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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

**SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

Daniel 7:13–14

Psalm 93

Apocalypse 1:5–8

Gospel John 18:33–37

*'You say that I am King.'*



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Stephen Crooymans

COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: James Aralar

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Alice Douglas

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Kate Main & Alice Douglas

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR C**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Jeremiah 33:14–16

Psalm 24

Thessalonians 3:12–4:2

Gospel Luke 21:25–28,34–36

*'Your redemption is near at hand.'*



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Kay Brydon

COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Laurel Blakey

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Kay Brydon

COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Eileen Leonard & Frances Chaplow

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

### **CHRIST THE ETERNAL KING**

Today, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ, the King of the whole humanity.

Questions like, "Was Jesus a king on the earth? Didn't He censure the earthly kings at times? Would He like to be called a king?" would baffle us, for He never wanted to be a 'ruler' of people, rather a leader of people. Still, we call Him 'Christ, the King'.

For, He is different from the ordinary understanding of a worldly king.

Christ, the King, unlike a worldly king, leads His people towards eternal life from the front and would even give up His life for the sake of His people. For, He loves his people and takes care of them as His beloved sons and daughters.

It is because of the love that He had for His people, He didn't cling on to His Godliness, rather humbled himself and came to this world to save humankind from its sins. He died for us, humans, on the Cross to fulfil the plan of God, the Father. He suffered for our sake, died and was resurrected on the third day. This is how the God who didn't cling to His Godliness became the King of all. Yes! If we have a king who is righteous and ready to even lay down His life for our sake, aren't we supposed to emulate Him and His values? Wouldn't He be happy on account of us that we live as His loyal subjects and people?

Let us pray : Lord Jesus Christ! Grant us the grace to be united with You and the courage to live and die for Your sake.

### **Pope Francis shares new message for young people**

Pope Francis released a special message for all young people around the world for the **Global Celebration of Youth and Young Adults, for the Feast of Christ the King today**

Using the theme of the 2024 celebration, "Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary (cf. Is 40:31), Pope Francis told young people that "the Lord is opening a highway before you, and he invites you to set out on it with joy and hope."

### **Rite I Reconciliation**

Father Rob will be available on Wednesday 11th December after the 4.30 Rosary.

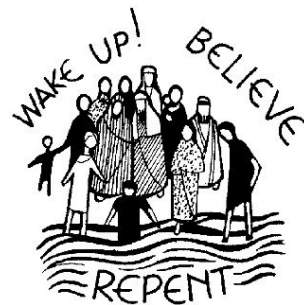


**Christmas Eve Vigil @ 6pm** with Father James

### **CWL ANNUAL CAKE STALL AND RAFFLES**

The CWL have started baking for their big annual event which is on **Friday 29th November** from 8.30am outside Ngatea Prime Meats. If you would like to support us with baking etc, please drop off at the stall or phone Kay on 0212681472 or Eileen on 867 7062(evenings only) for pick up.

Luke's Gospel is written for a Gentile Church community who are caught in between times. The early Christians believed that Christ's second coming was imminent – that Jesus would return soon as the Lord of Glory. As time passed, they had to rethink this belief. In this text, Luke addresses a community who are able to contemplate the past history of Jesus and the Church while looking forward to his future coming as the Son of Man. The text deals with how a Christian is to live the 'in between time'. They must be attentive to the Gospel and live in readiness to meet their God. They must not be distracted by the cares and snares of the world, but be ready to stand confidently before the Son of Man.



### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

With Christmas fast approaching, Jane, from the Co-Operating Church & I along with our wonderful helpers, put small food bags together for a few local people. Donations are always welcome & can be left in the basket in our church foyer.



Tins fruit, Christmas items...Chocolates, Shortbread etc.  
Enquiries phone Kay Brydon 0212681472

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our next monthly meeting is Friday 6th December after the 10am Mass.

After the meeting we will carpool and gather together for our Christmas Lunch at Royal Oak Pub, Tapu at 12.30.

A warm welcome to all of our Parish ladies to join us.

RSVP to Laurel on 0272705810 or Kay on 0212681472 please.

### RAFFLE BOOKS

**When sold you can hand money and book to either Frances or Alice.**

The Advent wreath is one way of preparing for the coming of the Christ child. The circle of greenery is a symbol of God's love without beginning or end, while the candles represent the four weeks of preparation time. One candle is lit each Sunday during Advent and the final, central candle is lit on Christmas Day



**CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS  
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
NEXT —1ST DECEMBER  
DUTY—PHIL JENNENS &  
JOSIE CLARK**



**MINISTERS – 8TH DECEMBER 2024**

GREETER: Frances Chaplow  
COMMENTATOR: Stephen Croymans  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Robert Hicks  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Simon Main  
COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Simon Main & Kay Brydon  
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

**MINISTERS – 15TH DECEMBER 2024**

GREETER: Phyllis Hayward  
COMMENTATOR: Frances Croymans  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Dot Chipman  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: James Aralar  
COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Fel Aralar & Laurel Blakey  
DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**READINGS – 8TH DECEMBER 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Baruch 5:1-9  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 1:3-6,8-11  
Gospel Luke 3:1-6



**READINGS – 15TH DECEMBER 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Zephaniah 3:14-18  
Canticle Isaiah  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Gospel Luke 3:10-18



ADVENT – No Flowers

**LINEN**

NOV Alice Douglas  
DEC Colleen Jordan



**2025 COLUMBAN CALENDAR**



For sale @ \$13 each

Leave money in an envelope in the collection plate, clearly marked or in the box in the entrance of Church.



Dec 4 Phyllis Hayward  
5 Lorraine Hayward  
6 Tessa Roskam  
Monique Schouten

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Ray Karl, Michael Lynch, Brendan Lynch, Geoff Patterson, Frank and Nick Walsh. If anyone needs Father Rob to visit them phone the presbytery on **07 868 6169** and leave a message. Father will get back to you.

**And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of November:**

Terry Mangan, Jane Vaudrey, Eddie Leonard, Ted Northcott, Essie Scott, Ineen Reynolds, Peter Osborne.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.