KINGAROY NANANGO
Catholic Parishes

Priest in Residence – Fr Akesh Xalxo

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE **Year A** **21st/22nd November 2026**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** Sunday.



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Gospel gives us a beautiful and challenging picture of Christ as King. His kingship is very different from the kingship of this world. He does not identify Himself with the powerful, wealthy and famous, but with the hungry, thirsty, stranger, sick and imprisoned. Jesus tells us that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for Him. This means that our faith cannot remain only inside the church. We cannot say that Jesus is our King and then ignore the suffering person standing next to us. If Christ is truly our King, then His values must become the values of our life.

We must learn to see Christ in the poor, the lonely, the sick, the elderly, the rejected and those whom society often ignores. Sometimes we are very good at religious practices but fail to show love in our daily relationships. Today Jesus asks us not simply how much we prayed, but how much we loved. Who is hungry because I did not share? Who is lonely because I did not visit? Who is discouraged because I did not speak a kind word? The feast of Christ the King therefore becomes a call to practical love. Let us welcome Christ not only on the altar but also in the people around us. When we serve them with love, we serve Christ Himself.

"Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Blessings, Father Akesh.

ST PAT'S NANANGO –*Prue Clarke, APRE*

Last week our school community gathered for a prayer service to mark Remembrance Day. Together, students and staff paused to honour those who have given their lives in service and conflict, and to pray for peace in our world. We are proud of the reverence and maturity with which our students took part.

We have also launched our Vinnies Christmas Appeal. As a Mercy school, we are called to respond to those in need with compassion, and the appeal gives our students a practical way to support families in our community who are doing it tough this Christmas. In the spirit of community and commitment, every gift, big or small, is a sign of hope and a reflection of the Gospel values we strive to live each day.

We have begun preparing for our Year 6 Graduation. Please keep our Year 6 students in your prayers as they get ready to take the next step into the new world of high school.

Parish Leadership Team Update.

The Parish Leadership Team met in Nanango on Saturday 14 November. Each member gave an overview and update to Fr Akesh on their particular church community. All members reported that the various church communities are doing well.

Fr Akesh also gave an update and emphasised how much he is enjoying being in the Kingaroy-Nanango parish and visiting the community, including nursing homes and schools.

This was not a decision-making PLT meeting. All decision making will wait until Fr Enoch arrives in January.

Kingaroy Nanango Catholic Parishes Collection

"Thanks to your generosity, we collected a total of $1823.60 over the last weekend.

Saturday 21st November	**Kingaroy**	**9am**	**Mass**
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE			
Saturday 21st November	**Blackbutt**	**5pm**	**Vigil**
Sunday 22nd November	**Kumbia**	**8am**	**Liturgy**
	Nanango	**8am**	**Mass**
	Kingaroy	**10am**	**Mass**
First Reading	**Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**		
Responsorial Psalm	**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**		
Second Reading	**1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**		
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!**		
Gospel	**Matthew 25:31-46**		
WEEKDAY MASS OF 34TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
Thursday 26th November	**Blackbutt**	**9am**	**Mass**
	Kumbia	**5:30pm**	**Mass**
Friday 27th November	***Reconciliation 8:30am***		
	Kingaroy	**9am**	**Mass**
	Nanango	**12pm**	**Mass**
	Nanango Reconciliation 12:30pm		
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Friday 27th November	**Cooyar**	**6pm**	**Vigil**
Saturday 28th November	**Blackbutt**	**5pm**	**Liturgy**
	Kumbia	**6pm**	**Vigil**
Sunday 29th November	**Nanango**	**8am**	**Mass**
	Kingaroy	**10am**	**Mass**

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Cooper Beerling who was baptised on 15 November 2026. Please keep parents Chelsea and Callum, and godparents Brenna and Joel in your prayers.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st Prize: Christmas Barrow of Goodies
2nd Prize: $100.00 Voucher donated by Martoo Meats
3rd Prize: $50 Fuel Voucher
Tickets: $2.00 each or 3 for $5
Drawn: 20th December 2026
Proceeds go towards St Mary's Church painting Fund.

ST MARY'S CHURCH WORKING BEE



Commencing at 7:30am – 8am on 28th November 2026. *Main Focus* – Mulching Gardens and a small amount of trimming shrubs. Bring your gardening tools, pruners, water, hats etc. If you have a weed-eater, can you please bring it along so we can trim the garden edges.

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION AND MASS TIMES

Please see posters on church notice boards.

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Recently Deceased: Muriel Welch, Brian Reilly.
Death Anniversaries: Monsignor Maurice Walsh, Mary (Molly) Walters, Bernadette (Bernie) Kemp, Joan Smith, Eileen O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Durand.
Prayers for the sick:
OLHC Parish - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Kylie Lane, Damian Wyvill, Bruce McCarthy, Shirley Warner, Wendy Smith, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Chris Stevens, Luke Colahan, John Kajewski, Frank Mostaert.
St Mary's Parish - Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy, Rikie Brinkman, Bernice Mahoney, Julianne Cross, Megan Manthey, Lisa Kennedy, Mary O'Neil, Tony Pratt and Dorothy Pratt.

BRIAN REILLY FUNERAL

Family and friends are invited to attend a Requiem Mass for Brian, to be held in St Mary's Catholic Church Kingaroy on **Thursday 26th November at 11am.** This will be followed by light refreshments at St Mary's Hall.

MURIEL WELCH FUNERAL

Family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Service for Muriel, to be held in St Mary's Catholic Church Kingaroy on **Thursday 27th November at 11am,** followed by interment within the Taabinga Lawn Cemetery.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Vinnies will be conducting a Christmas Appeal again in 2026. These goods are used to provide hampers. Collection Sundays will be: 22nd and 29th November and 6th December.

We would appreciate:

- Christmas Puddings / cakes, biscuits, jelly, tinned fruit, cordial, potato chips and other *Christmas* goodies;
- Tinned ham and Christmas day goodies etc;
- Tea, coffee, Milo, long life milk and custard and cream;
- Gifts suitable for children and adults.

Please check 'use-by' dates on all food items !!

- Individually packed toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, powder, shampoo & conditioner.

ALTERNATIVELY ***please consider giving one or multiple IGA $25 Gift cards***

Thank you everyone for your continued support of Vinnies!