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Christ the King
Celebrated by
Fr. George Debrincat

*Jesus is our true **King**.*

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6

(R) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.**(R)**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.**(R)**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.**(R)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R)**



Hymns for Today
139 Crown Him With Many Crowns
246 He Is Lord
239 Hail Redeemer King Divine

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord

Memorial Acclamation
We proclaim your death, O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again

Lectio Divina—To join the whatsapp group please send your mobile phone number to John Attard on email johnattard60@gmail.com

Gospel Acclamation
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia Alleluia!!

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

We pray For
Those in our community and all our relatives and friends who need our prayers especially **David Pace** as well as those who have died especially **Maggie Pearce** who sadly passed away in hospital on Wednesday following hospitalization due to a bad fall. May she rest in the arms of the Lord.
More details to follow

Ministry of Gozo Car Park available Sundays and National Holidays

COMMUNION REFLECTION – Peace is not just the absence of war. It involves mutual respect and confidence between peoples and nations. It involves collaboration and binding agreements. Like a cathedral, peace has to be constructed, patiently and with unshakeable faith. Wherever the strong exploit the weak, wherever the rich take advantage of the poor, wherever great powers seek to dominate and to impose ideologies, there the work of making peace is undone; there the cathedral of peace is again destroyed. Today, the scale and the horror of modern warfare - whether nuclear or not - makes it totally unacceptable as a means of settling differences between nations. War should belong to the tragic past, to history; it should find no place on humanity's agenda for the future. The cathedral of peace is built of many small stones. Each person has to become a stone in that beautiful edifice. ST POPE JOHN PAUL II HOMILY AT MASS, COVENTRY, 30 MAY 1982

After listening to today's readings let us now consider the following :

Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

This is the last of Matthew's great parables. The world is finally divided into 'goodies' and 'baddies'. The great dramatic scene here depicted is that of the Final Judgement of all, but we shall each of us at the moment of death face the judgement of our divine Lord in his glory. This confrontation will be an experience far more awesome and shattering than any description can express, and yet fulfilling and reassuring. We will know at last in a naked way our own sin and also our own infinite value before the transcendent figure of the Lord. Two striking points are stressed in the parable. Firstly, we will be judged uniquely on our treatment of those in any kind of need. Not first of all on our prayer-life; not on our asceticism; not on penances undertaken; but on our respect for others - how far we look to see what they need and what we can give. The ten commandments of the Old Testament, the eight beatitudes of the New can be summarised in this way: speak the truth, be honest (including financially), honour father and mother (or children), hunger for justice, make peace. The second striking point is the reason for the first: that Christ is in each person. What we do to others, we do to Christ. What does it mean that Jesus is in all other people, especially the stranger, the sick, the comfortless, even those in prison? How does this teaching of Jesus change my attitude to people I despise or avoid or just ignore?

And from Fr. Robert Draper

Jesus sets this parable of the Last Judgement on a grand scale: The Son of Man comes 'in glory'; he is `escorted by all the angels'; he sits on 'his throne of glory, and 'all the nations' are assembled before him. And then comes the judgement - or rather the separation of sheep and goats - this is actually given quite a different tone from the comfortable and encouraging shepherd scene from Ezekiel which is our first reading. Here we have a stark judgement. In such a context what strikes so powerfully is that this judge (named as the 'King') now enters into the picture himself; not as the shepherd of Ezekiel looking out for the sheep, but as the sheep themselves - the ones who were lost and strayed and wounded and weak. The contrast between the setting and this identification is startling, and the sheep on the right - they are the ones who showed mercy, and they are blessed and take the kingdom prepared for them from the beginning. The assurance is that God had always intended the merciful to belong to the kingdom (as we are told in the Beatitudes at the beginning of Matthew's Gospel). The mercy shown is to the most vulnerable and needy. The goats, alas, have no place prepared for them, and so they are lost and belong outside the kingdom of mercy, where they are to share eternity with those who do not belong in God's presence because they did not recognise the obligation to mercy. Matthew portrays this as a parable Jesus addresses to all nations, and yet his is always a Gospel addressed to his own community - and therefore each Christian community: mercy is indeed a universal obligation, but that means it is especially significant in a community of faith, such as that gathered for the Eucharist this Sunday.

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention For November .

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

FOR YOUR DIARY

25th November 4.00 p.m Lectio Divina for 1st Advent. Manresa House – All welcome

10th December 3.30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Ghasri church followed by refreshments

12th December 9.00 am. Advent Retreat at Augustine sisters Ghajnsielem. Booking form and poster outside chapel

Money Matters

The generous collection last Sunday for Caritas Gozo was €234.

Collection as normal this week

CELEBRATIONS IN NOVEMBER

Birthdays

4th Allan Mantovan-Queiroz
6th Vince Vella
27th Helen Clayton

Anniversaries

15th Jacque And Stephen Vassallo

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Eucharistic Ministers

22-Nov-26	**Monique Sant Georges**	**David Felice Pace**	**Ben M**
29-Nov-26	Iain Dando	Johanna Marks	David FP
06-Dec-26	Ben Miltenburg	Monique Sant Georges	

Readers Rota – If you would like to join please contact Johanna on johannamarks3@gmail.com

22-Nov Readings	**Stella Woodgate**	**Prayers**	**Sylvia Fernandes**
29-Nov Readings	Sylvia Fernandes	Prayers	Johanna Marks
06-Dec Readings	John Attard	Prayers	Vince Vella

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