



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Christ The King Sunday



23 November 2025

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Thanks to your support and prayers, I had a wonderful 4 day silent retreat at St. Francis Friary in Hillsborough last weekend. It was a great opportunity to spend time with God alone in a beautiful setting. The photo in the cover letter was taken while I was there. I was struck that different kinds of birds were resting on the tree together! It reminded me of what it is like to be the kingdom of heaven. (The photos here were also



taken at the retreat). I refreshed, renewed, transformed, – not quite the same as I arrived.



This Sunday we are celebrating ***Christ the King Sunday***, sometimes referred



to as the ***Reign of Christ***. Established in the early 20th century (around the time when Christian Churches were wrestling with ongoing wars), ***Christ the King Sunday*** calls Christians to reflect on the sovereignty of Jesus Christ over all aspects of life. This feast day serves as a culmination of the liturgical year.

From this day, we look forward to the season of Advent. We see Jesus, not as the King coming to reign, but as the one who comes as a baby in a manger. Yet it is the same Jesus who is King of Kings and asks of us our all. All these are the One we worship. All of these are the One we serve. I am inviting you to pause to reflect on the meaning of Christ's kingship.



Celebrating in Christ,

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events



Last week, our parishioner, Trish Gosper, who is helping the Space programme as a volunteer, attended a training in zoom. The topic was

Supporting new mothers in the transition to parenthood. I am grateful that Trish is willing to support all of us by taking time to learn more about parenthood!



Morning Tea @ Settler's

Next meeting: **17th December** Wednesday at **10 am** at Settler's Lounge. This will be last morning tea for the year. Beginning again 10am Wednesday February 18th 2026.

Christmas Carol Service at Fairview Rest home

I was asked by them if some people from our parish can do the Christmas carol service sometime in December. The date and time are to be confirmed (possibly morning of Dec 5th). If you are interested in singing carol there, please let Yukiko know.



Christmas gifts for ATWC

This year ATWC are doing family care packages. So have suggested for our giving, boardgames for kiddies 5-10yrs plus bags of sweet 'treats' e.g. chocs, jellybeans marshmallows etc. Collection days at Holy Cross will be Sunday **23rd & 30th**

November and 7th December.

There will be a basket in church on Sunday for any Christmas gift donations for ATWC.

Annual General Meeting will be held after the service on **Sunday 30th November** at Holy Cross. There will be a copy of the 2026 Church Budget available for parishioners to read in advance of the AGM this Sunday at Holy Cross.

If you cannot attend the AGM and would like to submit your apology to the meeting, please let Roger know.

Nominations

At the AGM we will receive our annual report and elect officers for the coming year. If you are interested in being on our vestry, or nominate someone for a people's warden, please fill in a nomination form - which will be available this Sunday.

Roll/Contact Update form

If you have been worshipping with us for 6 months, and are baptised, you are eligible to be on the roll of those who have speaking and decision-making rights in the meeting. For those who are relatively new at our community, please fill in the contact update form.

Advent Reflection @ Holy Cross on 9th December at 10 am

As we look ahead to Advent, *if there is enough interest*, I am thinking of offering a half day devotion time together. It will be time to pause, prepare, and ponder. We can have a sharing time with refreshment afterwards. Please let Yukiko know if you would like to attend it.

We pray for:

- Sudan: the people of El Fashir and wider Darfur who are trapped, hungry, and under siege;
- Those who will be ordained at the Cathedral on 29th Nov.
- Amanda, Jonathan, Dorothy Schultz, Angela and Bob who are preparing for their confirmation (Jonathan will be confirmed at Holy Cross next year).

This Week's Bible Question

In Colossians chapter 1, Christ is said to have created:?

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| A: All things in heaven | B: All things on earth |
| C: All visible and invisible things | D: All of the above |

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: All Creatures of Our God and King
Gospel: He is Lord
Offertory: All hail the power of Jesus' name
Recession: At the name of Jesus
Music: Anne

Sentence for the day

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. *Zechariah 9:9*

Readings

	<u>November 23rd</u>	<u>November 30th</u>
1 st Reading:	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Isaiah 1:1-5
Psalm	Luke 1:68-79	Psalm 122
2 nd Reading:	Colossians 1:11-20	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel:	Luke 23:33-43	Matthew 24:36-44

This Week's Bible Question Answer

D: All of these things?

Liturgical Colour

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Summary of the Scripture

- 1st Reading: God condemns the corrupt leaders who have scattered His people and promises to raise up a new, righteous king from the line of David to restore and save them.
- 2nd Reading: It describes Jesus as the image of the invisible God, the creator and sustainer of all things, through whom believers receive redemption and forgiveness.
- Gospel: This passage illustrates divine humility, the opportunity for grace and salvation to all, and the contrast between hardened hearts and those that repent in faith.



Collect for the Day

Living Christ,
you are risen from the dead.
Love reigns!
You are stronger than death;
raise our eyes to see you
as the new day dawns;
for the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>November 23rd</u>	<u>November 30th</u>
Sacristan	Les	Dorothy S
Welcomer	Barry Gosper	Trish Duncan
1 Readings	Bernadette	John Churchill
2 Readings	Trish Duncan	Valerie Churchill
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Rhona Stace	Beatrix Jones
TV Setup & Slides	Karenne	Patrick Harris
Morning Tea	Beatrix & Robert	Valerie & June
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Diana Harris
Music	Anne	Yukiko & Stephanie

St Michaels

	<u>November 23rd</u>	<u>November 30th</u>
Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Bruce Goertz	Brian Simpson
Presiding	Bruce Goertz	Yukiko

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Feedback welcome:

If you have feedback on any aspect of our church activities, please contact the wardens, Dorothy & Trish – contacts as above – or via the office at the email above.

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