

Ta' Pinu Shrine

Our Lady, Queen of the Family A CALL TO PRAYER



*Jesus will sit on the throne of His father David,
And He shall reign to the end...*

The Angel Gabriel made two promises to Mary: First - she would be the mother of a Holy Child. Second - this child would sit on the throne of His father David.

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:26-33)

The Solemnity of Christ the King is celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, before a new year begins with the First Sunday of Advent. The title "King", designating Jesus, is very important in the Gospels and makes possible a complete interpretation of the figure of Jesus and of his mission of salvation. The mystery of Jesus Christ's death and Resurrection lies at the heart of this process of the revelation of his kingship.

When Jesus is hung on the Cross, the priests, scribes and elders mock him saying: "He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him" (Mt 27: 42). In fact, it is precisely as the Son of God that Jesus freely gives himself up to his Passion.

The Cross is the paradoxical sign of his kingship, which consists in the loving will of God the Father in response to the disobedience of sin. It is in the very offering of himself in the sacrifice of expiation that Jesus becomes King of the universe, as he himself was to declare when he appeared to the Apostles after the Resurrection: "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me"(Mt 28: 18).

But in what does this "power" of Jesus Christ the King consist? It is not the power of the kings or the great people of this world; it is the divine power to give eternal life, to liberate from evil, to defeat the dominion of death. **It is the power of Love**, that can draw good from evil, that can melt a hardened heart, bring peace amid the harshest conflict and kindle hope in the thickest darkness. This Kingdom of Grace is never imposed and always respects our freedom.

Every conscience, therefore, must make a choice. Who do I want to follow? God or the Evil One? The truth or falsehood? Choosing Christ does not guarantee success according to the world's criteria but assures the peace and joy that he alone can give us.

And even before she gave him to the world, the Blessed Virgin believed. She must certainly have wondered what new kind of kingship Jesus' would be; she came to understand by listening to his words, and especially by closely participating in the mystery of his death on the Cross and in his Resurrection.

Now Let us ask Mary to help us too to follow Jesus, our King, as she did, and to bear witness to him with our entire existence, to always respect our freedom. Remember Christ came "to bear witness to the truth" (Jn 18: 37),



Sat 6th Dec 2014

Feast of The Immaculate Conception

2.00p.m Multilingual Rosary Procession FROM EACH ORATORY Eucharistic Celebrations will be led by

Msgr Greg Bennet ,

Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne & concelebrated with Leaders of the "All Nations Marian Family" So Bring along your own 'Family & friends'

From the Catholic Catechism

Jesus came "to give His life as ransom for many" Mt20:28

Jesus did not abolish the Law of Sinai, but rather fulfilled it (cf. Mt 5:17-19) with such perfection (cf. Jn 8:46) that he revealed its ultimate meaning (cf Mt5:33) and redeemed the transgressions against it. (cf. Heb 9:15).

Jesus venerated the Temple by going up to it for the Jewish feast of Pilgrimage, and with a jealous love he loved this dwelling of God among men. The Temple prefigures his own mystery. When he announces its destruction, it is a manifestation of his own execution and of the entry into a new age of salvation, when his body would be the definitive Temple.

Jesus performed acts, such as pardoning sins, that manifested him to be the Savior God himself (cf Jn 5:16-18). Certain Jews, who did not recognize God made man (cf Jn 1:14) saw in him only a man who made himself God (cf Jn 10:13) and judged him as a blasphemer. "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures" (1 Cor 15:3)

Our Salvation flows from God's initiative of love for us, because 'he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins' (1 Jn 4:10).

"God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself" (2 Cor 5:19).

Jesus freely offered himself for our salvation. Beforehand, during the Last Supper, he both symbolized this offering and made it really present: "This is my body which is given for you" (Lk22:19)

The redemption won by Christ consists in this, that he came "to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mt 20:28),

That is he "love his own to the end" (Jn 13:1), so that they might be 'ransomed from the futile ways he inherited from their fathers' (1Pet 1:18).

By his loving obedience to the Father, 'Unto death, even death on a cross' (Phil 2:8) Jesus fulfils the atoning mission (cf Isa 53:1) of the suffering Servant, who will "make many righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities" (Isa 53:11; cf Rom 5:19).

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: "The Harvest is great; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest. (Luke 10-2)"

Gospel Reflection: **I CAME INTO THE WORLD TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH. EVERY ONE WHO IS OF THE TRUTH HEARS MY VOICE** (Jn.18:36-37)

Jesus is a spiritual king and as king he must reign.

St Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, talking about Christ's resurrection exclaimed, "**He must reign**". He must reign not with the golden sceptre but with love, in our mind, in our will and in our actions.

Pope Pius XI in his Encyclical, "Quam primus" 11 Dec.1925 wrote, "He must reign in our minds which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign on our wills which should obey the precepts and Laws of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things. He must reign in our bodies and in our members which must serve as instruments for the sanctification of our souls".

Apart from this teaching, Jesus himself warned how we should serve him. As a king has his army with different ranks so also Jesus has 'The Church'. Quite often Jesus rebuke the Scribes and Pharisees, who were the Church of his time, for not fulfilling their spiritual duties towards themselves and towards their people. "If I, as a priest, fail to do my duties towards myself or towards the faithful, I will be doing nothing less than the Pharisees! "

Jesus gave the parable of the ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five wise. The wise took with them flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The foolish took the lamps and no oil. The bridegroom was late and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry 'The bridegroom is here. Go out to meet him. The foolish had no oil for their lamps and went to buy some while the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went with him into the wedding hall and the door was closed. When the other bridesmaids arrived, they said, "Lord, Lord, open the door for us". But he replied "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you".

The oil is the good works we should do in our life, whether it is obeying God's Law or serving our neighbour. Jesus wants to bring to our mind the fateful moment when God calls us to himself, death.

Death closes the door to the world and opens it to eternity. What happens if we would not be



Liturgical Celebrations for November 2014

Date	November Celebrations
Sat 1st November ALL SAINTS DAY	FIRST SATURDAY -Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotion Rosary, Holy Mass & Eucharistic Benediction at 2.00p.m
Sun 2 nd & 16 th November ALL SOULS DAY	Our Lady of Lanka Oratory: Private Family Prayer Day
Sun 9th November	Our Lady of Good Health , Vailankanni Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet ,Holy Mass & Benediction at 1.45p.m
Sunday 23 rd November	SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST , THE KING
Wed 26 th 1November	Mother and Child Oratory Wednesday Novenas will be held at 7.30p.m
Sunday 30 th November	Rosary at Our Lady of Fatima's oratory Followed by mass 9.30 a.m. <i>1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>
	MAJOR EVENTS IN DECEMBER
Sat 6th December from 2.00p.m	SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Rosary in various community languages at the oratories PROCESSION FOLLOWED BY HOLY MASS AND BENEDICTION led by Msgr Greg Bennett, Vicar General
Sat 13th December	OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP ORATORY 9th Anniversary celebration Procession, Rosary and Mass from 11.30 a.m .
Sun 14 th December	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE from 10.00 a.m. Serenade, Rosary, Procession, Solemn Mass Our Lady of Good Health, Vailankanni: Rosary, Christmas mass from 1.45p.m
Sunday 21st December	WALK WITH BABY JESUS Rosary, Holy Mass & Eucharistic Benediction at 2.00p.m



I DIDN'T DIE

An Inspirational story of the Eucharist

A long time ago I got very sick from a mosquito bite.

I had high fever and a headache that was so painful, it seemed that my head was going to explode. All my bones were in pain and I felt like I had been beaten. Light bothered my eyes so I had to keep them closed.

I wasn't able to take care of my three children and my husband because I was bedridden. My husband, Juan was in charge of the house and the children and my mother, Rosa, came everyday to help. After a week, I felt woke and I thought my time was over. I thought I was going to die. I said "My God, I can do nothing so here I am" then when Sunday came, I asked my mum to turn the television on to listen to mass, I couldn't still open my eyes. From my bed, I listened to the Holy Mass attentively. I followed along, listening, praying and living each part. Then came the Consecration and Communion, I lay on my bed thinking: "O Lord, I cannot receive the Body of my God!" I wished with all my heart to receive my dear Jesus, and I'm just in tears remembering this.

For a moment, with the eyes of my soul, I saw Him wearing a white tunic. It was my risen Lord, Himself, coming towards me carrying a gold ciborium and a Host in His holy hands. He came near and gave me the Eucharist. There are no words to fully describe to fully describe this experience of Our Lord, I can add that after that the fever stopped. I woke up the next day and opened my eyes. I didn't die and I thank you Lord for Your great love that makes you stay present in the Holy Eucharist. Don't be afraid to trust in the presence of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Visit, adore, pray and give thanks to the risen Lord in the Tabernacle. He is there like a prisoner, waiting for our love. He is waiting for us, let's not leave Him alone.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Nivia Gonzalez -Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

prepared to face our Lord? Now there is no time for any amendment. Exclusion from heaven for ever? Jesus finished his parable by the words, "Stay awake, because you don't know the day and the hour!"

Jesus gave us another parable to help us prepare ourselves for God's judgment, the parable of the talents. When God creates us, he gives each and everyone of us special talents we should use in our life. He gives more or less of them according to our abilities. But what ever quality or quantity of talents he gives to us, he expects us to use them for our material or spiritual needs. Because whatever talent he gives us should always help us to achieve spiritual benefit from it. Before leaving the Master called his three servants and distributed among them eight talents, five to the first, two to the second and one to the third. The Master praised the first and the second server who doubled their talents but he rebuked the third who hid his talent and gained nothing.

What YOU are going to present to the King when you face him for the Last Judgement?

'THE IMPORTANCE OF HOPE IN CHRISTIAN LIFE AND DEATH'

Pope calls Feast of All Saints a 'day of hope'

"To see God, to be similar to God: this is our hope. And today, precisely on the day of the Saints and before the day for the dead, it is necessary to think a little about hope: this hope that accompanies us in life," "The first Christians depicted hope like an anchor, as if life had cast the anchor into the river of Heaven and all of us journeying towards this river were clinging to the anchor's rope," explained Pope Francis.

"This is a beautiful image of hope: to have the heart anchored there where our ancestors are, where the Saints are, where Jesus is, where God is.

This is the hope that does not disappoint," he said.

The Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls, celebrated Nov. 2, are "days of hope." "There are moments of difficulty in life, but with hope the soul moves forward and looks toward that which awaits us,"

"Consider the means of entrance to heaven, saying that we can enter "only thanks to the blood of the Lamb, thanks to the blood of Christ. It is truly the blood of Christ that has justified us, that has opened Heaves door"

The saints are our "brothers and sisters" who "are in the presence of God." We can hope to join them there, encouraged the Pope, "through the pure grace of God, if we walk along the path of Jesus." It is hope that "purifies us, that unburdens us; this purification in hope in Jesus Christ makes us go in haste, quickly." But each of us has a "sunset" at the end of our path, advised Pope Francis, today, each of us can think of the sunset of our own life:

'How will my sunset be?'

"Do we regard it with hope?" the pontiff asked.

"Do we regard it with that joy of being welcomed by the Lord? This is a Christian thought, that gives us peace,"

"Today is a day of joy," he said. "We think of the sunset

of many brothers and sisters who have preceded us, we think of our own sunset, which will come. And we think of our heart, and ask ourselves, 'Where is my heart anchored?'

"If it has not been anchored well, anchor it there, in that river, knowing that hope does not disappoint because the Lord Jesus does not disappoint," urged Pope Francis.

He ask us to take a moment to pray "in a special way" for innocents who had died in recent tragedies both in their war-torn homeland and at sea. He said they died "during their search for freedom, for a more suitable life." "We pray for them," he said. "And we pray for those who were saved, and in this moment are in many places of shelter, crowded, hoping that the legal practices move quickly so that they can go somewhere else, more comfortable, in other reception centres.

RESPECT YOUR PARENTS: "Remember that through your parents you were born; and what can you give back to them that equals their gift to you?"
(Sirack 7-28)

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