



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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All Saints Day Year A - 1st November 2020

November

IN REMEMBRANCE

We are coming very near the end of the Church liturgical year. November is the month of remembrance. How appropriate, then, that the Catholic Church offers us the month of November, which begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day. The Solemnity of All Saints this weekend reminds us of who we are and what a bright future can be ours. As we celebrate today all the saints, both those canonized and those who are unofficial, we are joyful that they have reached the goal of life, heaven. They remind us to keep our sights fixed high, to remember who we are and the glorious eternity that God offers us.

All Saints Day is also intended to honour the memory of countless unknown and uncanonised saints who have no feast days and be inspired by the faithful who have gone before us. Today we thank God for giving ordinary men and women a share in His holiness and Heavenly glory as a reward for their Faith. This feast is observed to teach us to honour the saints, both by imitating their lives and by seeking their intercession for us before Christ, the only mediator between God and human. The feast gives us an opportunity to thank God for having invited so many of our ancestors to join the company of the saints. May our reflection on the heroic lives of the saints and the imitation of their lifestyle enable us to hear from our Lord the words of grand welcome to eternal bliss: "Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter into the joys of your master" (Mt 25:21). Today is also a day for us to pray to the saints, both the canonized and the uncanonised, asking them to pray on our behalf that we may live our lives in faithfulness like theirs, and so receive the same reward.

During November we pray for all of our loved ones and friends who have died. We hope and pray that all those near and dear to us who have departed are already or will be numbered among the saints and so we pray for them especially during this month. **You are also invited to record the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance at the front of the Church. The Memorial Book with all the names will be placed on the front of the altar the whole month of November so that we can pray for everyone whose name is contained in the Book. There are also November mass envelopes provided on the back table if you wish to have a Mass celebrated for your loved ones and friends who have died.**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

First Reading: Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14 – I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

Psalm Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to you I lift my soul.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Second Reading: John 3:1-3 – We shall see God as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

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



Gospel: Matt 5:1-12– Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

**Life is like a sea
We are moving
without end.
Nothing stays
with us
What remains is
just the memories
of some people
Who touched us
as waves.**

Next week's Readings

First: Wis 6:12-16

Second: 1 Thess 4:13-18

Gospel: Matt 25:1-13

Roster 7 th & 8 th November	6:15pm	Readers	8:00am	Music	6:15pm	8:00am
	(1st) John E (2nd) Therese E (POF) Therese E		(1st) Jane W (2nd) Loretta M (POF) Loretta M	Gp 3	Gp 2	
				Powerpoint		
				6:15pm Alan B	8:00am Chris M	

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am (limited to 80 people)

Reconciliation: By appointment only

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Parish Council Members: Chris Mahoney, Therese Evans, Cathy McGrath, Lorraine Kumar, John Spillane

A VOCATION VIEW:

"Credibility" becomes a household word, not because there is so much of it, but because there is such a lack of it. The Church also needs people who not only practice what they preach, but can also preach what they practice

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, yClara Elms, Jasmine Webb, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Peter Goodbun, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Kevin Kranz, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Sam Catavitello, Catharina Mollee, Gloria Thorley.

Anniversaries & Remembrances November: Joan Brown, Michele Battel, Fiore Santarossa, Kathleen Wellington, Richard Wellington, Mona Irving, Anita Shellard, Paul Hayes, Catherine Moore, Michael Peterson, Brian Mullan, Damian Graves, Freda Graves, Ralph White, Anthony Lock, Greg Lawler, David Lopez, Clarence Wilcox, Doreen Heift, Frank Webb, Bill Maclean, Danuta Plantos, Georgina Fleming, Gordon Fleming, Geraldene Barry, Danuta Kupidura, Bill Conway, Emilia Battel, Marian Dodunski, Linda Pasqualini, Arthur Irving, Denise Irving, Raymond Vagg, Anthony Chivers, Steven Brigg, Phillip Phillips, Joseph Camilleri, Alex Parlato, Alice Harmey, Vincenza Sciacca, Felix Aguiar, Irene Rynne, Veronica Brown, Franseco Santarossa, Peter McGleenon, Amanda Bell, Jane Swann, William Groeger, Edward Briggs, Margaret Duncan, Tom Gall, Bruce Molloy, Mary Boyd, Hugh Kearney, Kevin Gilhooley, Nono Antonio, Rosmer Cartagena, Celena McGovern, Tarcisio Ragagnin, Dave Smith, Rita Fantov, John Richardson, Ian Raumer, Marie Steele, Bill and Martha Kluck, Anastacia Wieland, departed family and friends of Tess Zwolak.

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

Mass Celebrations Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system please call the parish office to register.

Saturdays at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

Sundays at 8:00am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126>

People who attend will need to adhere to the following guidelines:-

You must NOT have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or have a fever or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath

When you arrive at Mass you must

- maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between people and refrain from handshaking and hugging
- clean your hands with the alcohol-based hand rub provided when you enter and leave the Church.
- Follow instructions given by the designated Marshal at the entrance to the Church
- Sit with at least 3 vacant chairs between non-family members (family groups may sit next to each other)

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation adhering to the restrictions currently in place to keep our parishioners safe and keep our Church open.

All Souls Day Mass will be celebrated on **Monday 2nd November at 9:30am. Bookings essential** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-souls-day-mass-tickets-126364865715>

Month of Remembering November is the month in which we commemorate those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. During November, the Book of Life will be placed in the Church. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the book. You will also find November Mass Offering envelopes to complete if you would like a commemoration Mass to be celebrated. Completed envelopes with offerings can be placed on the collection plates or returned to the Parish Office.

Parish Diary:

Monday 2nd November

*The Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed*

9:30am Mass

1:00pm Rosary Group and Prayer

Tuesday 3rd November

Wednesday 4th November

St Charles Borromeo

7:30am HeartFIT

11:00am Rosary Group and Prayer

Thursday 5th November

6:00pm Mass

6:30pm Parish Council
Meeting

Friday 6th November

9:30am Mass

Saturday 7th November

4:00pm 1st Communion Group 1

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 8th November

All Saints

8:00am Mass

10:00am 1st Communion Group 2

10:00am Golf at Howeston

**Bookings for
Weekend Masses are
essential**

ALL SAINTS DAY

First Reading: A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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 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.'

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St John

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.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.'