

**Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B**

Sunday, 24 November 2024



The Feast of Christ the King

**This is the last Sunday of the Church Year.
A New Church Year begins next Sunday!
The Church ends the year drawing attention
to the Kingship of Jesus.**

**This Kingship is about building a kingdom of
justice for all people, especially those who are
in need or vulnerable.**

**It invites us to consider how we treat those
who are in need and are vulnerable in our
parish, country, world....**



Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him:



*Are you the King
of the Jews?*

Jesus answered:

Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?



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?



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.



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.



Bible Search

Read John 18:33-37 in your family Bible - this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.

Then you might like to read an account of the Kingship of Jesus in –

Matthew 25:31-46

Luke 23:35-43.

Activity

Write about the Gospel story as though you are an on-looker:

How do you feel as you look at Jesus before Pilate?

How would you like to help Jesus?

How do you feel when you are accused in the wrong?

Or you may prefer to draw a picture!

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 18:33-37

1. The feast we have today, and the Gospel, give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus.
2. The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, the learnings for you, in this?
3. Jesus came to bear witness to the truth and we are all created for a purpose. What do you believe is the purpose of your life? Recall times when you have been able to bear witness to this. What fruit has this witness had for yourself and/or others?

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Consider

How do you treat those who are in need? How do you help them?

Pilate let Jesus down because he was afraid to do what he knew was right!

Is there some aspect of justice or right that you need to stand up for today?

Do you sometimes allow yourself to be intimidated by others?

How can you build God's kingdom of love in your home, school, workplace, street...?.

Praying to Jesus

Pray for the grace to know and accept Gods love for you.



As you sit before Jesus now – what is it that you need to do so that you help Him to build a Kingdom of Justice, Peace & Love?

