

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Sunday 01 Nov 2020 All Saints

First Reading Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, ‘Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.’ Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, ‘Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, ‘Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.’

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, ‘Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?’ I answered him, ‘You can tell me, my Lord.’ Then he said, ‘These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.’

R. The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God’s children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

R. The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: ‘How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be ‘Blessed’? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be ‘Blessed’? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God. There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth’s resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are ‘saints’ who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church’s calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge. We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES
Mon 2: 9.00am Mass
(All Souls)
Tues 3: 5.30 Mass
Wed 4: 9am Mass
Thurs 5: 9am Mass
Fri 6: 9.15am Mass
Sat 7: 9am Rosary/Mass
9.30am Recon 6pm Mass
Sun 8: 9am Mass 5pm Mass

ROSTERS 31 OCT/1 NOV
Church Cleaning
M deSmet/J Maher(2-6 Nov)
Welcomers
6pm B Wilson
9am J McClelland
5pm D Ebejer
Commentator
6pm A Jackson
9am N Beatty
5pm P O’Kelly
Readers
6pm M Weatherall
9am L Page
5pm S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm Sr Marie
9am G Norris
5pm J O’Sullivan
Computer Screen
6pm T Jackson
9am T Priest
5pm M O’Neill
REGISTRARS
6pm P Billington
9am B Basevi, G Norris
5pm J McCarthy

ROSTERS 7/8 NOVEMBER
Church Cleaning
B Coffey & M Paine (9-13)
Welcomers
6pm Sr Marie McAlister
9am C Connell
5pm M deSmet
Commentator
6pm M Bridges
9am B Basevi
5pm M O’Neill
Readers:
6pm J Mackay
9am A Skinner
5pm K O’Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm A Rogers
9am K Corbin
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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—A

Solemnity of All Saints



Saints are said to be ordinary souls, who did ordinary things in extra-ordinary ways. Welcome to November, the Month of Souls and Saints

In the Christian tradition, the month of November each year is dedicated to celebrating the Saints and praying for the Souls in Purgatory. Certain religious practices that inform the current celebration of All Saints and All Souls were present probably since the 4th Century AD.

Significant to the narrative is the dedication of the Pantheon in Rome, 13 May 609AD by Pope Boniface as a church in honour of Mary and all Martyrs. This formally started what would later be known as All Saints Day as observed in the modern times especially in the Western Rite, with the Eastern Orthodox Rite celebrating the same feast, Sunday after Pentecost. Pope Gregory III (731-741) building on the vision of his predecessors, dedicated a chapel in St. Peter’s Basilica in honour of all saints and further declared November 1 as feast of All Saints during his pontificate. While this was originally limited to Rome, Pope Gregory IV ordered the official observance of All Saints Day every November 1 and its celebration to the entire Church in 837AD. Meanwhile, All Saints’ Day acknowledges the many known, canonised saints, celebrated during the liturgical year and all the unknown and uncanonised saints who are in God’s presence.

Interestingly, how about those who have died are yet to attain the fullness life in God’s presence due to venial sins? The church teaches that these souls are being purified in purgatory with the support of our prayers. We acknowledge them on All Souls Day, November 2 and pray for them at every mass throughout the month of November. This practice started back in the 7th and 8th century AD, in a monastery and gradually spread out to other churches until the end of the 10th century. The day was marked with “The Office of the Dead”, followed by a Requiem Mass for the departed. Families visited the graves of their loved ones, placed wreaths and symbols reflecting the life of the lost loved ones.

As the world engage in fun and scary Halloween this weekend, we hallow and celebrate the solemnity of All Saint. A celebration that calls for joy and reflection. We share in the joy of the victory of the saints and reflect on their human experiences. Recently, during the ‘Book Week’ in school, the teachers and pupils in St. Bernard’s Primary all came to school dressed in a fashion typical of their favourite character and hero in a book or movie they have read or watched. Saints are important characters and heroes of our faith. Celebrating the feast of All Saints this year, it is important to reflect on: Who is your favourite saint? What attracted you to this saint?

This weekend offers us the opportunity to reflect on the lives of the saints, to ask for their intercession, to be challenged and inspired by their heroic witness and to imitate their virtues as expounded by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount. (Matthew 5:1-12) Additionally, we are called to remember those who have gone before us, especially during this ongoing challenging time resulting from the drought, the fires, the floods and COVID-19 global pandemic claiming many lives this November, the month of Souls and Saints.

Fr. Martins

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

NOVEMBER

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious. We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Healing Mass—Tues 3rd 5.30pm
Finance Meeting—Wed 4th 5.00pm
CWA Bric-A-Brac stall—Saturday 7th November 11am
Wrap With Love—Tues 10 Nov 1-3pm
Bible Study/Faith Formation—Wed 9.30 am
Craft Group—Thursday 10am-12pm
Men Alive—1st & 3rd Wed 8 am
Adoration—Friday 5.30pm
Reconciliation—Saturday 9.30 am
Singalong Mondays 1pm in the Church + Zoom



All Saints & All Souls Prayer

We are borne on the shoulders of others
– a vast Communion of Saints, past, present and to come.

We are a wonderfully rich and varied Family of Faith
– that prays for us when we can no longer pray for ourselves
– that believes for us when our own faith falters
– that supports us in times of weakness
– that enlightens us in hours of darkness
– that embraces us in moments of despair.

We thank you for all the saints remembered and forgotten, for those dear souls most precious to us.
May they rest in peace. Amen

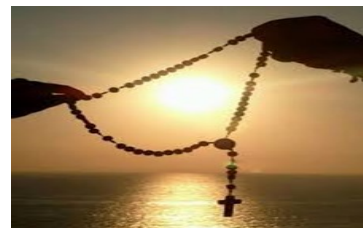


NOVEMBER CEMETERY VISIT/ROSARY

Every Sunday of the Month at 12 midday

- 1/11 BATEMANS BAY CEMETERY
- 8/11 MOGO CEMETERY JERAMADRA
- 15/11 BROULEE MEMORIAL GARDENS
- 22/11 OLD CATHOLIC CEMETERY, Bent Street, Batemans Bay
- 29/11 NELLIGEN CEMETERY

Rosary will be held rain or sunshine, bring umbrellas and a chair



MEMORIAL MASSES OF THE WEEK

- Joseph Borg 5.30pm Tuesday

There will be opportunity to offer memorial mass for our deceased loved ones this November. Kindly contact the Parish Office for further details.

This weekend at all Masses we invite you to write the names of those you have lost since last November, candles will be lit and we will pray together throughout the month with rosary at the cemeteries each Sunday and other rituals.

Also memorial masses will be offered for our lost loved ones during this month of November.

“Archbishop’s Teaching Day, Saturday 7th November.
Each year the Archbishop calls together all people in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for a day of teaching. This year the theme is: “Do not be Afraid!” All are welcome to join us at St Peter Chancels Church, Weston Str, Yarralumla from 10am to 4.30pm. Talks, testimonies, praise and worship and prayer ministry. Holy Mass at 12.15pm. Sausage sizzle lunch \$5. The day is free. A collection will be taken for the work of the CCR. To register, go to:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BLXWI> or phone or text Maida on 0423 648 326

“Care of the Soul” - Advent Morning Retreat
Will be held Tuesday November 17 in the Church Meeting Room. 9 am registration for 9.30 start—12.30pm. Cost \$5
Facilitated by Sr Marie McAlister rsj and Marie Weatherall. Morning Tea will be provided. To register please phone Marie Weatherall on 0405 028 057
Participants must register before the retreat by Tuesday November 10 as numbers are limited

Combined Churches Christmas Day Lunch meeting Wednesday 4th November 1.30- 2.30pm Anglican hall.
Pastoral Care Team Meeting and Reconnecting. Tuesday November 10th 9.30-11.30am in the Church Meeting Room. All Welcome.

FREE DONATED BLANKETS: The Parish has kindly been gifted knitted and crocheted blankets, scarves and beanies by the Pins & Needles Knitting Group from St John’s Church in Dee Why. These are available in the church foyer for all.

Friends Of Maranatha Committee
invites you to a sale of clothing and household bric-a-brac on Saturday 7th November at the CWA rooms at 11 am. If you can assist with donations of saleable goods it would be much appreciated. For more info contact Norma Dean on 0477759990. We look forward to your support.

PPC RENEWAL PROCESS
We are in the process of renewing the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Pastoral Plan. The following parishioners have been invited to participate in the discernment process leading to the renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council. These will collaborate with the incumbent Pastoral Councillors in developing a new Parish Pastoral Plan for 2021-2023. Please keep this process in your payers.
Mick Lowe, Nola Beatty, Miranda Vidovic, Tony DCosta, Judith Baroman, Pat Jobes, Peter O’Kelly, Maria Devine, Saskia Ebejer, Jenny Rzepa

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT
From 1st October 2020 there will only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.
If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:
Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786
Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name
Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank
If you currently have a direct debit to the Central Presbytery Fund a suggestion is that it be cancelled and combined into the St Bernard’s Operating Account in order to facilitate the continuity of funds. Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

Remembering the Sick:
John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Vince Burns, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O’Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries:
Domenico Cristallo, Olga Drinan, Kevin Rourke, Alice Stewart, Gregory Chatfield, Ann Smith, John Bradley, Vincenzo Biondo, Donald Walker, Ray Goodridge, Brian Jose
We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:
Maureen Kinross, Nora Trompp, Peter Varkulevicius, Ian McAdam, Jan Schor, Pio Liberale, Amelia Davis, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey, Dennis Mayer, Evert Ordeman, Regina Mass, Kathleen Brown, Mato Katic, Hilda Muldoon, Barbara Simpson, Anacrita Villanueva Senci, Philip Lewis, Paul Bernasconi

Parish Coffee Club
You are invited for coffee and chat Thursdays after Mass.
VENUE: Corrigans Cove

Eurobodalla Tea & Talk Sessions 11am—2 pm
All residents are invited to come down for a cup and chat. Bushfire support services will be available
*Malua Bay Surf Club Tues 10th November
* Mogo Mall Tues 17th November
*Nelligen Foreshore Tues 24th November

HOLY SOULS
There will be Mass on Monday for the Holy Souls at 9am



Feasts of the Week November
3—St Martin de Porres
4—St Charles Borromeo

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