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## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - YEAR B 24 NOVEMBER 2024

**Readings:** Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 92; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

**Psalm Response:** The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Whatever term might have more contemporary appeal than “king”, such as ruler, sovereign, head, lord, leader or something else, there’s a more fundamental issue to grapple with today. The choice of a more agreeable title for Christ the King can’t disguise the fact that Christ does not appear to be in charge of the world at all. A quick survey of popular opinion about who or what rules the world would reveal answers like money, arms, ideology, multinationals, algorithms or fate.

Yet by taking Christ as King we want to claim that it’s his defining qualities that have the last say. That means his unconditional love, mercy, freedom of heart, selflessness, truth, faith. Today’s festival invites us to cast off the blinkers that lock our attention onto the dark powers rampart in the world. Jesuit poet Gerald Manley Hopkins would have us see the world “charged with the grandeur of God.” He would have us see ourselves as we are “in God’s eye - Christ - for Christ plays in ten thousand places.”

Today we pray to see Christ at play everywhere in the world, even in its grimmest places. Wherever we find the flame of his light and love, we pledge ourselves to nurture it and make it blaze before the world.

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### SENIORS’ LUNCHEON

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to the success of the Annual Seniors’ Luncheon held on Wednesday, 13 November.

Special thanks to Trev and Gaila, chefs extraordinaire; to Angie for her special finishing touches, all those who helped behind the scenes, and especially to John Smith, the long-time organiser.

### DIOCESAN NOTICES

**ADVENT EVENTS** - For any of these please contact: [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

### PARISH NOTICES:

**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED** - Benzon Fernandez, Fr Peter Gray (Kath Ashby’s brother), Catherine “Cath” Butcher and Gregory Taylor.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES WILL OCCUR THIS WEEK:**

23/1989 Christina Buckler, 23/1975 Richard Byrne-King, 24/1965 Barney McGillin, 24/1999 Margaret Ford, 25/1973 Leonie Dobbe, 26/1977 Marie Hassan, and 29/1991 Kasino Melrose

**WE PRAY FOR HEALING & RECOVERY** for all those who are sick in our Parish, those previously mentioned and also: Caroline Francis, Josephine Clough, Tom and Bev Walsh, Len Dawson, Rosie Ko, Allan Vincent Kerr-Taylor, Lyn Cotter, Alex Binnie, and Kay Spillane. We also pray for those who are preparing to meet the Lord face to face, that the Lord gives them peace. Let Fr Carlos **know if you have relatives in hospital or at home** to visit.

**SAFEGUARDING** - Find out more about the Church’s work to nurture a culture of Safeguarding. On this site you can also find a pathway to share your story or make a formal complaint about abuse within the Church community, with the National Office for Professional Standards at [www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/](http://www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/)

**TRAINING DAY** for Leader, Reader (Lector), Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Sacristan - **TODAY**, Sunday, 24 November after the 9:00am Mass at St Patrick’s Huapai. This is for all of you who wish to share your gifts and become a Leader, Reader (or Lector), Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion & Sacristan.

**COLLECTIONS FOR LAST WEEKEND** - Church - \$599.20, & PRESRENO2024 \$5,890.00. Thank you for your generosity. If you are donating online, please put in the reference number on your tax receipt.

**PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME** Please support our Parish by joining the Planned Giving Programme. Copies of Pledge Forms are in both foyers.

**For Automatic Payments - the Parish Account is 02-0108-0706929-000.** If you can, please sign up for the Automatic Payment of your weekly donations.

**DONATIONS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE PRESBYTERY** - Please support the parish appeal in raising money for the completion of this project. And please deposit your donation in the **Parish Account 02-0108-0706929-000** using reference code: **PRESRENO2024** and your full name for tax receipt purposes. For those who wish to make a cash donation, envelopes are available in the foyer of both churches. **THANK VERY MUCH** for your generosity.

**2025 COLUMBAN CALENDARS** ready for next year. Available in both church porches - **\$13.00.**

### YEAR OF JUBILEE

**YEAR OF JUBILEE** - Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope. As well as local initiatives, the diocese has a calendar of **Jubilee Events**. At this stage they are presented as date claimers so that you can put them in your diaries. Explore and return regularly to [tps://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/)

### Daily Readings for Next Week

25 Mon	Apocalypse14:1-5; Psalm 24 Luke 21:1-4
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**ON THE WINGS OF THE SPIRIT** Gather with others in your parish to explore your faith through the Scriptures and to grow in your relationship with Jesus. Get **Wings.Nga Parirau** in your parish today, the **NZ Catholic Faith Formation programme**.

**PONDERING THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS** Sunday evenings 1, 8, 15, 22 Dec, on Zoom, 7:00-7:30 pm.

**POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL** - Pope Francis has just released his latest encyclical, "Delexit Nos", He Loved Us, in the last couple of days and Dianne will host a series of 3 sessions on this in Advent, 4, 11, 18 Dec at 7:00 - 7:30pm.

**PRO-LIFE FACTS** - The Safe Areas law bans any form of pro-life demonstration, witness or counselling within 150 metres of a facility where abortions are being performed. As Right to Life president Ken Orr points out, there was no need for the Safe Areas legislation, as any objectionable behaviour could be handled under trespassing law [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz)

**ST LUKE - How do we think of him as an author?** with Fr Kevin Waldie SM Monday, 25 November, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/11/04/st-luke-how-do-we-think-of-him-as-an-author/>

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUPS** - Tuesdays - St Joseph's Helensville at 1:30pm, and St Patrick's Huapai at 6:30-7:00 pm via zoom. Contact Fadzie 027 7070984 or Cheryl 021 1235948 for the link. On the first Tuesday of the month, the meeting will be held in St Patrick's Church.

*Haere Mai (Come)*

*Nau Mai (Welcome)*

*Whakarongo Mai (Listen)*

**PRESBYTERY UPDATE**

Construction work started on Wednesday, 16 October and it is progressing well.

- The Council Building Inspector has inspected the holes and approved the pouring of concrete foundation for the wooden supports of the extension of the house. Installation of bearers and floor joists for the dining and kitchen area is in progress.
- Internal framing works in progress.
- The garage is demolished. Asbestos removal done by an independent asbestos removal specialist.
- Construction of the extension for kitchen and dining area.

Thank you very much to the many people who have worked hard on this project for the past fifteen years.

Together As One, as the Parish of St Joseph's Helensville and St Patrick's Huapai continues to work together - with the grace of God, we could raise the money needed to complete this project.

**Thank you very much and God bless you.**

**"AS IRON SHARPENS IRON..."** Proverbs 27:17 - All men are invited to **Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** gatherings. This great bunch of God-fearing guys meet monthly in Glenfield (last Wed of the month) for fellowship, and to pray, grow and worship together. Next one: Wed 27 Nov starting 7.15pm for 7.30pm start at St Thomas More Church Hall, Glenfield. This is the last meeting for the year and is a family evening.

**The FINAL AUCKLAND CATHOLIC SINGLE 30s & 40s** meetup for 2024 will be on Thu 12 Dec at 6:30pm. gather at [Ponsonby International Food Court](#) for dinner and then stroll down Franklin Rd, the most festive street. [aklcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:aklcatholicsinglesocialgroup@gmail.com)

26 Tue	Apocalypse 14:14-19; Psalm 96; Luke 21:5-11
27 Wed	Apocalypse 15:1-4; Psalm 98; Luke 21:12-19
28 Thu	Apocalypse 18:1-2, 21-23,19:1-3,9; Psalm 100; Luke 21:20-28
29 Fri	Apocalypse 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Psalm 84; Luke 21:29-33
30 Sat <i>Andrew</i>	Romans 10:9-18; Psalm 19; Matthew 4:18-22

**COMING SUNDAY READINGS:**

First Sunday in Advent Year C 1 Dec

**Readings:** Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

Coming Rosters 1 Dec	Huapai Vigil 6pm Sat	Helensville 9am Sun
Leader	TBC	Doreen
Readers (Lectors)	TBC	Sarah / Selvarani
Extra-ordinary MOE	TBC	TBC
Altar Servers	TBC	Fons

**Weekly Holy Mass, Reconciliation & Adoration Times**

	HELENSVILLE		HUAPAI	
	Weeks 2 & 4	6:00 pm	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	6:00 pm
Vigil Mass	Weeks 2 & 4	6:00 pm	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	6:00 pm
Sunday Mass	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	9:00 am	Weeks 2 & 4	9:00 am
Weekday	Wed & Thu	9:00 am	Tue & Fri	10:00 am
Adoration	Wednesday	8:00 - 9:00 am	Friday	10:30-11:00 am
Devotions	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Hour of Adoration Mass	8:00 - 9:00 am 9:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	10:00-11:00 am
Adoration, Holy Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Mass			Wednesday	6:45 pm



**RECONCILIATION** - During Adoration Time and Devotions or at other times please contact Fr. Carlos 09 420 8110.