



St Alban's Parish Church



Next Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday

Moving into Advent, we prepare to see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory".

Sunday 24th November Christ the King

We join our voices with the angels round the heavenly throne as we worship Christ the King.

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham
10.00 am Parish Mass and Benediction
President Fr Graham **Preacher** Mtr Linda
Readings John Hotchin
Intercessions Elizabeth Franklin
Eucharistic Minister Geraldine Rainey
6.00pm Evening Prayer Jim Weller

Today at the Parish Mass:
Hymns: NEH 443, 205, 394, Sheet

During the Week

Tues 26th 19.00 Said Mass Mtr Linda
Thur 28th 10.00 Said Mass Fr Graham

WELCOME We are really pleased to see you. If you have any queries or are unsure about anything please ask.

Notices

Advent Course will look at prayer and how to pray. Sign up on sheet at back.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 7th December.

Stubs and money to Joan ASAP, please.

Our Lady's Bookshop Sunday 8th December After Mass

Christmas Concert : Buckrose Concert Band Sunday 15th December 2.00pm. Free entry.



First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

These words come at the end of Israel's kingdom. Even though under David and Solomon it had moments of true glory, it was also marked by greed, brutality and bloodshed throughout. God doesn't promise a restored kingdom, but a righteous branch – one who will be very different from all that has gone before.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end

This beautiful blessing is a prayer for faithfulness and readiness as we live constantly in Jesus' presence.

Gospel Luke 21:25-36

Jesus' counsel to his listeners is to be alert at all times, praying that they may have the strength to escape the things that will take place – such as distress among nations.

Services

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham
10.00 am Parish Mass
President and Preacher Fr Graham
Readings Jim Hickey
Intercessions Andrew Mould
Eucharistic Minister Andrew Mould
6.00pm Evening Prayer Fr Graham

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First Reading Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm 93, 1-5



The Lord is King and has put on his glorious apparel;
the Lord has put on his glory
and girded himself with strength.

He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved.

Your throne has been established from of old;
You are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the thunder of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
the Lord on high is mightier.

Second Reading Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Intercessions

We pray for the Church. We ask God to save us from division and discord, as we seek to show to the world a better kingdom where all are loved and welcome.

We pray for the nations of the world. May their governments and authorities rule with justice and love.

We pray for the families and communities in which we live and work, and for local leaders as they struggle with great need and limited resources.

We pray for those in particular need, whether through sickness, distress, poverty or grief. May they know the love of Christ in their hearts and lives.

We pray for those who have recently died and we remember those we have loved and lost, especially those whose years mind occurs this week including:

Lillian Batten, Elizabeth Hill, Martha Guest, Joan Woodhouse, Harry Franklin.

May we, with them, come at last to the kingdom where Christ reigns with love.