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Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 121(122):1-5

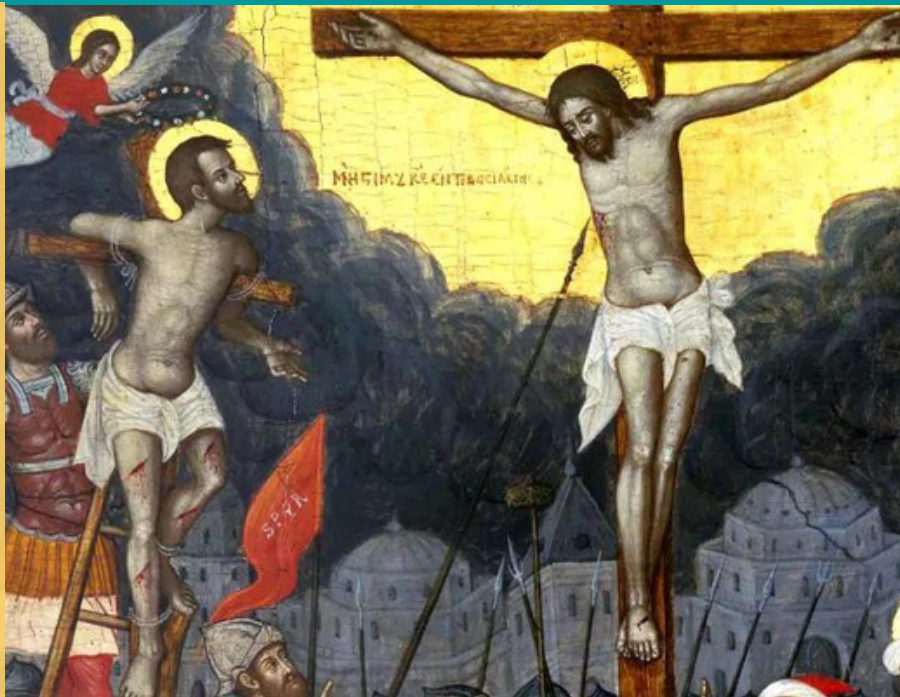
Second Reading:

Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel:

Luke 23:35-43

*"Jesus, remember me when you
come into Your Kingdom."*



"Between the Two Thieves," Ioannis Mosko, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find this week's readings [online here](#).

Check out [this video](#) on the readings for children.

Pray

In the Gospel today we are brought back to the scene of the crucifixion as we reflect on the kind of kingship Jesus came to offer us.

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this piece of Scripture? How do these words resonate with you personally?
- We find ourselves at the end of the liturgical year, celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King. What a beautiful opportunity to reflect on the past year: where have I allowed Christ to be King in my personal life, my work, my family life and my prayer this year? Can I allow His Kingdom to reign more in me? How can I serve Him and His Kingdom more?
- Take a few moments to make a heartfelt prayer to Jesus now, as the good thief did.

Talk

In today's readings we see the scene around the cross as Jesus was being crucified.

- What do you think of when you hear the word "royalty" or "king" or "queen"? What do we expect kings and queens to do? How do we expect them to dress? How are people expected to treat them? If the King of England was to visit your house, what would you do to prepare?
- What kind of crown did Jesus wear? How did people treat him in today's Gospel?
- Jesus always wants to be part of our families, and live in our hearts. How can we get our hearts ready for Jesus our King? How can we show Him that He's welcome?

Family Challenge!

Make a big effort to celebrate the end of the liturgical year in your home before we begin Advent together - check out the ideas here on [Aleteia: Memorable Ways to Celebrate Christ the King as a Family](#).



DO WE RECOGNISE THE KING?

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all.

Loyola Press Sunday Connection

Kings and Queens - they seem pretty far removed from our everyday life. We read about them in Hello Magazine, or follow their activities on Instagram, or TV shows - that's if we have any interest at all in royal lives. They live surrounded by wealth, grandeur, high security and not a lot of privacy.

Today we celebrate Jesus Christ as King. You couldn't find a more different model of Kingship anywhere. Born into a poor stable, an animal feeding trough for his bed, living a simple life, earning his wages as a carpenter in a small obscure village in Israel. He came to build a different type of Kingdom. He came to serve and not be served, to speak out for the poor and the marginalised, to bring healing and forgiveness, to set people free, to ultimately give His life for others.

The idea of a King with a crown of thorns, and a cross instead of a throne, is a jarring one. Yet 2000 years on, other kingdoms have fallen, and His remains and will continue to remain. The question is, will I let Him be King of my heart? Will I allow Him to guide me and my actions? Will I be proud to belong to Him?

This week, reflect on the place you reserve for Jesus in your heart. Read the inspiring stories of Bl. Miguel Pro and St. José Sanchez del Rio, whose lives were driven by the cry, "Hail Christ the King!" (Check out our Christ the King Resource pack online!)



Christ the King (Chris Stefanick)
Ascension Presents



King of my Heart - Kutless

To the Heights Youth Newsletter available also.



Family Prayer

Angels, saints and nations sing: "Praised be Jesus Christ, our King. Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of Love on Calvary."

EVENTS

Advent Reflections in the Diocese:

- St. John's Pastoral Centre, 7.30pm, 29 Nov, 'Perceiving life through the window of the soul' - Antoinette Dilworth rsj
- Park Hotel Dungarvan, 7.30pm, 5 Dec, 'Journeying with Advent Hope', Frances Rowland
- Minella Hotel Clonmel, 7.30pm, 12 Dec, 'Waiting through Advent, with Mary' - Gemma Mulligan

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat: 9 - 11 December, Newbridge - save the date!

Advent Family Day at Holy Family Mission. Sunday 4th December, 10am - 3pm. Booking is essential: email info@holyfamilymission.ie

REnewal Rosary Making Workshop for RE Teachers. Practical workshop on how to make twine rosaries with your students, plus other rosary resources, 25 Feb, 11am - 1pm. For more info email events@waterfordlismore.ie Register before Dec 15th to facilitate ordering of materials.

CHECK IT OUT: CHRIST ON THE STREET



Christ on the Street

DONATE



Christ on the Street, a ministry of the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore, is a small attempt to bring a Christian touch to the lives of lonely people among us. It hopes to facilitate a sharing of humanity, an encounter with a human person. See the website for information about how you can get involved, as a volunteer, a pray-er, a missionary or a benefactor.

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Let's dive in!

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@Home Activities for Children!

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Let's Learn!

Check out this video from Kids Catholic media on this Sunday's readings.

Let's think!

Jesus is King of the whole Universe and of your family too! Draw a picture of your family with Jesus, the King!



Puzzle

Can you find these words from the Gospel in the wordsearch?

C	H	C	V	O	G	R
H	S	L	R	N	O	I
R	U	Z	I	O	N	F
I	S	K	I	R	W	I
S	E	K	I	G	H	N
T	J	C	R	O	S	S
F	E	I	H	T	X	K

Christ
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crown
INRI
Jesus
King
thief



Celebrate the Seasons!

What colour is the priest's chasuble today?
Colour it in!

Tick the box for the correct liturgical season!

Advent ☐ Christmas ☐ Lent ☐
Easter ☐ Ordinary Time ☐



My Saint Friend



Saint Cecilia
22 November

Let's sing!



"Give me
Joy in my
Heart"



Let's PRAY



Lord Jesus, You are my King and I
want to serve you always! **Amen**

Let's act!



Jesus is the King of the Universe - and He's a good King who loves us all. How can we act like Jesus is our King? What kind of things does He ask us to do? How can we build His kingdom by the way we show love to others?



Jesus remember me when you come into your Kingdom!

Word of God

Is Jesus the King of your heart? Colour in the crown and stick (or draw) jewels on the crown for all the ways you show Jesus that you love Him this week!

