

All Saints Day 31st October - 1st November 2020

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

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. see v.6

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

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-3

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

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: Matthew 5:1-12

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

**To become a saint it is above all necessary
to listen to Jesus and then to follow him and
not lose heart in the face of difficulties.**

(Pope Benedict XVI)



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Called to be Holy

When we think about holiness, many of us tend to think that only extraordinary people are holy people. Perhaps that's a way of defending against the idea that God is asking us to be holy too. Or we think that holy people are those special ones in monasteries and convents, gliding silently around in cloistered gardens while reciting their prayer books, with little birds fluttering around St. Francis of Assisi and the like. That however, is not the way God sees it. The Book of Revelations tells us that a large number, innumerable, all of them clothed in white robes manifesting sanctity and victory. The Church teaches us that God's call for holiness is universal. Everyone is called to live in God's love and make His love real in the lives of those around them. Holiness isn't something that is distant and far removed from us. On the contrary, it is near and close at hand.

Holiness isn't some strange way of living. However remarkable Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta's life was, she continued to live in the crowded streets among the poorest people of Calcutta. Holiness means living whole live in integrity and truth while being close with God. In the words of the Gospel the 'blessed' are those spiritually detached from goods and possessions, the merciful, just and pure of heart, the peace makers, the humble and God-like persons. They suffered for Christ and offered their life to him.

Today's feast is first of all an occasion for great thanksgiving. Ultimately, it is our feast since all of us are called to be saints. It is altogether reasonable to think that many of our family, relatives and friends who have gone before us are being celebrated today. We will be with our parents, our grandparents, as well as those members of our families who sacrificed their own comfort and resources in order that we might have our Catholic Faith. They are the nuns and teachers who taught us about Jesus Christ, about the Sacraments and the life of God we receive in Mass and Holy Communion. They are our friends who supported us in our choices to do what is decent, what is good, what is pure, and what is noble and best. They are priests who inspired us, prayed for us, and prayed with us. They are people who lived down the street and dropped everything to come and help us, and to care for us when we were sick, or when we were in trouble. May God be glorified in his saints!

Fr Eugene Lobo, SJ

Office Hours:
Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

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Parish Mass Schedule

Zoom Live Stream Masses

Monday – Friday at 9.10 am

Sunday at 10.30 am

Please call Fr Jan for
Zoom ID on: 0400469540

**For the Sacred
Heart Mass
Schedule please
see next page**



**Melbourne Catholic Schools' Approach
Looks to the Future**

The establishment of a not-for-profit company to oversee Melbourne's 335 Catholic schools, responds to the needs of the future. The decision by Archbishop Peter Comensoli to restructure the management of Melbourne's Catholic schools is in line with the direction of other Catholic dioceses and state bodies across the country.

Over 200 years, Catholic schools have been established and grown through the leadership and hard work of parishes and religious congregations which has made an enormous contribution to education in Australia.

As the largest Catholic school system in Australia, and with changes to the governance, funding and educational requirements around schools over the years, it makes good sense for Melbourne to coordinate the oversight and leadership of their schools under a contemporary management structure.

Sacred Heart Mass Times

Saturday 31st October: 6 pm

Sunday 1st November: 10.30 am and 6 pm

Monday 2nd November: 9.10 am and 6 pm

Saturday 7th November: 6 pm

Sunday 8th November: 10.30 am and 6 pm

Other weekdays: 9.10 am

Since only 10 people are permitted to attend Mass, registration is compulsory by calling Fr Jan on 0400469540 or Fr Aloysius on 0428715282

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

**Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus,
your beloved Son.**

**We remember how he opened his heart in love
to all people.**

**Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue
to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Online Masses

St. Patrick's Cathedral - Live Streaming at:

<https://melbourncatholic.org.au/Mass>

Monday- Friday: 1pm, Saturday: 8am, Sunday: 11am

TV Masses

Channel 44 (31):

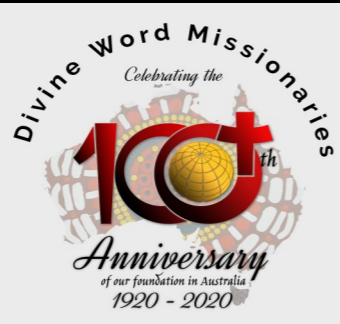
Live telecast from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday at 11am

Channel 10:

Mass for you at home, Sunday at 6am.

RAI:

Italian Mass from the Vatican, Sunday at 8:30am



**100 Years of SVD
in Australia**

The presence of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) in Australia started as a transit to support the SVD mission in Papua New Guinea. It was only about 20 years later, in 1920 that a plot of land

was bought in Epping, Sydney, and a house was constructed. From this humble and difficult beginning, the SVD Australian Province has grown and developed from a membership of 2, to over a hundred today. While we started as an outreach from PNG, we now have strong bonds of cooperation with many countries in Asia. We are truly an intercultural community promoting the: Formation of young men for Priesthood and Brotherhood, ministering to various ethnic chaplaincies, assisting in remote Parishes in Australia, Bible Apostolates in Myanmar, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand, parish work in Australia, Thailand and New Zealand, ministering to Aboriginal communities in Alice Springs, Santa Teresa, Palm Island and Townsville, and last, but not least, to promote Interfaith Dialogue at our Janssen Spirituality Centre in Boronia, Victoria.

Farewell to Deacon Yosef

Deacon Yosef Mesa, SVD, has been at Sacred Heart Parish since June this year for his diaconal ministry. Because of the lockdown not many parishioners had the opportunity to meet him personally. Yosef will return this week to the SVD College in Box Hill to prepare for his priestly ordination on the 29th of November, 2020.

We thank Yosef for being with us, for his pastoral work in our parish in whatever way has been possible under the lockdown restrictions. We thank him for his maintenance and Presbytery renovation work, for his prayers, company and support. After ordination Yosef will return to Indonesia to celebrate with his family and friends before proceeding to his mission in Ghana. Let us accompany him with our prayers at this grace filled time in his life.

Lord Jesus Christ, watch over your missionaries – priests, religious, and lay people – who leave everything to give testimony to your word and your love.

In difficult moments, sustain their energies, comfort their hearts, and crown their work with spiritual achievements.

Let the adorable image of you crucified on the Cross, which accompanies them throughout life, speak to them of heroism, generosity, love and peace. Amen

Collections

1st Collection: \$426.00

2nd Collection: \$166.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Finding Christ in a COVID Christmas

Offered over four weeks, these Advent formation sessions are looking to bring the season to life in their local communities in this time of uncertainty with COVID restrictions. In the first two weeks, guest speaker Ria Greene will offer an overview of the Gospel of Mark (Year B of the liturgical cycle) and the Advent readings. In the third week, musician and liturgist Fiona Dyball will explore developing a suitable seasonal repertoire as we begin to celebrate a new liturgical year; then in the final week, Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal will explore the practical implications for parish services in the current COVID-19 climate.

SESSION TIMES

Session 1: Tuesday 20th October 2020, 7.30pm-9.00pm
'Gospel of Mark'

Session 2: Tuesday 27th October 2020, 7.30pm-9.00pm
'Sundays of Advent'

Session 3: Wednesday 4th Nov 2020, 7.30pm-9.00pm
'Musical repertoire'

Session 4: Tuesday 10th Nov 2020, 7.30pm-9.00pm
'Practical tips for parishes to navigate the Advent/Christmas journey'

LOCATION: Zoom - Link sent upon registration

For Bookings at Trybooking: <https://bit.ly/3kAHqNf>

Communion of Saints

We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the saints in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always [attentive] to our prayers.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 962)



Celebrating Children's Week 2020

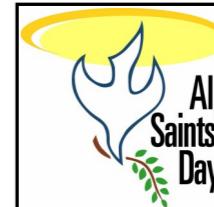
Children's Week is a national celebration that recognises children and their rights. 'During this Children's Week, our focus is on encouraging the rights of children', says Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, 'their right to feel safe and to be listened to, to grow in their faith and their right to contribute to our communities. Here in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, we are committed to creating a culture of safety and care for all children and adults, and we know that our communities will only flourish when everyone is enabled to flourish.'

WE PRAY FOR:
The elderly and the sick
*Dhea Abenir, Anthony, Lopisoni Amato,
Peter Bourke, Pasquale Curcio,
Anthony Joseph, Ray Mc Veigh
& Bronislawa Slobodzian*



Those who have died recently
John Y. Moore

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.



**Feasts of Remembrance
All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day**

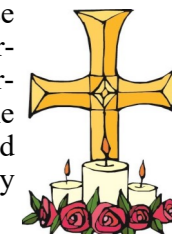
November 1 is marked annually in the Catholic liturgical calendar as a day to remember and venerate saints from around the world and throughout history– not only those known and canonised, but also all unknown as well.

In the 4th century, All Saints' Day traditions served to honour the great number of individuals martyred for their faith during the persecutions in the late Roman Empire. It was during the 8th century that Pope Gregory III declared that all saints be remembered on November 1.

All Saints' Day is an opportune time to consider the example saints offer us today and to reflect on how we can imitate their holiness. As Pope Benedict XVI remarked in 2011, All Saints' Day calls us "to see the Church... as Christ wanted it, that is, as the communion of saints".

All Souls' Day follows All Saints' Day on November 2, when Catholics remember, pray and offer Mass for the souls in Purgatory, that they may be purified and attain the perfect salvation in heaven.

If anyone wishes to offer Mass, please write down the name/s of the deceased person/s and drop it in the Presbytery letter-box together with your offering before the 2nd of November. Masses for the deceased will be celebrated every day from Monday 2nd to Sunday 8th November.



Prayer for the Deceased

God our Father,
Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.

I pray in hope for my family,
relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ,
Who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.