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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

34th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 (Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe)

SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION
**SCRIPTURE QUOTE
TO MEMORISE:**

Where is the infant King of the Jews?" they asked. "We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.

(Matthew 2:2)

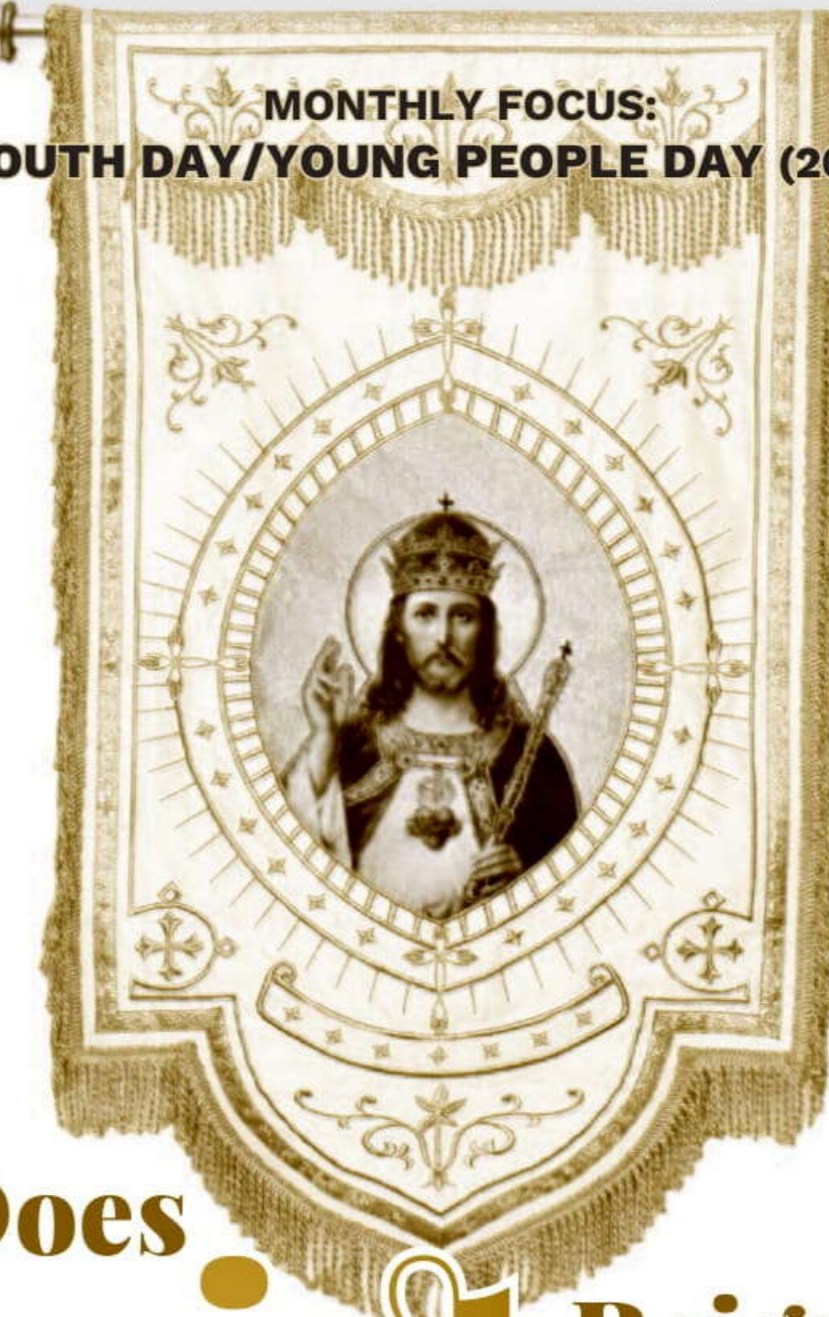
The readings point to the kingship of Jesus. In the first, King David foreshadowed Jesus as King of the Jews. All the tribes of Israel were united in making him king, and he proved to be one worthy to lead Israel. David was the greatest of all the kings in Israel. The story of King David runs parallel to that of the person of Jesus, except that David's sins were entirely his own. David was perceived as a symbol of the saviour who was yet to come then.

In the second, it first describes Christ before His birth. He is the image of the invisible God and the first born of all creation, for all things were created in Him, through Him and for Him. Then, it describes Christ after His earthly life. Paul summed up our belief that Christ is the head of the Church, the Beginning, the first-born from the dead and that He is supreme in every way. Through His death on the cross, we are reconciled to Him. Through Him there is peace, for **Jesus' kingdom is about service, sacrifice and love for the people.**

In the gospel reading, we hear of the people, soldiers and a criminal mocking Christ for the claims that He is the Messiah and the King of the Jews. Yet one man, also a criminal stood out. He recognized Jesus as the Saviour and professed his faith in Him when he asked Jesus to remember him when He came into His Kingdom. His words had profound meaning: that Jesus is the King of heaven and earth. We too are challenged to be aware of our call to proclaim our faith in Him, that He is Saviour and King, and to proclaim His glory and grace to the world. We give thanks for His presence in our lives and for all that He does for us each day. ✦

**SCRIPTURE
of the DAY**

2 Samuel 5: 1-3;
Psalms 121: 1-2, 4-5;
Colossians 1: 12-20;
Luke 23:35-43.

**MONTHLY FOCUS:
WORLD YOUTH DAY/YOUNG PEOPLE DAY (20th NOVEMBER)**


Does Christ Reign as King in Your Life?

Today, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, in response to growing atheism and secularism. It was a call for jubilation, to make known the glorious splendour of Christ's reign.