OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING—YEAR B
25th November 2012

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel Acclamation: 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: John 18:33-37

YEAR OF GRACE—PRAYER
Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.
Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationship be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice.
We make our prayer through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel.
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.
www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/

MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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Baptisms:
Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month.

Marriages:
(6 months notice)
Arranged by appointment.
[Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office]

Reconciliation:
Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.

Parish Priest
Fr Martin Fleming
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Woodend 3442.
Ph: 5427 2690
Fax: 5427 3781

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Bernadette Petruccelli
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Mon & Fri
9.00am—3.30pm.

School Principal
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principal@sawoodend.catholic.edu.au
54271285
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www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au

Hall Caretaker & Bookings
Gillian
0402884450

Archdiocese Mass Times
www.cam.org.au/parishes

Welcome
St Ambrose Parish community warmly welcomes visitors and new parishioners. We invite new parishioners to fill in a card found on the table at the church entrance and place it on the collection plate. A member of the Parish will visit you as soon as possible.

Northern Deanery
Archdiocese of Melbourne
COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make the necessary arrangements.

WE PRAY FOR...
Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick, especially Vincent Kelly, Shannon Hanah-Merrit, Margaret Holgate and Sam Barker and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries are at this time, and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

CHURCH ROSTERS

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COLLECTIONS

Presbytery Collection (1st collection)
[This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest’s stipend.] $302

Church (envelopes) collection
[This collection covers the Church capital costs, and on going maintenance.] $539

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES
These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She had much wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in TODAY’S world.

No wonder Mary is known as the saint of the ordinary people, one who identified with the struggles of her fellow travelers. In her simple uncomplicated way she brought a swag full of hope to many who had none. Page 59. The Little brown book by Sue & Leo Kane

VOCATION VIEW
‘Christ is King...the faithful Witness. He loved us.. And made us a line of priests, prophets and kings to serve God His Father.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

MONDAY AT THE MANOR
Call in at Judy and John Will’s house at Lot 6, Adam Close, around midday this Monday for a chat. Everyone welcome. Anyone needing transport can call Judy and John on 54272827.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Pilate asked Jesus if he were the king of the Jews. Jesus acknowledges that he is a king, but not like earthly kings who rule with oppression. He is the king of peace who came to bear witness to the truth. All who are on the side of truth listen to his voice. As we read last week, his words will never pass away, for they are the truth.
POSITIONS VACANT
Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:-
- Pastoral Associate, St John the Baptist Parish, Ferntree Gully
- Pastoral Associate, St Peter’s Parish, Clayton
- Pastoral Associate, Parish of Port Melbourne & Middle Park
- Pastoral Associate, St Clement of Rome, Bulleen Parish
- Bookkeeper & Administration Officer, Catholic Society for Marriage Education, East Melbourne.
- Cook, Mercy Sisters, Fitzroy
- Occupation Health and Safety (OH&S) Officer, East Melbourne
- Parish Development Officer, Development Office, East Melbourne.

“CUPPA” GIRLS
You are invited to join with the “Cuppa” girls for lunch on Friday 30th November 12 mid day at Zarbys. Friends welcome. Cost $15 (Zarbys’s special)
R.S.V.P Veronica 54272654 or pauline@johnsonwoodend.com.au

CALENDARS & CARDS
2013 Columban Calendars and Magellan Christmas Cards will be available to purchase after the 10.00am Mass on most Sundays.
Calendars $6, Cards $5

ST AMBROSE PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
On Sunday December 16th at 5.30pm there will be a combine Parish/School Christmas Carol Service in the church. There will be school children singing, the school choir, Beata Lumina and congregational singing. This service will be followed by a free BBQ in the school grounds. For catering purposes we would like to know if you will be attending this service and staying for the BBQ. Please fill out the notice in the Church Foyer.

“AN EXPERIENCE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE”
Catholic Theological College Study Tour & Pilgrimage 15 November—14 December 2013.
Ireland, England, Spain & Italy
Tour Leaders: Dr Frances Baker rsm & Rev Prof Austin Cooper omi AM
Information Session: Thursday December 6th 2012, 5pm –7pm
RSVP & Further Information: Dr Frances Baker rsm Ph 94123303 or email: ffbaker@ctc.edu.au

SCHRALLSHIPS
Xavier College is offering a range of scholarships for students entering Years 7, 9 and 11 in 2014. The closing date for applications is 8th February 2013. For registration and information see Xavier’s website www.xavier.vic.edu.au/scholarships or contact The Registrar, Mrs Di Odgers at Xavier on (03) 9854 5307.

AN AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC
Sunday 2 December, 2pm
St Francis Xavier Church will host an afternoon Christmas Concert on the first Sunday of December followed by afternoon tea. The event will feature the Melbourne Harmony Chorus. Costs: $10 adult, $8 children (14 and under)
Where: St Francis Xavier Church, 1087 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill.
Contact: 9890 2231 or boxhill@cam.org.au

SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH PERUVIAN PROJECT CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER
Tuesday 27 November, 1pm–8pm
The Mary Mackillop Centre will host a special Christmas event, in support of the Sisters of St Joseph Peruvian Project. Hand crafted goods, which will make great Christmas gifts will be on sale with all proceeds to go to the Peruvian Project. Christmas carols will be sung from 1pm – 2pm and Peruvian food will be available after 5pm. Come along and support the women of Peru and their families at Christmas.
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“APOSTOLIC LETTER OF POPE BENEDICT XVI”
The Apostolic letter of Pope Benedict XVI—Porta Fidei—launching the Year of Faith is now available for you to pick up a copy in the church foyer.

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King of Glory

king of peace
First Reading  Dn 7:13-14
A reading from the prophet Daniel
His sovereignty is eternal.
I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1
(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.
1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has girded himself with might, he has girded himself with power. (R)
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R)
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. (R)

Second Reading  Rv 1:5-8
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God. Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’ says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

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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  Jn 18:33-37
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
You say that I am a king.
‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ Pilate asked. Jesus replied, ‘Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?’ Pilate answered, ‘Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?’ Jesus replied, ‘Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.’ ‘So you are a king then?’ said Pilate. ‘It is you who say it’ answered Jesus. ‘Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection
by Greg Sunter
This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine – Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today’s feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus’ teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.
St Andrew came from Capernaum and was a fisherman by trade. He was a disciple of John the Baptist before he and his brother, Simon Peter, were called to be the first apostles of Christ. In the Gospels he is mentioned for his part in the feeding of the 5000, as well as John’s Gospel account of the Greeks who wished to meet Jesus. There is uncertainty as to where he preached, where he died and was buried. Ancient writings suggest he went to Greece, and was eventually crucified on a saltire (X-shaped) cross, from where he preached to the people for two days before dying. A medieval legend tells of his remains being taken to the coast of Scotland to a place now named St Andrews, which eventually led to him becoming the patron saint of Scotland.