

All Saints Day

Sunday 1 November 2020



Readings for
this week:

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12



Readings for next
Sunday

Wisdom 6: 12 – 16
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13



Liturgical Jottings

The Entrance Antiphon

“When the people are gathered, and as the Priest enters with the ministers, the Entrance Chant (or Antiphon or another approved hymn) begins. Its purpose is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and the ministers. GIRM 47.

The Entrance Antiphon for the Second Mass for All Souls Day (2 Nov) is:

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.” 4 Esdras 2:34-35

Interestingly the text comes from an apocryphal book of the bible, 4 Esdras, which Pope Clement VIII (d. 1605) placed in an appendix to the Vulgate Bible lest the book be lost entirely. Only a few recent English translations include the book in the appendix.

Looking at the Readings

The Book of the Apocalypse or Revelation poses a dilemma for the reader. Do John’s visions refer to the present or the future or the end of time? His visions also appear on earth, in the sky, in the heavens and in the Heaven of eternal life and sometimes the sites are interchangeable. We have scholars, artists and homilists to help interpret texts and inspire us to live here and now and for eternity.

The vision in the first reading expresses a great number of people who are called by God but then more, countless numbers, are gathered in the presence of the victorious Christ. The brother artists, Hubert and Jan Van Eyck, painted the 15th-century polyptych altarpiece in St Bavo's Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium illustrating this very text. The text and Polyptych certainly inspire wonder, awe and inspiration for us today. We may hear the loud voices singing out: “Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.” (Rev 7:12)

The Gospel, dare I use the word, gives us a “roadmap” to walk in the way of Christ and the saints. Again we can proclaim: “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven” to all our saints, unnamed and unknown who have gone before us and for us who hope to follow.

The Feast of All Saints

The martyrs were the first to be revered as saints for they suffered, died for their heroic witness to Christ and so brought into eternal life. Their names were listed in the “Martyrologies” the earliest from the sixth century, though the feast of All Saints was first celebrated in the fifth century and included non-martyrs and unnamed saints. Pope Gregory the Great (590-604) transferred the feast from the first Sunday after Pentecost to the first of November. We have known people who have shown sanctity through humility, charity, authenticity, heroic witness. We honour them as saints on this day. “[We rejoice] in the glory bestowed upon those exalted members of the Church through whom you, [Lord], give us, in our frailty, both strength and good example.” *Preface of All Saints, Roman Missal*

Quote of the week

Let us love those who love us, hasten to those who await us, and with our prayers come into the presence of those looking for us. *St Bernard of Clairvaux (d.1153) Homily 2 All Saints Day*

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	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Rosina Ciavarella
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Carmela Lagozzino
	Our sick and their carers	Teresa Muto

ALL SAINTS' DAY NOVEMBER 1ST

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints. During the year the Church celebrates one by one the feasts of the saints. Today she joins them all in one festival. In addition to those whose names she knows, she recalls in a magnificent vision all the others "of all nations and tribes standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands, proclaiming Him who redeemed them in His Blood."

The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptised, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them.

Envelopes for Masses for the Holy Souls for November are available please ask Trish or Mary for an envelope.

"It is holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." 11 Machabees 12:46

Next Weekend Mass Services

Fr John Paul will be celebrating Mass on Saturday 6:00 pm and Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am. For bookings call Mary on 0484 332 397.

It is essential that you book in with Mary by Wednesday each week. If you have not booked in unfortunately you not be able to attend.

Please be understanding that at this time, you can only attend one Mass service, unfortunately at this stage you cannot attend every week, as we have many people who would like to come to Mass.

ALL SOULS DAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Italian Rosary at the Cemetery

10:00am. Please bring a chair.

Cemetery Mass

This year our Cemetery Mass will be held on **Saturday, 21st November at 9.00 am** at the Tatura Cemetery. Please bring a chair.

Mass Times – 7/8 November

Saturday 7th November – 6:00 pm

Sunday 8th November – 9:30 am

Bookings are essential - please call Mary on 0484 332 397 to reserve your place

Discerning the way to the Plenary Council

Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal

During November the Diocese will be reflecting on the first of six thematic papers for the Plenary Council, "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?" We invite everyone to pray and reflect on this theme and what it means for our Parishes, our Diocese and the Church in Australia.

The People of Sandhurst are invited to take part in an online reflection session using Zoom at 7:30pm on Wednesday 18th November. This online reflection will allow those attending to participate in some prayerful communal discernment around the thematic question of the month. For further information and to Register for the Zoom link, please email plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

For more Plenary Council information see: sandhurst.catholic.org.au/plenary-council. Updates and further resources for the theme will be posted regularly on the Plenary Council Sandhurst Facebook Page.

The St. Vincent de Paul Assist A Student program.

Assisting the very poor overseas students receive an education, the AAS program is valued and has real impact. Money donated is used to assist very poor students in countries to our north to attend school, who may otherwise without the assistance, not be able to afford to attend.

Any administrative costs are met by the Australian St Vincent de Paul Society. It is aimed at breaking the poverty cycle the student finds himself/herself in, and it encapsulates the Vincentian message of "a hand up, not a hand out".

If you are interested in receiving any further information, please contact Paul McCarthy on 0432 585 580.

Knox Public Lecture 2020 – Safe Church

Sheree Limbrick will conduct the Knox Public Lecture 2020 on Safe Church: Commitment, awareness & action for cultural change

In May 2019 Catholic Professional Standards Ltd (CPSL) published the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. More than 20 church entities have been audited to date to assess the extent to which they are implementing necessary safeguards for children, with audits revealing a strong commitment and dedicated action to create child safe environments.

Since late 2019, CPSL has been working to expand the Standards to include protections for adults engaging with Church ministry. This lecture will explore some of the trends and findings emerging from CPSL's audit work, as well as the directions of the groundbreaking framework for the safeguarding of adults.

Date: Thursday 5 November - Time: 7pm - 8.30pm
Format: online

Booking: Visit our website to book: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture

For Sale

From Diagnosis to OAM Autism Webinar – A Personal Autism Journey (Saturday 14 November)

A presentation on Autism from the lived self-advocate and parent perspective by Daniel Giles OAM (St Therese's Kennington parishioner, Order of Australia Medal recipient, Autistic self-advocate) and Daryl Giles ('Daniel's Dad') will be presenting an online webinar on Daniel's Autism journey. With discussion on Daniel's journey from childhood, his school journey and his journey to independent adulthood and approaches that have helped Daniel to lead a fulfilling life.

Date and time - Saturday 14 November (10am-12pm, plus question time)

Ticket prices (including 50c Trybooking fee):
Professional = \$40.50 (includes certificate for professional development purposes)

Individuals on the Autism Spectrum, family members and other = \$20.50

Link to purchase tickets:

www.trybooking.com/BMFXS

Webinar presented on Zoom. Zoom details provided 24 hours before webinar.

Enquiries: admin@speakinginsights.com.au

Professional tickets include a PD certificate, details for VIT Maintenance as follows:

VIT MAINTENANCE - Victorian Teachers can claim 2.5 hours of Professional Development. Australian Professional Standard for Teachers at the level of Proficient Teacher 6.4.2.

Are you a member of CWL or would like to join CWL?

Catholic Women's League membership is due by 30 November.

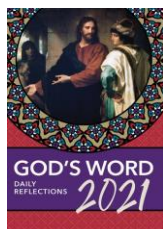
Membership is \$35 or

Membership plus the Horizon Magazine including postage is \$75 or

If you would only like the Horizon Magazine \$45

The membership fee includes your affiliation to Catholic Women's League Australia and members are entitled to discounted accommodation at Mary Glowrey House.

For more information contact Trish Warnett on 0410 094 323



We have the following items for Sale, please see Trish or Mary to make a purchase

Christmas Cards \$10

2021 Columbian Calendars \$9

God's Word 2021 \$19.95

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.

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Reflections on the Gospel

THE BEATITUDES

The gospel of the Beatitudes is often read at funerals and weddings. In its own way, it sounds comforting and indeed it is. However, it is also very challenging—which suggests that 'Blessed' is a better rendering of the opening word in each case than 'Happy'.

Jesus is instructing his disciples concerning the kind of people they must be, not just for themselves but for the benefit of the mass of afflicted people down below the mountain, who he has just healed.

To this end, the beatitudes describe ways of living that mean putting oneself in a vulnerable situation quite contrary to the values of the world. To be 'poor in spirit,' rather than proud and dominant; to feel compassion ('mourn') because other people suffer; to have a passionate commitment ('thirst') for justice; to exercise 'mercy' rather than taking advantage of those in an inferior position; to actively promote reconciliation (as 'peacemakers'); and so forth: all these things make one vulnerable here and now, entailing much loss.

But in light of the hope for the kingdom of God, whose values the Beatitudes enshrine, disciples who adopt this way of life are already 'blessed'. Their future happiness is in the hands of an ever-faithful God.

Moreover, living in this way means that they can be 'salt' and 'light' for the world, especially for the afflicted. It is those who are prepared to live in the vulnerable way commended by Jesus who make the world a hospitable home for all humanity. This is the legacy of the 'saints' who have gone before us.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

THE SAVING WORD

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FIRST READING

Apoc 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.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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

1. 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. **R.**



2. 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. **R.**

3. 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.**

SECOND READING

Jn 3: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of 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.

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