

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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23rd November 2025

34th Sunday, Christ the King



PASTORS PEN



Christmas Dinner: Our 2025 Christmas dinner will start at 6.30pm on Saturday evening, 29th November under the covered area of St Anthony's Padua campus. It is our community Christmas celebration; therefore, I would appreciate all of you joining in this celebration and I wish to see you all in your Christmas dress. Please bring either a dessert or a salad to share. There will be a Raffle, so please bring some loose cash with you. The parish will organize soft drinks and cold water and there will be a dedicated playing area for the children. Please stay as long as you can and take time to talk to everyone who is present for the celebration. If you notice any person does need special attention, please take the time to care.

Children's Christmas: Let us celebrate Children's Christmas on the first Sunday of Advent. Parents, please make sure that you bring your children in their Christmas Dress and certainly the parish will organize something special for them. I plan to organize a special Christmas blessing for the children and some gifts for them. I will appreciate if others could donate a gift for a child.

Advent Reflection: Our 2025 Advent Reflection will begin this Thursday after the Mass in the evening. All those who have given names to join in this program please come to the Mass and then join in the reflection. There are a few more books left

for you to take. It is not necessary that you need to join in the reflection group, but you can do it personally wherever you want.

Year 12 Rite of Passage: I attended and celebrated the Liturgy of the Year 12 Rite of Passage on Wednesday. It is a great opportunity to be part of these students' life while they go out of the school after their long journey as a school student. I wish that they may keep the Catholic light burning and live the values that they have achieved during their life in this school. Let us keep them in our prayers and hope that they will achieve their personal goals in their life's journey.

Last week, in the first week of November, I celebrated the final class Masses of this year for St Clare's and St Anthony's schools. I always enjoyed this opportunity because they pushed me to do the best I could, to help them to grow in their faith. I will be celebrating the End of Year Mass in each school in the coming days.

Christmas Service: This year I have made a few changes to our Christmas services. The Vigil Mass, which used to be at 6pm, will be celebrated, as usual, at San Damiano Centre, St Anthony's Catholic College but will now be at 6.30pm. There will be a morning Mass at St Anthony's Church at 9am, our usual Sunday Mass time. But there is no Mass at St Clare's on Christmas Day morning. One week before Christmas I will organize the days and times for reconciliation in each community.

Fr Vinosj

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

8.00am – St Anthony's Church

10am – 11am Reconciliation

5.00pm – St Clare's Chapel

SUNDAY

7.30am – Rollingstone

9.00am – St Anthony's Church

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

MONDAY

7.30am – St Anthony's Church

TUESDAY

7.30am – St Anthony's Church

8.40am – St Clare's Chapel

WEDNESDAY

7.30am – St Anthony's Church

THURSDAY

8.40am St Anthony's School
Mass

5.30pm – St Anthony's Church

FRIDAY

7.30am – St Anthony's Church

Baptisms & Weddings By Appointment

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am to 11am

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Office Time

Thursday - Wednesday

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

St Anthony's Catholic Parish, Deeragun, acknowledges the Wulgurukaba group, the Traditional Owners of the land on which our parish sits. We also acknowledge and pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders, past, present and emerging.

Find us on



Becoming New in Christ....

Saint of the Week: November 23: BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTÍN PRO (1891-1927)

Graham Greene's classic *The Power and the Glory* immortalized Mexico's persecuted Church of the 1920s. But photographs of Father Pro—arms outstretched to image Christ Crucified, kneeling in prayer before the firing squad, crumpled dead on the ground—vividly, visually remind us that not long ago, not far away, the faith we take for granted cost everything! Born to a mining family, Miguel became a Jesuit and was sent to study Catholic labor movements in Belgium in preparation for evangelizing Mexico's workers. But he returned to find a Mexico determined to annihilate Catholicism, and, like priests before him during Roman persecutions, England's Reformation, and in China today, ministered secretly to an "underground Church" until apprehended and sentenced to the firing squad. In his final moments, Father Pro blessed his executioners, forgave his enemies, and shouted: "Viva el Cristo Rey!—Long Live Christ the King!" his defiant, dying proclamation of ultimate, transcendent loyalty. Father Pro's martyrdom reinvigorated that beleaguered Church, whose countless faithful, never again afraid, would throng John Paul II when he visited Pro's beloved Mexico fifty-two years later.

Peter Scagnelli

What does it mean to be human?

The Catholic Church considers human life and the human person to be immeasurably valuable. The Scriptures reveal that God knows and loves each of us intimately.

Catholic understanding of the human person rests on the premise that we are both physical and spiritual beings; one aspect is not distinct from the other. Our bodies represent us to the world and it is through our bodies that we express our spirit.

The human spirit, as understood by the Catholic Church is oriented towards the good. Each person is hardwired to seek what is right and just, what is 'of God'. This is conscience, the law written by God on every human heart.

Every human being is gifted by God with free will. This means

we are free to accept or reject God's invitation to share God's life, and walk in the ways Jesus has shown us. The God we encounter in freedom is the one who invites us to be partners with Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the work of creation and salvation.

Being human is thus essentially interpersonal and communal in character. The freedom that each individual enjoys is a thoroughly social reality, for it is through our connectedness to others that we discover our identity as human beings and grow to be fully human. Persons are drawn to love and share themselves in love. 'God, who created man out of love, also calls him to love – the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.'

...I will not forget you

See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

Isaiah 49:16

Parish Prayer

O my God, I adore you, and I love you with all my heart. In your own tender love, accept us who adore You and give thanks to You. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our church may grow. May the Holy Spirit transform, teach and lead us in our faith. Thank you for our church and its people. You gather us as your people and have formed us into a community of faith, hope and love. We ask your blessing upon our Parish. Let our families, especially our children experience your love and your presence in their lives. St. Anthony, pray for us and help us to love Jesus.

Mary Mother of Jesus, we ask for your care and protection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Place a cross  next to the words that best describe Christ the King.

POWERFUL

GREEDY

UNJUST

LOVING

SELFISH

DISRESPECTFUL

COMPASSIONATE

PROTECTING

MERCIFUL

FORGIVING



ST Anthony's Parish

Christmas Gathering
29th
November
2025

Saturday 6pm

Venue: St Anthony's Padua Campus

Food, Games, Raffle, Music

Let us become
singers of hope in a
world marked by too
much despair

Day 251 Jeremiah 41–42 Judith 12–14 Proverbs 17:13-16
Day 252 Jeremiah 43–44 Judith 15–16 Proverbs 17:17-20
Day 253 Jeremiah 45–46 Lamentations 1 Proverbs 17:21-28
Day 254 Jeremiah 47–48 Lamentations 2 Proverbs 18:1-4
Day 255 Jeremiah 49–50 Lamentations 3 Proverbs 18:5-8
Day 256 Jeremiah 51 Lamentations 4–5 Proverbs 18:9-12
Day 257 Jeremiah 52 Obadiah Proverbs 18:13-16

Rudy and Zara Konza

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First Reading 2 Sam 5: 1-3

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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-5

(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 Col 1:12-20

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 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 all things in heaven and on earth: 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.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 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 Lk 23:35-43

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.'

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The man who hung on the cross next to Jesus asks him to "remember me when you come into your kingdom." Of all the people who took part in the crucifixion of Jesus, only this man sincerely acknowledges Jesus as King. Only he receives the promise of joining Jesus in paradise that very day. I wonder if he knew what Jesus' kingdom meant?

The second reading gives us a better idea of the extent of that kingdom. Paul uses images of things visible and invisible, of dominions, principalities, and powers. While the latter terms refer to types of angels, we can stretch our imagination even further. Notice one short phrase that appears six times in that reading: "all things." So do we really believe that Jesus is King of all things?

Some astronomers say that the universe is infinite. At first I thought, "That couldn't be right; only God is infinite." But it occurred to me that an infinite God would want the universe to be a sign of divine glory, so why couldn't God make an infinite universe? So Jesus is King of that universe. While that sounds

impressive, it might tempt us to forget about things closer to home.

If Christ is King of all things, that includes our possessions. We might keep that in mind, not only when deciding how much we give to the poor or to the Church, but also how we use the things we own.

Even our life is under his reign. That can remind us to trust Jesus more, as well as to ask for the guidance of his Spirit in our decisions. If we let the Lord guide our lives, we know that anything that happens to us is either God's will or something that Jesus can lead us through, on our way to paradise.

Tom Schmidt

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

James Field



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