

20 November 2022

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King
of the Universe Year C**



Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb
who was slain,
to receive power and
divinity, and wisdom and
strength and honour.
To him belong glory and
power for ever and ever.

First Reading

from the second book
of Samuel 5:1-3

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

Response: Let us go
rejoicing to the house
of the Lord.

Second Reading from the
letter of St Paul to the
Colossians 1: 12-20

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!

Holy Gospel according to
Luke 23:35-43

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for
ever.

Next Week

First Sunday in Advent
Year A

First: Is 2:1-5

Resp Ps: 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9.

R. see v.1.

Second: Rom 13:11-14

Gospel: Mt 24:37-44

*We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand,
the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.*

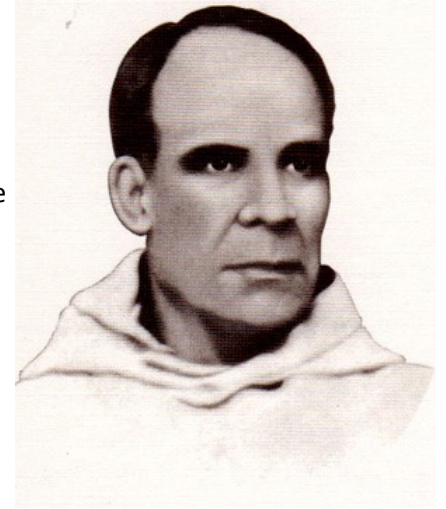
Fr Francisco Palau Appeal

FFPFI? What could this stand for?

FFPFI is the acronym of **FR. FRANCISCO PALAU**

FOUNDATION INCORPORATED. It was founded by the
Carmelite Missionaries in the Philippines on 8 Sept
2011 with the goal of uplifting the economic,
educational, moral and spiritual situation of our more
challenged brothers and sisters in our country.

It envisions a society of transformed & self-
empowered individuals living in communion with
love of God & neighbour enjoying their dignity as
human beings.



As to the mission of this foundation, it endeavours to create programs geared toward the
integral formation of the poorest of the poor that will enable them to improve their way of
life. It will adopt innovations that inspire beneficiaries to become themselves agents of
communion & transformation in their respective milieu. It means that those people who
have been helped by this foundation are greatly encouraged to pay the assistance forward
by extending their helping hands to many others who are also in great need.

To become "**CHANNELS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE**" captures the whole vision & mission of
this foundation. The specific means by which this foundation expresses itself in assisting
our needy brothers & sisters are all found in their established Objectives, as follows:

- ♦ **FEEDING PROGRAM**
- ♦ **EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**
- ♦ **HELP VICTIMS OF NATURAL CALAMITIES**
- ♦ **INCOME GENERATING PROJECT FOR THE POOR**
- ♦ **INTEGRAL FORMATION FOR THE POOR**
- ♦ **PROMOTE OTHER PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFITS OF THE POOREST OF THE POOR**

We invite you to become part of this journey of communion with our more challenged
brethren by sharing the blessings that you received from God according to your kindness &
generosity.

We believe that God is never outdone in generosity, and He will continue to call more
people who are willing to manifest into the world the generosity of God by & through their
generous sharing of blessings to our needy brethren. May God bless us all!

About Fr Palau

Francisco Palau y Quer, was a Catalan Discalced Carmelite friar and priest. Growing up in
the chaos of the Peninsular War in Spain, he followed both the life of a hermit and of a
missionary preacher in the rural regions of Catalonia. He founded the School of Virtue –
which was a model of catechetical teaching for adults – in Barcelona. In 1860 he founded a
mixed Congregation of Third Order of Discalced Carmelites, including both Brothers and
Sisters, in the Balearic Islands. The legacy of this foundation is carried on by two religious
congregations of women who serve throughout the world.

Worship: Mass and Devotions

Sunday Mass	Weekday Mass	Devotions
Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Mon, Tues, Wed Mass at 9am	Adoration with the Rosary: Saturday 9.30am
Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm	Divine Mercy Devotion: Third Sunday at 3pm
Filipino Mass: Third Sunday at 11.15am	Fri & Sat Mass at 9am	Alliance of the 2 Hearts Mass and Devotion: First Friday from 7.30pm
Samoan Mass: First Sunday of even months at 12 noon		
Maori Mass: First Sunday at 2pm		

Contact us

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Parish Associate: **Sr "Jill" Girlie Sudario, CM**

Prayer intentions

For the sick & homebound: Robert Yap, Les Portikiewicz, Karen Browne, Amanda & John Meredith, Reg Gardner, Phyllis Cooper, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, John Ingster, Elizabeth Moore, Greg Watson, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Ron Allen, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Lily Pereira, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdryns
May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.

For our recently dearly departed: Marita Waugh, Danilo Mercado, John McDermott, Benito Cossettini, Sanjaey Pillay.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Guisepppe Cuomo, Angela Tomarchio and all our loved ones remembered on the tree of remembrance in the month of holy souls.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.



Our Community: Rosters

27 November	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Monitors	Myra, Suzanne & Russell	Bianca, Chris & Margaret	Beatrix & Stuart
Altar Servers	Maria & Cassandra	Orly & Luisa	Vu
Readers	Ryan & Bevina	Ronda & Tina	Evangeline & Rachel
Refreshments	Tracey & Richard	Nelia & Michelle	
CLOTW		Lee	
Flowers	Patricia & Katalina	Church Vacuuming	Tess
Counters	George & Irene	Foyer Cleaning	Allan & Anita

Our Community



Rosters: All active ministers are requested to recommit and update their contact information in the foyer after Mass. The new rosters will be created for 6 months from the first weekend in December. Ministry workshops will be held for new and existing members during the next few weeks. Induction, training and support will be offered for new and existing members of the ministries at the listed times. Please set aside the time to attend in your chosen ministry in the meeting room.

- **Foyer cleaners and church vacuuming workshop** will be held on Saturday 26 November at 10.30am.
- **Money Counters workshop** will be held on Sunday 27 November at 10.30am.



Bulletin Notices

- **Refreshments workshop** will be held after every Mass on the weekend of 3 / 4 December.
- **The Readers Ministry meeting** is held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7pm via Zoom

Thanksgiving mass on Thursday 24 November at 7.30pm in celebration and thanksgiving for the active ministries in our parish, for each person who shares their gifts so generously. During the past few weeks we have heard testimonies from many parishioners and highlighted the many different ministries and groups active in our Parish. Our Thanksgiving Mass will be a celebration of our Community of Faith. You are invited and encouraged to come along on Thursday evening for Mass at 7.30pm followed by a light supper.

Fundraising meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 November via zoom. Contact the parish office for more information.

Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev Adalbert Imperial, OCD will take place on Wednesday 14 December at 7.30 pm in our church followed by supper in the Hall. on Saturday 17 December at 9 am newly ordained Fr Adalbert will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving followed by refreshments at the Hall. If you wish to bring a dish to the supper & refreshments please put your name on the list in the foyer or send a message to the parish office or Grace Stagg at 0433 513 654.

Vinnies have put up their Christmas tree in the foyer. You are invited to take home a tag that has a grocery item or a present listed and return the item next weekend. The piety stall has 2023 Columban Calendars, Christmas cards and Advent Reflection books available for sale plus a wide range of religious gifts suitable for all occasions.

Advent Reflection Groups You are invited to join one of our parish Advent groups as a meaningful way to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. There are various groups meeting at different times of the week, some online and some face to face. Dates and times when the various groups first meet are listed below. During the groups we use the Advent booklet produced by the diocese. The booklets are available for sale at the piety stall or from the parish office at a cost of \$5 each.

Monday November 21 (via Zoom) 2 pm group

Monday November 21 (via Zoom) 7 pm group

Facilitator: Colleen Haughey (For the Zoom link, please contact the parish office).

Tuesday November 22 @ 7:30pm Parish Meeting Room

Facilitator: Donna Ransom

Sunday November 27 @ 7:00 pm Parish Meeting Room

(Young Adults Group) Facilitator: Andrew Fricot

For further information please contact the parish office.

Working bee will be held on Saturday 3 December from 9am to help prepare the church and gardens for Christmas. We are appealing for someone who has a chain saw and can help prune some trees to come along.

Please come along for an hour or 2 to do some cleaning and gardening. There are windows to wash and cupboards to sort. Maybe you would like to help but can't come on Saturday. If so, call the parish office and arrange another time to help out.

Christmas pageant preparation will be held every Friday evening at 6pm. Please come along if you wish to join in. Parent and adult support is also needed.

The Journey Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr Rob Galea's Gospel reflection on the King of the Universe. Mother Hilda on Hildegard and the mystery in the ways that our lives unfold. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney, Trish McCarthy and Pete Gilmore. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

Enemy Love Records Gig Enemy Love Records (David Kruse & Emma Fradd) are an independent record label producing and promoting good Catholic music. They are touring Australia to present three brand new releases and they will be playing in Wollongong! **When:** Sunday 4 December 2022 @ 07:00 PM; **Where:** The Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour Street Wollongong; **Tickets:** EnemyLoveRecords.com (limited tickets); Entry by ticket with donation upon entry. Finger food and drinks will be served.

Calling all Women of the World to Rome His Holiness, Pope Francis, has granted the women of the world, by an invitation from the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) an Audience with him at Paul VI Hall, the Vatican, at 11.30am on 13 May 2023. Mass will be celebrated, that afternoon, at St Peter's Basilica, by Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. For Further Information contact: Catherine V McGrath DSG; Phone: +61 407 419 5002 Email: cvm2090@gmail.com; Booking for the Audience is not necessary.

XVI Synod - Continental Stage Submissions The Faithful are asked to now consider to the Continental stage of the XVI Ordinary Synod on Synodality. The Reflection Guide: Three guiding questions form the basis for the Reflection Guide. This and other resources are available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>; Submission Portal: After groups have met to reflect, they can submit a summary of their reflections on via the submission portal for the continental stage which can be accessed at: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> The portal will be open until Friday 9 December. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact leith.dudfield@catholic.org.au.

Men's Rosary Group – The Parish of Rosemeadow invites other men from around the Diocese to join with them on the last Tuesday of the Month to pray the Rosary, commencing on Tuesday 29 November at 7pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow. Contact David on 0410 487 630 / djbarrett85@gmail.com.

Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home.

Holy Gospel according to Luke 23:35-43

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Reflection by Pope Benedict

Today's The Gospel according to St Luke presents, as in a great painting, the kingship of Jesus at the moment of his Crucifixion. The leaders of the people and the soldiers taunt "the first-born of all creation" and put him to the test to see whether he has the power to save himself from death.

Yet precisely: "on the Cross, Jesus is exalted to the very 'height' of the God who is Love. It is there that he can be 'known'.... Jesus gives us 'life' because he gives us God. He can give God because he himself is one with God".

In fact, while the Lord seems to be mistaken because he is between two wrong-doers, one of them, aware of his sins, opens himself to truth, arrives at faith and prays "the King of the Jews": "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom".

From the One who "is before all things, and in him all things hold together" the so-called "Good Thief" straight away receives forgiveness and the joy of entering the Kingdom of Heaven. "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise". With these words, Jesus, from the throne of the Cross welcomes every human being with infinite mercy.

St Ambrose comments that this "is a beautiful example of conversion to which one should aspire: forgiveness is very quickly offered to the thief and grace is more abundant than the request; the Lord in fact", St Ambrose says, "always gives more than is asked for.... Life is being with Christ because where Christ is there is the Kingdom".

We can also contemplate in Christian art the way of love that the Lord reveals to us and invites us to take. In fact, in the past "in the arrangement of Christian sacred buildings... it became customary to depict the Lord returning as a king — the symbol of hope — at the east end; while the west wall normally portrayed the Last Judgement as a symbol of our responsibility for our lives": hope in the infinite love of God and commitment to ordering our life in accordance with the love of God.

When we contemplate depictions of Jesus inspired by the New Testament — as an ancient Council teaches — we are led to "understand... the sublimity and the humiliation of the Word of God and... to remember his life in the flesh, his Passion and his salvific death, and the redemption that the world derived from it".

"Yes, we need it, precisely to... become capable of recognizing in the pierced heart of the Crucified One the mystery of God". Today, let us entrust to the Virgin Mary the new members of the College of Cardinals and our earthly pilgrimage toward eternity.

Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
Parish

Invites you to our annual
Thanks giving Mass &
supper in gratitude for
your commitment to
ministry in our parish

Thursday 24
November at
7.30pm