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 This raffle is our major fundraising activity for 2018. Parishioners are encouraged to take books of raffle tickets to sell to their family and friends. Ticket books are available after Mass or contact the Parish Office.
 Tickets \$2 each - books of 20 tickets for \$40
 Raffle drawn Sunday 24th December 2018 at St Mary's Church after the 7pm (Christmas) Vigil Mass

PRIZES:		Valued at:
1st Prize	Travel Voucher	\$2,000
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year B)
 25th November 2018

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the Thirty-Fourth and last Sunday of the liturgical year (Year B). Next Sunday we will start a new liturgical year (Year C) with the First Sunday in Advent. As always on the Thirty-Fourth Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Feast of Christ the King is the day when we are invited to commemorate His sovereignty over all of us. Jesus Christ has come. Jesus Christ is coming. Jesus Christ will come again. Jesus Christ is Lord of All.

Our Lord was nailed to His Cross with the words over his head: "Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews." Was this recognition or ridicule by Pilate? It was certainly one of the charges levelled against Him at His trial. The gospel stories describe for us how the Romans soldiers mocked Him by crowning Him with thorns, dressing Him in a purple robe and hailing Him as king. At the height of His popularity, the accusation would not have seemed so extraordinary. After He had fed the five thousand by the lakeside, He had to flee to the hills when the crowds came to make Him king. In the Gospel today, Jesus tries to explain to Pilate during His trial that He is indeed a king but that 'mine is not a kingdom of this world.' Earlier, Jesus had taught the Pharisees: 'The Kingdom of God comes unwatched by men's eyes' there will be no saying. See it is here, or see, it is there; the kingdom of God is here, within you.' (Lk 17:21).

We have to reflect very carefully about what the gospels tell us of the kingdom of God and Christ's own kingship. If through our Baptism we share that kingship, we should try to understand what that means.

The kingdom of God is obviously something quite different from the secular State. It has nothing to do with power, domination and coercion. It is not based on race or tribe or self-interest. It is not concerned with rank or human estimates of worth and honour. It does not aim at securing the material prosperity and security of its citizens. It is clearly not subject to the limitations imposed by geography and time.

Cardinal Basil Hume says that "the kingdom of God is an interior reality. Jesus himself said that those who are on the side of truth listen to His voice and belong to His kingdom (Jn 18:37). Its citizens are those who have died and are re-born through Baptism and faith in Jesus Christ. When they share His kingship, they are not changed outwardly, enjoy no material privileges or rewards; they are given something immeasurably greater and more lasting, an inner freedom from slavery to sin and from the power of death. They enter the kingdom but, in another sense, the kingdom enters them and transforms their inner selves, their minds and hearts, and in consequence begins to fashion new relationships with others. They live, as it were, in a different dimension, not subject to worldly assessment. The greatest among them may be the most despised and rejected in the kingdom of man. Like their master and king, then may themselves rule only from the Cross."

I can't think of any other better feast to celebrate on the last Sunday of the year than the feast of Christ the King. For it is fitting that the feast celebrating Christ's kingship is observed right before Advent, when we liturgically wait for the promised Messiah King.

Pax et bonum
 Fr Lam Vu OFM Cap

MASS TIMES
St Mary's Church (20 Merivale St. South Brisbane)
 Mon-Fri 7am; Sat 8am (Rosary after Mass)
 Sunday 9am and 5pm
St Francis' Church (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)
 Mon-Fri 10am (Rosary before Mass at 9.30am)
 (Anointing: 1st Friday); Sunday: 9am
St Ita's Church (Pope St., Dutton Park)
 Saturday (Vigil) 5pm; Sunday 8.00am
Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
 (Victoria St., Fairfield)
 Sunday 7am (Anointing: 1st Sunday)

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Confession
St Mary's Church:
 Fri 7.30am—8am Sat 8.30-9.30am; Sun 4-4.45pm
St Ita's Church: Sat 4-4.50pm

PARISH ACTIVITIES

BAPTISMS

Saturday | 9.30am | monthly

1st Saturday St Francis'

2nd Saturday St Mary's

3rd Saturday St Ita's

Family preparation sessions are held at St Ita's church on the first Thursday night of each month at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church

Adoration

Sunday | 4-5pm

Church open

12-2pm | Monday to Friday

Awaken: Together in Christ

Every Tuesday | 7pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End
website: awaken.org.au

St Francis Cake Stall

Third Sunday of the month

After the 9am mass | baking on the Saturday prior

St Francis Table

Every Monday | 10am -1pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

Anointing of the Sick and Morning Tea

First Friday of the Month | 10am | St Francis

First Sunday of the month | 7am | OLPS Fairfield

Morning Tea

First Sunday of the month | after 9am mass | St Francis

St Ita's Family Mass

Fourth Saturday of the month | 5pm | St Ita's Church
(school term only)



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St Ita's - Family Mass

This Saturday 5pm - St Ita's Church, Dutton Park

This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses) 34th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 26th:

R/ Lord, this is the people who longs to see your face.

Tuesday 27th:

R/ The Lord comes to judge the earth.

Wednesday 28th:

R/ Great and wonderful are all your works; Lord, mighty God.

Thursday 29th:

R/ Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

Friday 30th: St Andrew (Feast)

R/ Their message goes out through all the earth.

Saturday 1st:

R/ Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 5: 12; 1:6

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

Daniel 7:13-14

His sovereignty is eternal.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 92(93):1-2,5

R/ The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second reading

Apocalypse 1:5-8

The ruler of the kings of the earth... made is a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9,10

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!

Gospel

John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16;

2nd reading: Thess 3:12-4:2; **Gospel:** Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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St Francis of Assisi West End

SUNDAY 2nd December

Morning Tea following the 9am Mass



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Fairfield

SUNDAY 2nd December

Anointing the sick during 7am mass and afterwards morning tea.

November Masses

These are offered for the living and the dead, our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors, and for those other deceased in need of God's mercy.

In November, the month of the Holy Souls, we especially pray for the Faithful departed. You can find the November envelopes at the entrance of the church or on the pews. The recommended minimum stipend for one November Mass (by Archdiocesan law) is \$20.

Please put the names of the deceased you wish to be remembered on the envelopes provided and place them in either Sunday collection.

2 Minute Catechism

Do we become angels when we die?

The truth behind a popular belief.

In popular culture, it is common to refer to people who have died as "angels" in Heaven. For many, this simply means that they think of the deceased person as being with God, where the other angels live.

However, sometimes this comforting thought becomes more concrete, with some believing that humans really do become angels when they die.

Is this true? Can a human person die and then come back to life as an angel?

The short answer is no. There is no possibility of a human becoming an angel.

When we die, our soul is separated from our body for the moment, but will be reunited with it at the end of time. To become an angel after death would mean that we become a *different being entirely*.

Catholics believe that angels are unique, unrepeatable spirits.

They were created prior to humans; one theory that is an accepted Catholic belief is that on the first day of creation, when God made "light," the "light" he made was the angels (Gen. 1:3). This theory may even be confirmed when it says God "divided the light from the darkness," if that refers to the rebellion of the angels led by Lucifer (Gen. 1:4).

This idea is brought forth by St. Augustine in "City of God:"

For when God said, "Let there be light, and there was light," if we are justified in understanding in this light the creation of the angels, then certainly they were created partakers of the eternal light which is the unchangeable Wisdom of God, by which all things were made, and whom we call the only-begotten Son of God; so that they, being illumined by the Light that created them, might themselves become light and be called "Day," in participation of that unchangeable Light and Day which is the Word of God, by whom both themselves and all else were made.

This makes sense as the "Sun" and "Moon" were not created until the fourth day.

With or without this interpretation of Scripture, what is certain is that Catholics believe that all the angels who were to exist were created before any humans were made and they are different beings than humans.

So when a human dies, he doesn't become an angel; his soul doesn't either. It continues being a human soul, which will be reunited with its body at the resurrection of the dead.

By Philip Kosloski

Taken from aleteia.org



Awaken Together In Christ

Tuesday 27th November - 7pm

Testimonies & Meditation

A ministry bringing hope and the tangible presence of Christ to the lost and a deeper connection for those who know Him.

The Awaken Ministry has been blessed with an amazing gift of healing, powerfully led by the Holy Spirit, people have been receiving many miracles and lives have been changed.

We invite you to come along and enter into God's presence, watch Him move in your circumstances today.

Everyone welcome!

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS 2018

Advent Reflection

This year's reflection book, *Saviour*, provides an opportunity for us to be still each day, listen to God and hear him declare to us as the angel declared to the shepherds: "Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

Please bring a plate of food to share dinner together

6.30-8pm | St Ita's Meeting Room

Thursday 29th November

Thursday 6th December

Friday 14th December

Thursday 20th December

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Parish Secretary - Wilston Parish (Part-time)

Coordinator Lay Ministries - Regents Park Parish (Part-time)

Administration Assistant - Kingaroy Nanango (Part-time)

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St Mary's Adoration

Come and join Young Adults from around Brisbane on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm at St Mary's for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. Adoration is held as part of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars Coffee Ministry for the Poor and Homeless. Adult Parishioners are most welcome to attend.



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Next week we will be collecting for the SVDP Christmas Hamper Appeal. This Appeal supports families in the West End, Dutton Park, Fairfield & South Brisbane areas. You can help in 2 ways:

- 1. Donate Non-Perishable Food Items such as: (collection boxes will be placed near the entrance of each of our parish churches)** Plum Puddings, Christmas cake, mince pies, tinned turkey, long-life custard, sweet biscuits, rice and a curry sauce, cereal, soft drink or cordial, chips, nuts, spreads etc.*

*there's a full list of suggested food items above each donation box

- 2. Make a donation:** your donation can purchase food items to include in the hampers. Donations can be placed in the poor boxes at each church within our parishes. Please mark your envelope 'Christmas Hamper Appeal'.