

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the Church: For the Church and her welcome of the lost and the stray, the weak and the wounded, the poor and the hungry to be the priestly people of the Kingdom. For a focus on the purposes of God in the world. For the Anglican Board of Mission. For our bishops, especially Bishop Genieve Blackwell. For the growth, strength and confidence of our Parish, for all who pray for the Parish and for the community for which we are a church. For our neighbouring parishes in Preston, Fitzroy and Collingwood.

For the World: For all who govern in these times of uncertainty. For all governments who cooperate in response to climate change, food insecurity, homelessness, poverty and social injustice. For peace on the Korean Peninsula and in the Middle East. For the Muslim and Christian communities of Myanmar. For the governments of the U.S.A., Turkey, Iran, Russia, North Korea, Israel, Palestine, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen. For the Australian governments and Parliaments.

For the Community: For the communities in California following the devastating wildfires. For families, neighbours and friends. For the work of the Royal Commissions into misconduct in the banking, superannuation and financial corporations and Aged Care institutions. For the homeless and all seeking access to community and public housing. For our hospitals and nursing homes. For the safety of women in public places and in the home. For our family welfare agencies. For our agricultural community facing drought conditions.

For the Sick: Our prayers are asked for: Jill, Ann, Dorothy, Joseph, Martha, Ron, Jeffrey, Jan, Vera, Joyce, Jude, Trish, Russell, Jenny, Cliff, and Tom and Gemma.

For the Departed: We pray for those who have died in the wildfires in California in these weeks past, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Iris Carlson and Patricia Cleary

ALL SAINTS TO CANDLEMAS

The seasonal observance we are following commenced with All Saints' Day. This day provided an opportunity to turn away from the "ordinary" time of the Church's year. Then, we marked the 'darker side' of our rejoicing in the fellowship of the Saints which is the Church's mourning her departed. We kept an observance of All Souls' Day, translated from the 2nd November and moved to Remembrance Day, 11 November. Today continues a pre-echoing of Advent which we keep as a two "Sundays of the Kingdom". The second of these is the Feast of Christ the King. Advent proper commences next Sunday 2 December but the Observation of the Sundays of the Kingdom will allow the final two Sundays to be more a preparation for Christmas. Following the 12 days of Christmas, the season of Epiphany is kept with an emphasis on turning outward to the world in the name of faith. The whole season finishes with Candlemas which is the Feast of Presentation: a sense of the coming crucifixion lies behind the readings for the day.



Prayers and Readings for THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

25 November, 2018

9.30 am, 11.00 am, 5.00 pm

Introit Hymn:	228	Crown him with many crowns
Psalm:	132	
Gradual Hymn:	216	Rejoice the Lord is King
Offertory Hymn:	520	Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
Doxology (St James)	160 v.4	Holiest Trinity, perfect in unity
Dismissal:	207	Jesus shall reign
Sermon		The Revd Philippa Wethrell

Opening Sentence

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.

Prayer of the Day:

Everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King; grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, 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, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Prayer of the week before Advent:

Stir up, we pray you, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 23: 1 – 7

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: 2 The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. 3 The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, 4 is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. 5 Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? 6 But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; 7 to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

PSALM: 132: 1 – 16

Response: The Lord has chosen Zion. His resting place for ever

1. LORD, remember for David all the hardships he endured; how he swore an oath to the LORD and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob, "I will not come within the shelter of my house nor climb into my bed; I will allow my eyes to sleep or let my eyelids slumber, until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
2. Now we heard of the Ark in Ephrathah; and found it in the fields of Jaar. "Let us enter his dwelling place; and fall low before his footstool." Arise, O LORD, in to your resting place, you and the ark of your strength. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and your faithful ones sing with joy. For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed
3. The LORD has sworn an oath to David, a promise from which he will not shrink: Of the fruit of your body shall I set on your throne. If your children keep my covenant, my testimonies that I shall teach them, their children also shall sit on your throne for evermore."
4. For the LORD has chosen Zion for himself; he has desired her for his habitation: "This shall be my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have longed for her, I will abundantly bless her provision; her poor I will satisfy with bread.

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 1: 4b – 8 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: 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, 5 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, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests

serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 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. 8 "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

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THE GOSPEL

John 18: 33 – 37

At that time, Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 35 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?" 36 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." 37 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."

The Post Communion Sentence

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

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

25 November 2018 – 2 December 2018

<u>Christ the King</u>	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist – St James
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist – All Saints
	5.00 pm	Holy Eucharist – St Paul's
<u>Thursday</u>	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist St James
	7.30 pm	Wardens Meeting All Saints
<u>Advent Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist – St James
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist – All Saints
	5.00 pm	Holy Eucharist – St Paul's

PARISH NEWS

We welcome all who share with us in our service today. If you are new to our Church, please sign the Visitors Book in the Narthex/porch and introduce yourself to the welcomers on duty. Coffee is served after the Service in the Narthex at St James, in the Meeting Room at All Saints and before the service in the Church at St Paul's. Please join us.

Next Sunday's readings – Advent Sunday

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16: Psalm: 25: 1 – 10
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9 – 13 Gospel: Luke 21: 21 – 38

VICAR ON LEAVE

The Vicar will be on leave throughout December and January to undergo medical treatment and hospitalisation. The Locum appointed will be the Revd David Jones who will commence next week, 2 December. During the Vicar's absence the Pew Bulletin will be prepared by The Revd Ken Cahill, (0402 666 877)

ELECTION DAY ACTIVITY

Thanks to all who assisted with the Sausage Sizzle yesterday. Thanks especially to Betty, Joan and Lynne for setting up and restoring the Church and Meeting Room for use this morning.

CAROLS AGAINST COAL

This is an initiative of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, encouraging people to sing carols with an environmental theme. St Philips Collingwood have invited us to participate in this with them on Sunday afternoon, December 17. More details to come.

ADVENT QUIET DAY

This is planned for Saturday 1 December and will take place at The Brotherhood of St Laurence, Fitzroy in the Father Tucker Community Room. (enter from Fitzroy Street) The day is organised in conjunction with St Philips, Collingwood and you are invited to take part. It will be conducted by Rebekah Prior and The Revd Michelle Trebilcock. Michelle is the Brotherhood Senior Chaplain. Please let The Revd Ken Cahill (0402 666 877 cahillken@gmail.com) know of your participation for catering and transport purposes. The day will commence at 10.00 am and will conclude by 3.00 pm. Cost \$20 which covers catering. Information sheets in the Narthex.

TOYS FOR ANGLICARE

Christmas presents for children in the care of Anglicare in the form of unwrapped toys with labels indicating the gender and age of the child for whom the gift is intended may be left in the meeting room at All Saints.

ALL SAINTS WARDENS MEETING

The Wardens will meet on Thursday 29 November at 7.30 pm.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE NURSING HOMES

This is booked for Thursday 20 December. Arrangements can be made with Elizabeth Braithwaite for meeting time and for transport.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – ST JAMES

Joyce Kennard has begun the work of collecting for the Annual Christmas Raffle and selling tickets both at the Church and at Woolworths, Preston. There are a number of hampers which will form the prizes and again, one hamper is the donation of the Bluegum quilters. Donations can be left in the Narthex at St James. Cash donations to enable purchases to fill any gaps are also welcome.

ABM BOXES

We will make the collection boxes available for donations to the Anglican Board of Mission throughout Advent.

OIL FOR REFUGEES

We are collecting cooking oil for refugees in 2018 to support the work of David Spitteler and his team at The Asylum Seekers Centre in Dandenong. Oil may be left in the narthex at St James and at All Saints.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New envelopes are always available in the narthex at All Saints and St James. The vestries encourage members to use these for regular giving to allow accurate budgeting. Please give prayerful thought to your giving to the parish.