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Jesus is righteous and loving.

The Solemnity of Christ the King has made me think of Jesus in new ways because of different Scripture readings over the last three years. In 2024 (Year B), I wrote that *'Christ is our True King for life'*. In 2025 (Year C), my thoughts were *'Jesus is King of Mercy'*. In 2026 (Year A), my focus is on Jesus as a righteous King and a loving Shepherd.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus will separate good and bad people. The good on His right hand will receive *'eternal life'* while the bad on His left will suffer *'eternal punishment'*.

Jesus explained that good people see Him in every living person who may be hungry, thirsty, lonely, sick, naked or imprisoned. He said: *"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"*.

People who are blind to the needy would hear these words of Jesus:
"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". Hence, ask yourself whether you have often neglected or served Jesus, who is in our presence daily through the needy.

The 1st Reading from the prophet Ezekiel clearly shows Jesus as a loving shepherd and fair judge. He looks after His sheep, rescues them, pastures them, searches for the lost or stray ones, bandages the injured, strengthens the weak and watches over the healthy or fat. He also judges the *'rams and he-goats'*, metaphorically representing the righteous who show God's love for others and the unrighteous who ignore the sufferings of others.

The 2nd Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians talks about Jesus as the King who has subdued enemies and destroyed death, which are predators that His flock must face. St Paul promises that those who belong to Jesus will *'be brought to life in Christ'*. Jesus will then righteously hand over *'the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power.'*

Since Jesus is the Righteous King and Good Shepherd, we can truly proclaim that *"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want"* (Responsorial Psalm). As a fair and good Shepherd-King, Jesus lovingly grants us rest, revitalises us, guides us spiritually and provides us eternal dwelling in the 'Lord's own house'.

This week's theme also made me think of rulers who were 'good shepherds'. St Wenceslaus of Bohemia had compassion for the vulnerable and fought against human trafficking. St Louis IX of France cared for people rather than enriched himself. St Stephen of Hungary ruled with Christian virtues and entrusted his nation to the protection of Blessed Virgin Mary.

Our Shepherd-King Jesus, help us to be righteous and loving; enable us to see you in others; bless us to serve your needy flock as you did; guide us when we are spiritually lost in today's world; and protect us from constant dangers around us.

Reflection by Peter Ling

Readings & responses for the week

JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sunday, 22 November Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15: 20-26,28; Mt 25: 31-46. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Monday, 23 November St Clement I, Pope & Martyr	Rev 14: 1-5; Lk 21: 1-4. Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.
Tuesday, 24 November Ss. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, Companions, Martyrs	Rev 14: 14-19; Lk 21: 5-11. The Lord comes to rule the earth.
Wednesday, 25 November St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr	Rev 15: 1-4; Lk 21: 12-19. How great and wonderful are all your works, Lord God almighty.
Thursday, 26 November	Rev 18: 1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9; Lk 21: 20-28. Happy are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.
Friday, 27 November	Rev 20: 1-4, 11-21:2; Lk 21: 29-33. Here God lives among men.
Saturday, 28 November Blessed Virgin Mary	Rev 22: 1-7; Lk 21: 34-36 Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm, 5.30pm

2.00pm (Mandarin)

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

12:15pm, 6.30pm

9.00am, 6.30pm Public Holiday

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

MASS ON SATURDAY

7.00am, 6.30pm (Sunset)

MASS ON SUNDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm
(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

No booking is required. There will not be standing room allowed in the main church.

RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 8.00pm

Lunch Hour 11.45am to 12.45pm

Saturday 7.30am to 8.00pm

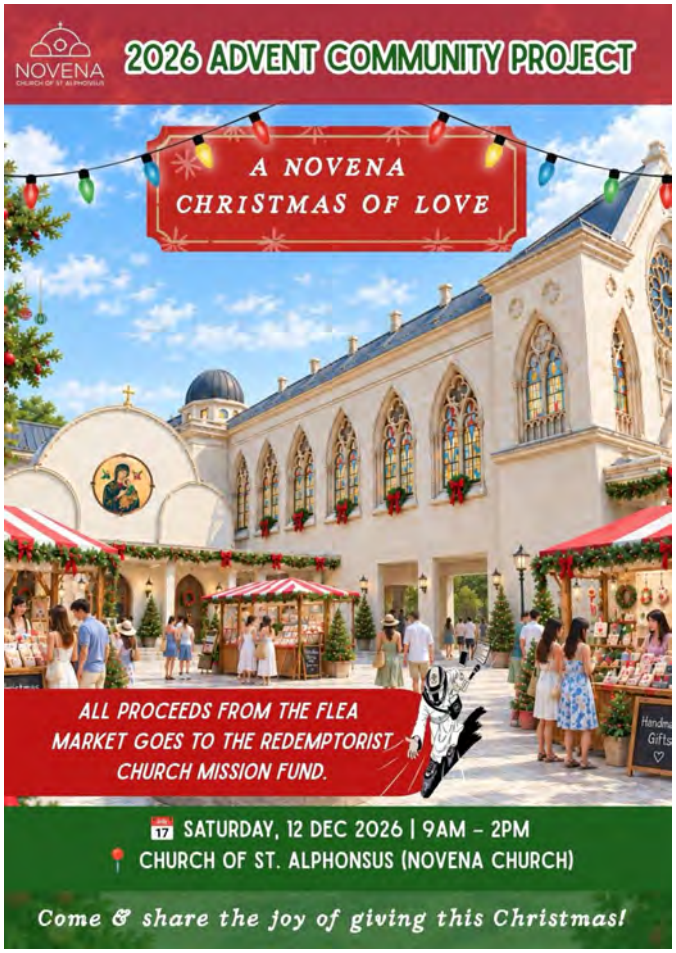
Sunday 8.30am to 1.30pm & 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Closed on Public Holiday

GIFTSHOP OPERATING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10.30am to 6.30pm
Lunch Hour 12.15pm to 12.45pm
Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm
Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm
Closed on Thursday and Public Holiday

ADVENT MARKET



CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE
7 DEC, MONDAY, 7.45PM

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DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION
THURS: 10.30AM -12PM
PASTORAL BLOCK
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