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PREFACE: Christ the King.

That prayer is the Preface for the Eucharistic Prayer on the Feast of Christ the King, which we'll be celebrating this coming Sunday, the last before Advent begins. For a number of years now Christ the King has been celebrated as a special occasion for the Catholic Church here in HK, taking the place, really, of the traditional Corpus Christi observances and processions of other countries. High summer in HK is not exactly the best time for open-air processions! Since the 1950s, the big public feature of the Christ the King celebration has been an open-air Mass held in one of the stadiums with a large participation from all over the diocese. (^{2 yrs ago} Last year) of course, it was replaced by the historic visit of the Pope to HK in early December; and memories of that impressive occasion will no doubt be revived this coming Sunday at the government stadium. This year the celebration will also mark the formal closing of the Convention of the diocese which has been going on for a couple of years now, and its final reports and recommendations will be formally handed to the Bishop on Sunday. So these few coming days it will be good to give some time in prayer to preparing yourself for a fruitful celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. Actually this feast-day is quite a newcomer in the Church calendar, a survivor of recent reforms, tho' its date was slightly changed. It was introduced about 40 yrs ago by Pope Pius XI.

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