st Sunday of Advent, 30 Nov)

First Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9
Second Reading	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel	Matthew 24:37-44

VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

THIS WEEKEND 22 & 23 November	
Broadford (Sat, 5 pm)	Reader: P. Kelly EMHC: A. Leahy
Kilmore (Sat, 6.30 pm)	Reader: R. Emmanuel EMHC: V. Barro PowerPoint: P. Duff
Wallan (Sun, 8.45 am)	Reader: N. Britto EMHC: P. Hutchinson & S. Buckley PowerPoint: F. Thompson
Kilmore (Sun, 10.45 am)	Reader: C. Dodd EMHC: C. Dodd PowerPoint: K. Curry
FLOWERS: E. Ferraresi HOME COMMUNION: J. Dixon & M. Donovan CLEANERS KILMORE: TBA	

NEXT WEEKEND 22 & 23 November	
Broadford (Sat, 5 pm)	Reader: A. Leahy EMHC: B. O'Dwyer
Kilmore (Sat, 6.30 pm)	Reader: M. Fleischmann EMHC: J. Jain PowerPoint: P. Duff
Wallan (Sun, 8.45 am)	Reader: G. Pannuzzo EMHC: T. Cooney & T. Brincat PowerPoint: R. Quinn
Kilmore (Sun, 10.45 am)	Reader: TBA EMHC: K. Archer PowerPoint: K. Curry
FLOWERS: E. Ferraresi HOME COMMUNION: TBA CLEANERS KILMORE: TBA	

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Anniversaries: Brendan Michael Cooke, Michael Ahearn, Charles Bernard Stute, Lakshmi (Latch) Narayan, Brian Cushen, Cheryl Valda Smith, Mary Margaret Brady, Daniel Partick Fitzgerald, John Rae, Edward (Ted) Stute, Stephen Hutchins, Eleonora (Nori) Costantin, Kenneth Aubrey Thomas, Frank Ryan, John Francis Scully, David Appleton, Gerard Francis Smith, Mabel Finlayson, Mary Colline Hewat, Michael Johnstone, Br. Christopher O'Brien, Edie McEntee, Malcolm Fernie, Br. Neil Francis Stewart, Lena Dania and Catherina Baudracco and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick: Fr Prakash Cutinha, Fr Martino Jung, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Br. Doug Walsh, Joseph Vassallo, Sue Leahy, Brittney Pellicori and all people who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks. If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

Seminarian: Ben Eid

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Help all your people to know their vocation in life and assist them to prepare for it. For your great glory, and for the service of your people, call many to be Priests and Religious.

Give those whom you call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(prayer from Serra International)

PARISH DONATIONS (COLLECTIONS AT MASS)

- First Collection (Presbytery Support)**
Presbytery Account (BSB 083 347 | ACC 684 632 382)
: support of the priests in our parish, the Archbishop, as well as the sick and retired clergy across the Archdiocese.
- Second Collection (Church Support)**
Church Account (BSB 083 347 | ACC 672 646 971)
: assist in covering the maintenance and operational expenses of our parish buildings and supports the programs and ministries within our church community.

A **Donation QR code** is available on the **first page of bulletin**.
If you use a **Thanksgiving Envelope** each Sunday, you may place your total contribution in one envelope, and please note the amount allocated to each collection on the back of the envelope.
If you wish to set up or update **regular direct transfers** for one or both collections, please contact the Parish Office for assistance.

PARISH DIARY

- Mon, 24th:** St. Vincent de Paul conference Meeting (7pm, Our Lady of the Way Church)
- Tue, 25th:** **NO 9 am MASS**
- Wed, 26th — Fri, 28th:** 9 am MASS (see p.4)
- Fri, 28th:** Children's Sacramental Program for First Communion Session 7 (4 pm, Parish Office Meeting Room)
- Sat, 29th:** **NO 9 am MASS**

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Pauline Duff, Brian O'Dwyer,
Rosebelle Quinn, Ben Boyd, and
Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit)
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DID YOU KNOW?

“BENEDICTINE OBLATES”

Benedictine Oblates are laypeople or diocesan clergy who seek to live the spirituality of the Rule of St. Benedict while remaining in their ordinary state of life. They are not monks or nuns, but they share in the prayer, values, and mission of a Benedictine monastery, becoming part of its spiritual family.

Oblates are formally affiliated with a particular Benedictine community. They do not take monastic vows, but they commit to shaping their daily lives according to Benedictine principles such as **prayer, stability of heart, humility, hospitality, and balance**. Practices often include praying parts of the **Liturgy of the Hours**, reading Scripture, practicing *lectio divina*, and cultivating a peaceful, God-centered rhythm in everyday life.

It is important to note that unlike Franciscans or Dominicans, the Benedictine family does **not** use the term “Third Order.” Lay members of those orders follow their charism through Third Orders, while lay members of Benedictine communities are officially called **Oblates**.

The mission of Benedictine Oblates is to bring the wisdom of St. Benedict **into the world beyond the monastery**. By seeking Christ in daily life, they make their homes, workplaces, and relationships places of stability, compassion, and prayer, sharing deeply in the Benedictine tradition while living fully in the world.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ST. PATRICK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Mr Michael Bourne
03 5782 1579 | spkilmore.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY OF THE WAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Mr Terry Cooney
03 8609 1784 | ourladywallan.catholic.edu.au

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Principal: Mr Paul Finneran
03 5783 5000 | assumption.vic.edu.au

SUNDAY ROSARY

This Sunday, the **Luminous Mysteries** of the Rosary will be prayed prior to Mass (at 8.20 am at OLW, Wallan and at 10.20 am at St. Patrick’s, Kilmore). All are welcome to spend prayerful time with Mother Mary before Mass.

WELCOME FR TREVOR AND FR ISAAC

In Fr Andrew’s absence this weekend, we are delighted to welcome **Fr Trevor Tibbertsma**, Formator and Academic Dean of Corpus Christi College (Melbourne Seminary), who will celebrate the weekend Masses, and **Fr Isaac Zaki**, Chaplain to the Coptic Catholic Community and the Parkville Hospital Precinct, who will celebrate several weekday Masses (see below notice).

Let us extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to Fr Trevor and Fr Isaac.

MASS CANCELLANTION

DURING FR ANDREW’S ANNUAL RETREAT AND LEAVE

Fr Andrew is on annual leave (including his annual retreat) and will return to Melbourne on 5 December. During his absence, some weekday Masses will be cancelled as outlined below. Please note that Saturday Vigil and Sunday

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Nov, 9am NO MASS	26 Nov, 9am at Wallan	27 Nov, 9am at Kilmore	28 Nov, 9am at Kilmore	29 Nov, 9am NO MASS
2 Dec, 9am NO MASS	3 Dec, 9am at Wallan	4 Dec, 9am at Kilmore	5 Dec, 9am at Kilmore	6 Dec, 9am at Kilmore

Masses will continue as usual.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November Mass Offering envelopes are available in the Church foyers. Completed envelopes may be placed in the collection, handed to the Fr Andrew, or brought to the Parish Office during the office hours.

Please note that Mass intentions for November will be offered at the priest’s convenience.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

SVDP Society have **Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards** on sale at St. Patrick’s Church, Kilmore, Our Lady of the Way, Wallan, and Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford.

Calanders \$10.00 | Christmas Cards 5 for \$3.50

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

SVDP Society once again asks for your support with the Christmas Appeal to assist the needy. You can help by taking a tag from the wishing tree and purchase a food item and place it in the box provided.

This will run for three consecutive weekends on 30 November, 7 December and 14 December.

Without your generous support, we cannot continue to support those people who ask for help. Thank you for your charitable acts!

PRAYER REQUEST FROM FR ANDREW

This Sunday, 23 November, my mother, **Catarina Hwang**, will make her perpetual vow as a member of the Benedictine Oblates. (Please see the information on the left regarding the Benedictine Oblates.) I kindly ask you to keep her in your prayers, especially throughout this weekend. Thank you sincerely.