



Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Childers

Embracing the worshipping communities of
Childers ~ Biggenden ~ Gin Gin ~ Mt Perry ~ Woodgate Beach
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Mission & Vision Statement

We are the Catholic Communities of Childers, Gin Gin, Mount Perry, Biggenden and Woodgate beach, loving and welcoming all to faith and fellowship, journeying together in the Spirit towards the heart of Jesus sharing our rich religious traditions and values.

Parish Priest

Fr. Onyema Eloagu

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Office Hours

Tue & Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm

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Mass Times

Sacred Heart Childers

Friday - 9.00am with

Confession following,

Sunday - 8.00am

Weekly

Holy Hour-9am 1st Sat mthly

St Michaels Gin Gin

5:30pm Saturday Vigil

St Peter's Biggenden

10.30am 2nd & 4th Sundays

Monthly

St Patrick's Mt Perry

5th Sundays Monthly 11am

Or 4th Monday 11:30am

Woodgate Beach

5.00pm Sundays

Weekly

Childrens Liturgy

2nd & 4th Sundays 8am

St Joseph's School Hall

(Within school terms)

26th November 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe— Year A / B

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So often our responses to people are based on how we perceive them: teachers - we learn; leaders - we follow; heroes - we emulate. Making an identity statement about Him – Christ the King – informs our response to Him. The liturgical year culminates with a summary statement of the identity of Jesus – **'Christ the King.'** As Christ, he is worthy of our worship. As King he is deserving of our service. As we celebrate this enthronement of Christ in glory, we also look forward to his victory in us when we are **'freed . . . from our sins'** and **'made . . . into a kingdom'**.



This Sunday, we end the past Liturgical Year, with the victorious Christ. Christ is **'the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end'**. Paul speaks of Jesus Christ at the end of time handing over the kingdom to God the Father. Today's Preface repeats this, describing Christ's kingdom as one of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace. This ideal is not to be merely a future hope but is to be worked for in the present. The kingdom is our hope, but somehow it is also in our midst, in the process of becoming.

The gospel tells us how we are to promote the fuller coming of God's kingdom among us. It comes whenever justice is done for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, and the oppressed. To behave in this way is to imitate the Shepherd-King himself who is presented in our Gospels as one who rescues from situations of alienation, who feeds, gives rest, heals and makes strong. Among his final words was a promise to the thief being crucified at his side, that he would be embraced by the eternal love of God, in paradise.

The best way to honour Christ our King is to work to make his kingdom a reality among us. Anything we do for the relief of the deprived and underprivileged is also a service to Christ, because he identifies himself personally with people in need. The disciple of Christ the King cannot afford the luxury of comfortably keeping myself to myself or **"Will I do harm to anyone."** To be deaf to the cries of the neighbour in need is to close our ears to Christ. To be blind to the anguish of the dying is to shut our eyes to him. If we follow Jesus Christ as our Shepherd-king we must in some way be shepherds ourselves, for his sake.

Peace and Grace to you all, Fr Onyema

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - 24 December

Saturday - 23 December

St Patrick's Mt Perry Mass 10:00am

Sunday - 24 December

St Peter's Biggenden Mass 8:00am

Woodgate Beach Mass 10:30am

St Michael's Gin Gin Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Sacred Heart Childers Carols 6:30pm

Vigil Mass 7:00pm

Christmas Day - 25 December

Sacred Heart Childers Mass 8:00am

Wishing everyone peace, love & joy this Christmas Season



No Holy Hour Adoration

No Holy Hour

Holy Hour will return in March 2024

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessings on him who comes
in the name of the Lord!**

**Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!**

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1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Weekday Readings

Mon: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4
Tue: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11
Wed: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19
Thu: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
Fri: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33
Sat: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

Next: 1st Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Twilight Markets - Tomorrow 3-6pm
Christmas Concert - Stalls galore

St Vinnie Appeal



It feels good to give. Look for something special to put in a hamper can be put under the tree from 2nd to 17th December this year.

Advent Group

If anyone is interested in joining the Advent group who will meet **every**

Wednesday through Advent starting **29th November at 4:30pm** in St Joseph's meeting room.



Childers Linen Roster

November - Trish Clutterbuck

December - Mary Fraser



Prayers for the sick of our Parish

As a caring community we pray for family members, parishioners and friends who are ill especially: **Brian Larter, Elaine Carpenter, Olive Begley, Petrina Coomer, Elena McDonnell, Primitiva Sandalo, Eden Lazar.**
(Names to be removed in 1 month - please contact office to extend)

Prayers for Recently Deceased & Anniversaries

Pray for the recently deceased, **Mazelle Jones and George Smith** and for our brothers and sisters who have died, **Charles Michell, Carmel Caravella, Vincenzo Greci, Madge Walker, Victor Vella, George Croy, Giuseppe La Rocca and Anthony Hayden**, who we remember at this time. **May they rest in peace.**