

Bills under the tree

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we approach the end of the year, our parish faces several important expenses. In particular, we are asked to contribute to the *Charitable Works Fund (CWF)* - the main fund of the Archdiocese of Sydney, which supports many agencies and programs providing social welfare, pastoral care, and religious education.

This year, our parish contribution to the CWF amounts to \$32,000, and our annual insurance for the parish and parishioners is \$34,000.

I kindly ask for your generosity before Christmas.

You can help by using the CWF envelopes available on the pews, or by donating through the EFTPOS machine or the online link on our website:

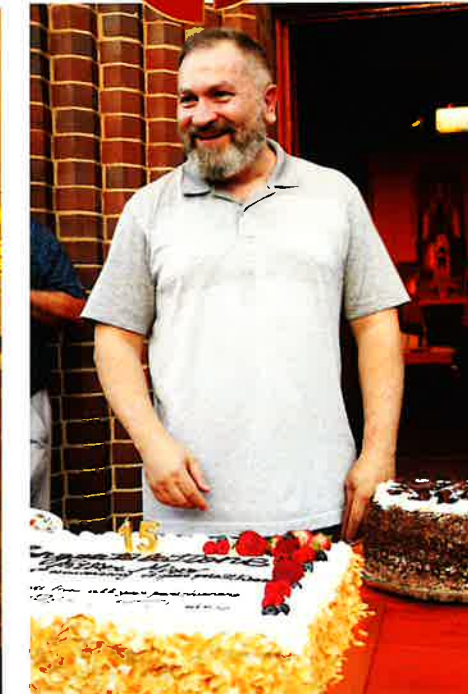
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May God bless you for your support and kindness. Fr Mirko

Christ the King Solemnity
Sunday 23 Nov 2025



Holy Cross
Catholic Church Woollahra



Mass Readers Schedule

Saturday – 5:30 PM Mass

First Reading: Rosemary Tan
Second Reading: Phillip Au
Prayers of the Faithful: Harriet Sadler (HC)

Sunday – 9:00 AM Mass

First Reading: Stefan Wagiel
Second Reading: Rheanil Cultura
Prayers of the Faithful: TBC

Sunday – 6:00 PM Mass

First Reading: Fiona Fitzgerald
Second Reading: Rosemary Tan
Prayers of the Faithful: TBC

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel 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.

C: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. 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.)**

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

3. 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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossian

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

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

SECOND READING cont.

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 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.

C: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according Luke
Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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 him 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.’

C: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Priest: We turn to God who draws us into communion with all creation. Let us lift up our hearts in prayer.

Reader: That the Church bear witness to the coming of God’s kingdom where faith, hope and love reign. (pause) Hear us, we pray: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

UNIVERSAL PRAYER cont.

Reader: That nations will be drawn into the reconciling love of Jesus Christ, the Universal King.
(pause) Hear us, we pray: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That the innocent and the outcast who stand condemned will find Christ’s kingdom of justice and peace. (pause) Hear us, we pray: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That this community will walk in the footsteps of Jesus on the path of obedient faith and self-sacrificing love.
(pause) Hear us, we pray: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That those who are sick will find healing and strength in the suffering Christ.
(pause) Hear us, we pray: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That those who have died will enter paradise with Christ who has conquered death for ever.
(pause) Hear us, we pray: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: O God, you have rescued us and brought us into the eternal kingdom of your son Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers that we may embrace the cross of the King and let it mould the shape of our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our King and Saviour.

Collections Last Week
First Collection: \$502.90
Second Collection: \$668.05
CWF: 385.00
POS: \$1445.50 (13-19/10)

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Mass Schedule - Week 23rd November - 30 November

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 7:30am

Wednesday: 9:00am

Thursday: 7:30am

Friday: 7:30am

Saturday: 9am and 5:30pm

Sunday: 9am and 6pm

Confession: Saturday 4:45pm-5:30pm

PLEASE PRAY AND REMEMBER THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS

CHONG, Lucy

CHOY, Stephen

DE SAINT SALVY, Stella

HAMMERSLEY, Don

HARFORD FAMILY

HARLEY, Don

LAPINSKI FAMILY

MAZUR, Stanislaw

MCNALLY, John

NIZZARI, John

PRENDERGAST, Jan

PRZYBYLSK FAMILY

URECHTAN, Sheila

WAGIEL FAMILY

Fr Mirko Integlia
Administrator

Mrs Aparna John
Parish Secretary

Samson
Parish Pet

Mr Joe Scicluna
Safeguarding Officer

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