



# Christ the King – Year A

25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**

The god of the prophet Ezekiel deals with the people with compassion. God is like a shepherd who risks everything to protect his flock. He goes out to find the straying lamb, and he looks for green pastures in order for them to have food.

**Next week:  
1st Sunday  
Advent  
Year B**

**1 Corinthians 15:20-26**

According to Paul, God is interested in all areas of our lives. Out of compassion, God sends His Son into the world to live and die for us. This compassion is the power which equips us for life and saves us from death.

**Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
1 Cor 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

We read in Matthew that Jesus separated the sheep from the goats on the basis of whether they showed compassion or did not show compassion to the neediest of people.

## Universal Prayers Christ the King, Year A

1. For all those who have lives below the poverty line, that they may receive aid. We pray to the Lord.
2. For children in drought-stricken lands, that they receive the food they need to survive. We pray to the Lord.
3. For all those who are unemployed, that they may be helped to find the work they need. We pray to the Lord.
4. For all those who require help from doctors and nurses, that they receive the healing care they need. We pray to the Lord.
5. For all those who are alone, that they may find a friendly neighbor. We pray to the Lord.
6. For all those who do not have a safe place to live, that they are able to find suitable shelter. We pray to the Lord.

### Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday	Mass	8.00am
Wednesday	Mass	8.00am
Thursday	Mass	8.00am
Friday	Mass	8.00am

### Confessions

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 4pm

### Mass Intentions

All Masses during the month of November will be celebrated for the intentions of parishioners. Names of the deceased are in the folder placed before the altar.

## Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413.

**For those unable to contribute electronically, a simple retiring collection will be held next weekend.**



### Holy Hour for the Deceased

All Masses during November are offered for the intentions of those whose names are recorded in the book of the deceased. Also, a holy hour with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held each week during November. The hour will include prayers, readings and hymns remembering the dead.

Wednesdays: 29<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon

### Bishop Mascord's Document

Our Bishop has written a document "Come and see, go and make: A vision for Parishes."

Please take a copy home. Further resources will be available for our prayer reflection.

### Conversations

Our final Conversations for the year will be held on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. Our guest will be Megan Monte. Megan is the director of Ngununggula, Retford Park, Southern Highlands Regional Gallery.

**Our next Conversations will be in February 2024.**

### A Vocation View

"He will separate the sheep from the goats." To be a shepherd is to tend the flock of the Lord, teaching them to hear His voice. Have courage to follow wherever He leads. (Matthew 25:31-33)

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

### Parish Office

Please note that until the end of the school term office hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday 9am - 3pm



## PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
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Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
Saturday 2nd December

First Holy Communion  
Solemn Vespers & Benediction  
Scripture Study  
Holy Hour for the Deceased  
Conversations with Megan Monte  
End of year Schools Mass

11.00am St Thomas Aquinas Church  
4.00pm St Thomas Aquinas Church  
6.00pm Parish Hall  
12 noon St Thomas Aquinas Church  
10.30am Parish Hall  
5.00pm St Thomas Aquinas Church