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All Saints Day ~ Year A

Sunday 1 November 2026



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

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



Liturgical Jottings

The Martyrology

A martyrology is a catalogue or list of martyrs and other saints and beati arranged in the calendar order of their anniversaries or feasts. Originally only local martyrologies existed and by the fifth century universal lists were created. Pope Gregory XIII gave the *Roman martyrology* (third edition) official status for the whole Church in 1586. It was substantially revised after the Second Vatican Council and issued in 2004. A new draft in English (22 April 2022) awaits final publication.

This church liturgical book contains names, dates and a short biography of each saint or blessed canonised by the church as well as several Old Testament "saints" like Abraham and Sarah, Elijah, Simeon and Anna. An enduring custom is to read aloud the entries for the coming day after the evening meal in monasteries.

The Solemnity of All saints celebrate the saints not in the martyrology. They are the Christians who have died and now enjoy eternal life with God and the host of angels and saints.

Looking at the Readings

The Lectionary for this feast has only one set of readings for the three year cycle. The first reading with all its drama provides a comforting image of heaven, and the people there. First their number is incalculable – too many beyond counting. Secondly they are washed clean by persecution and/or baptism and thirdly they are happy and rejoicing and praising and thanking God. St John reminds us we are saved and loved by God, we are called children of God and are saints of God.

The well-known Sermon on the Mount begins with the Beatitudes. We are blessed and happy by what God does for us and what we are by a way of life living out the Gospel values. "The Beatitudes are an urgent exhortation to possess those necessary qualities for sharing on the salvation offered by the gospel" J Dupont, the Message of the Beatitudes.

The Solemnity of All Saints

This Feast was first celebrated in the fifth century in Antioch and Edessa and reached Rome and assigned to the First of November by Pope Gregory the Great (590-604). It is celebrated on a Sunday about every seven years so this year 2026, previous times in 2015 and 2020 and next time 2037 due to leap year disruptions.

Sunday ClipArt

The image for this week depicts Saints in washed white robes carrying palms before God in heaven (Rev 7:9)

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Prayer for the Day

All-holy God, you call your people to holiness.

As we keep the festival of your saints,
give us their meekness and poverty of spirit,
a thirst for righteousness, and purity of heart.

May we share with them the richness of your kingdom
and be clothed in the glory you bestow.

Quotes for the Week

Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you. *Saint Augustine*

All saints have past and all sinners have a future. *Anton Chekhov*

On the Lighter Side

I asked some primary students what is needed to be a saint. They replied: You must be very holy; you must be really sorry for your sins and finally: you must be dead!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Kaye Hodgson, Michael Ianacone, Barbara Cameron, Shane Boyd, Pat Commons, Julie Kleinert, Noreen Gallardo, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

(Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)

ROSTERS

Saturday 7 November at 5pm

Commentator – S Carroll

Lector – **Help Required**

Special Minister – L Cosgriff

Sunday 8 November 8.30am

Commentator – P Jenner

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – M Elliott

Sunday 15 November 8.30am

Commentator – C Cabarabran

Lector – C Goode

Special Minister – J Stockdale

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 925.50

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

PARISH DETAILS

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Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm & Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

There is still time for you to return your Priest Retirement Collection and Mission Sunday envelopes. Thank you to those who have already returned their envelopes and donated. Please return to the collection plate or drop in mail drop at the office.

PARISH CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

We are recruiting cast members (Ages 3+) and adult helpers for our upcoming Nativity Play! The performance will take place **after Mass on Saturday, 12th December** as part of our Children's Christmas celebration.

- **Required Rehearsals:** Sunday, 29th November & Sunday, 6th December directly following Mass.
- **Adults:** We are seeking adult volunteers to help behind the scenes with costumes, props, and stage management.

Please sign up at the back of the church before **1st November** so roles can be assigned. For more information contact Andrew or Erin Zobec.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual memorial service to remember loved ones will be held on Wednesday 11th November 7pm. All Welcome.

ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS

The Annual Cemetery Mass will be held on Saturday 14th November at 9am. Please bring a chair and hat.

TOLLE LEGE (SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP)

You are warmly invited to participate in a scripture discussion group which will be held monthly after 8.30am Mass. Next meeting will be on **Sunday 8th November**. Please see Mary or Annette for further information.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 1st November - 8.30am Mass

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Weekly Masses

Tue 3rd November - No Mass Public Holiday

Thu 5th November - 10am Anointing Mass

Sat 7th November - 6pm Mass

Sun 8th November - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 10th November - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 12th November - 9.15 Community Liturgy

Year 5-8

Sun 15th November - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 17th November - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 19th November - 9.15am Graduation Mass St Augustine's

Sat 21st November - 6pm Mass

Sun 22nd November - 8.30am Mass

NO TONGALA MASS

There will be no Mass at Tongala for November or December due to Fr Novi being unavailable.

ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is the spiritual practice of spending time in the presence of the exposed consecrated Host. Through this practice, we are invited to spend time alone with God in his real, physical form and to bring to Jesus all our cares, concerns, prayers, hopes and thoughts. Adoration will be held the **2nd Saturday** of the month from 5-6pm, Next adoration will be **7 November**. Please consider spending some quiet time in the presence of Jesus.

ANOINTING MASS

The next anointing mass will be held on Thursday 5th November at 10am, followed by a cuppa.

ITALIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

This year's Italian Remembrance Day Service at the Italian Chapel and Memorial, located within the Murchison cemetery, will be held on **Sunday 8 November 2026**, commencing at 11.30am. It will be followed by Mass at 12 noon. After the service you can gather in the Murchison Community Centre or the park near the river for a BYO picnic. Please come along and support this unique event. Attendees are advised to bring a chair, and lunch if you will remain for the picnic.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. This year All Souls Day falls on Monday 2nd November. **Mass offerings envelopes** for our deceased are available at both doors.

How do we help the "holy souls"? The Catechism of the Catholic Church recommends prayer for the dead in conjunction with the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice and also encourages "almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead" (CCC #1032).

Let us not forget to pray for our dear departed, have Masses offered for them, visit their graves, and make daily sacrifices for them. God can foresee and apply the merits of our prayers, penances and works of charity, done even years after their death, for our departed dear ones, in favour of our deceased dear ones, at the moment of their deaths. Please note Rosary will be recited at 5pm on Monday 2nd November in the church. All welcome!

MONTHLY EVENTS

- 1st Tuesday - Men's Group 6pm - Presbytery**
- 1st Thursday - Anointing Mass 10am**
- 1st Saturday - Monthly working bee 9.30am (church cleaning)**
- 2nd Wednesday - Ladies Cuppa and Chat 2pm - Fauna Park Cafe**
- 2nd Saturday - Adoration 4pm**
- 3rd Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 5.30pm - Presbytery**

Please note these dates and times are subject to change, please check bulletin for updates, times and venues.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child safety officers Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 or Annete Ryan 0408 502 858.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

The Most Blessed Sacrament is Christ made visible. The poor sick person is Christ again made visible.
- Saint Gerard Majella

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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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Breaking Open the Word

BLESSED ARE YOU

Today's Feast of All Saints beautifully recognises our communion with all who have died and gone before us in faith. As we gather around the Eucharist, and as the Presider gives thanks to God over the bread and wine, we remember those whose lives continue to touch and shape us. They remain part of the Communion of Saints, a rich and enduring tradition in Catholic theology.

The Gospel presents Jesus' familiar teaching on the Beatitudes, highlighting the source of their holiness—and ours. The Beatitudes recognise people who struggle with the realities of life and, rather than relying solely on themselves, look beyond their circumstances trusting God's action. The Beatitudes address those who are poor in spirit, whose lives are not controlled by what they possess; the gentle, who choose compassion rather than aggression; those who mourn and grieve the sadness and tragedy of life; those who hunger and thirst for justice amid injustice; those who are 'pure of heart', living with authenticity and integrity; those who seek to build communion and peace; and those who endure persecution because of their faith and discipleship. Matthew's account adds a final, ninth Beatitude, reflecting the experience of Jesus' followers in Matthew's day who were themselves facing persecution.

One final distinction is important. Some translations begin each Beatitude with 'happy', but the more faithful translation is 'blessed'. Happiness is something we seek and experience, but it can come and go. Blessedness is different. It is God's gift and action within us, whether we are feeling happy or not, orienting our lives towards holiness. And that is lasting.

Fr Michael Trainor

ALL SAINTS / A

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

1 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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