

## ST PASCHAL'S PARISH

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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

Mass 11.00am—Wednesday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2022

READINGS

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

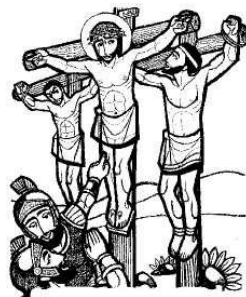
2Samuel 5:1–3

Psalm 122

Colossians 1:12–20

Gospel Luke 23:35–43

*'Lord, remember me when you come  
into your kingdom.'*



**MINISTERS**

GREETER: Moya Lynch

COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: L Blakey

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: A Douglas

COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2022

READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2:1–5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11–14

Gospel Matthew 24:37–44

*'Stay awake, you must be ready.'*



First Sunday in Advent

**MINISTERS**

GREETER: Eileen Leonard

COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Kathy Karl

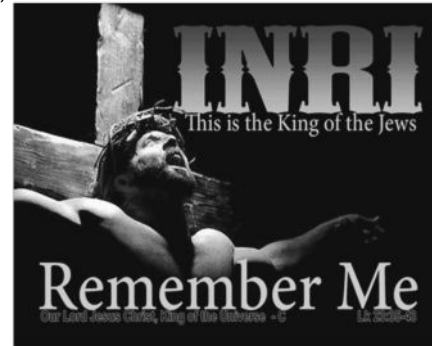
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Robert Hicks

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

DATA PROJECTOR: Bradley Fernandes

It is fitting that this final text from the Gospel of Luke brings together some dominant themes and proclaims the kingship of Jesus. Throughout this liturgical year we have noted the radical reversal which is at the heart of the Gospel. Christ is proclaimed a king, not in a scene of glorious enthronement, but as a broken man upon a cross. The kingship of Jesus is revealed, paradoxically, in the moment of his deepest humiliation.

Throughout the Gospel, Jesus seeks out and saves the lost, and here it is a common criminal, rightly condemned, who proclaims the kingdom which Jesus is to inhabit. True to form, the compassionate Jesus of Luke's Gospel assures him of salvation, just as he had prayed for forgiveness for those who had brought him to this point.



#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Just a reminder the CWL Annual Cake Stall is on Friday 25th November from 8.30am outside the Butcher Shop. Parishioners are invited to drop off baking or phone me for pick up. (0212681472). Thank you in anticipation!

Our December Meeting on Friday 2nd December will be held with the Thames ladies, in St Francis Church Parish Centre at 11am. Mass is at 12.15pm in the Church and then we will go to The Depot (Cafe Melbourne) in Grahamstown for lunch. Parishioners are welcome to join us but please let Laurel (07 2800537) or I know to advise numbers.

Together with the Co-Operating Church, Christmas parcels will be made up in our Hall on Tuesday 13th December from 9am. Any Christmas related items will be gratefully accepted and can be left in the basket in the Church foyer. If you have the smaller type (23cm or 9inches) brown shopping bags to spare, we would love them! God bless you all!  
Kay Brydon—President

**STRAWBERRIES AND ICECREAM  
MORNING TEA**

**TODAY AFTER MASS IN THE HALL**

**SEE YOU THERE!**



**RECONCILIATION RITE II**

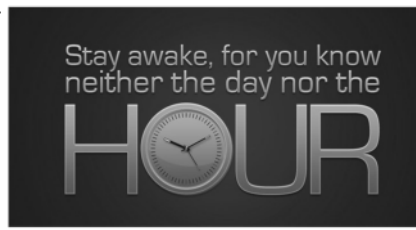
**Repent, Reconcile, Renew**

**St Paschals**

**Wednesday 7th December 7pm**

Matthew's Gospel is written to a mostly Jewish audience who had converted to Christianity. Because of this Jewish background, Matthew often uses images and incidents from the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament with which his community is very familiar. For Matthew, Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies of old and the Messiah who has long been awaited.

In today's text, Jesus twice uses the title 'Son of man' to describe himself. It is an ambiguous term because it can simply mean a human being but it is also used in the Hebrew Scriptures to refer to the one who will be judge and saviour of all.



Advent has a past, present and future dimension. We look back to the events of Bethlehem when Christ first entered the world; we reflect on Christ's presence today and we look forward with joy to the future coming of Christ. Today's Gospel reminds us that we must be ready for that coming. Be alert and watchful for the needs of others this week and be ready to respond to those needs. Rejoice in the unexpected.

### **HELP HELP HELP**

Is there anyone available to assist the Parish by preparing the altar for the Sunday Masses? Training given....Please see Simon or Alice if you can help on all or any of the Sundays.

### **ST FRANCIS SCHOOL**

#### **CULTURAL CHRISTMAS SHOW**

Friday 2nd December 5—7.30pm

Singing, carols, bands and performances by their children. Food stalls, drinks etc  
Bring your picnic rug!

### **WINGS NGA PARIRAU ADVENT ZOOM SESSIONS**

Come now! Pause. Breathe. Ponder. Advent is just about here. We will be repeating the call "Come Lord Jesus!" "Come, O come Immanuel!" and just what are we doing to make ourselves ready? Over the coming weeks we will hear the challenge from Jesus to 'be alert', to 'stay awake' and just what are we doing to open our eyes with fresh vision to see Jesus among us? What are we doing to open the eyes of our hearts to recognise Jesus within, and among us? Here's an invitation to pause, to breathe and to ponder through the four weeks of Advent this year.

During the long time of Lockdown many of us found Zoom to be a new way of gathering to share the experience of silent meditation, to open the Gospel together in shared Lectio Divina, and to read Pope Francis' works and discuss them. Please join me during Advent on any or all of these sessions of Meditation, Lectio and Discussion. Contact Dianna Fouhy on [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz) and I will share the Zoom links. Come Lord Jesus!

**MINISTERS – 4th December 2022**

GREETER: Stephen Croymans  
COMMENTATOR: Frances Croymans  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Robert Hicks  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Laurel Blakey  
COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan  
DATA PROJECTOR: Brandon Fernandes

**MINISTERS – 11th December 2022**

GREETER: Dot Chipman  
COMMENTATOR: Lorraine Hayward  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Dot Chipman  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Chaplow  
COLLECTOR: Anthony Fernandes  
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

**READINGS – 4th December 2022**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72  
Romans 15:4-9  
Gospel Matthew 3:1-12



**READINGS – 11th December 2022**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35:1-6,10  
Psalm 145  
James 5:7-10  
Gospel Matthew 11:2-11



**CHURCH LINEN**

NOVEMBER K Brydon  
DECEMBER L Hayward



**No flowers for advent**



Nov	21	Mary Hoogeveen
	22	Connie Schouten
	25	Bradley & Brandon F
Dec	2	John McWatters

**Columban Calendars for Sale**

**\$12**

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Fay Hayward, Mary Speedy, James Aralar, Robert Hicks, Michael Lynch, Sister Tina, Sister Paula, Mary Hoogeveen.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of November: Terry Mangan, Jane Vaudrey, Eddie Leonard, Leyden Papps, Essie Scott, Ted Northcott, Rae Jordan.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS**  
Please join us in the Parish Hall for a cup of tea after Mass.

