



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38

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ALL SAINTS DAY

1 NOVEMBER 2020

All Saints



How many Australian saints are there? You may be thinking of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop as the only one. She is not the only one; there are many more Aussie saints. Till her canonisation in 2010 Mary Mackillop also was not known as a saint. Does that mean she became a saint only ten years ago? No. She lived an exemplary Christian life. Therefore, she was a saint always, even before her death. The Church, by canonising Mary Mackillop, has added her name to the official list of saintly people for others to learn how to make their life flourish through of faith. I can think of a lot of people who have led faith-filled and inspirational lives, but not canonised. Now that they are gone for their eternal reward, I consider them also saints in heaven. On the Solemnity of All Saints we are thanking God for the fellowship of all the saints, including those who are not in the official list of the Church.

How can you make your life as exemplary Christian? What are the characteristics of a saint? The passage in the Gospel of Matthew, commonly known as *The Beatitudes* (Matthew 5:1-12), lists the attitudes of an ideal disciple of Christ. These gospel words teach us how to flourish in the Kingdom of God.

Saintly life starts with an aspiration for God. If you are poor in spirit, you know how much you need God in your life. Saints are gentle and they won't be emotionally out of control. In fact they feel for others and mourn for misfortunes of others. A saint cannot be a passive person. A disciple of Christ would be thirsting and hungry for some cause and find fulfilment in standing up for it. That is what Jesus meant when he said, happy are those who hunger and thirst for the kingdom of heaven. Mary MacKillop was passionate about educating the poor children and providing them a Catholic upbringing. Saints can be identified in their response to the adversities in their life. Leila Abdallah, said about the drunken driver who killed her children in a car crash, "I do not hate him. That is not what we are. I forgive him." As a disciple of Christ she knew that vengeance does not help her flourish in life. Not vengeance but mercy helps you to flourish in the kingdom of heaven. Those who grow in the Kingdom of Heaven are pure in heart. They are people of integrity whose actions correspond the faith they profess. Saints are peacemakers. Their hearts are set on a mission, ministry and purpose for which they are prepared to endure persecutions. We see these attitudes in many people. They are already saints though they have not finished their pilgrimage on earth. You too can flourish in your life by adopting these attitudes. Therefore, flourish in your life and help others flourish their lives.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Sr Tomsy, Graham Turner, Sr Salve Stuart, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Rosario Poli, Doreen Stanmore, Tony Draybi, Ann Bechiom, Lourdes Zabala, Graza

Recently Deceased: Albert Chow Chee Nam, Salesi Toutai, Tony Mortillero

Anniversary: Colin Baudille, Marcelo Amores, Sandy Amores, Althea Figueras, Edgardo Paat, Aleksander Jarczewski, Mary and Joseph Mamo

Deceased Members and Friends of: O'Dwyer & Erwin Families, Ross & Mitchell Families, Amores, Domingo & Florendo Families

Other Intentions: For all those affected by the Corona Virus. Holy Souls in Purgatory. For the intention of the Holy Father.



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ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

First Reading

Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

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.'

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. **R**

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**

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

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 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

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.'

Communion Antiphon

Mt 5:8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: Wis 6:12-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18

Gospel: Mt 25:1-13

REFLECTIONS ON MATTHEW 5:1-12

Scriptural context – Kingdom Attitudes

Unlike the Ten Commandments, which describe the rules for life on earth for the ancient Jews, the Beatitudes describe the character or attitudes of people of the Kingdom of God. Like the many Kingdom parables that appear later in this gospel (esp. chapter 13), the Beatitudes present an image of what the Kingdom is like without an explicit explanation of the Kingdom. By praising and honouring the attitudes of the Kingdom, Jesus paints a picture of what life could be and should be like if we choose to live in the Kingdom of God.

Living the Gospel – Calling on the Saints

Saints play an important role in the devotional life of many Catholic people, but it is a role that causes some confusion for other traditions. Whilst all prayer is directed to God, sometimes that prayer may be directed through one of the Saints or a Saint is called upon to pray on behalf of the petitioner. Images of people kneeling before statues of Saints has led to a misconception that Catholics pray to Saints, rather than to God through the Saint. The Litany of the Saints, with its 'Pray for us' response, calls on the Saints to intercede for us.

Have you thought? – Making Saints

Despite media reports that the Church, or the Pope, has 'made' a person a Saint, the Church is quite clear that what it does is recognise a person as a Saint, not make them a Saint. This is what happens through the process of canonisation; a person is 'formally recognised' as a Saint by the Church. We might say that it is God who makes Saints, not the Church. The Church formally recognises the saintliness of particular people partly to provide inspiration and example to others. The Church tells the stories of its Saints to keep alive their inspiration.

Let us make haste to our brethren who are awaiting us

From a sermon of St Bernard of Clairvaux

Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honours when their heavenly Father honours them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honour from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.

Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.

Come, brothers, let us at length spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory.

When we commemorate the saints we are inflamed with another yearning: that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in his glory. Until then we see him, not as he is, but as he became for our sake. He is our head, crowned, not with glory, but with the thorns of our sins. As members of that head, crowned with thorns, we should be ashamed to live in luxury; his purple robes are a mockery rather than an honour. When Christ comes again, his death shall no longer be proclaimed, and we shall know that we also have died, and that our life is hidden with him. The glorious head of the Church will appear and his glorified members will shine in splendour with him, when he forms this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, its head.

Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession.

ZOOM Bible Study

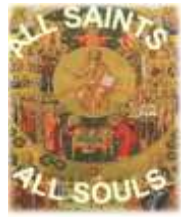
Topic: Jesus in Jerusalem: Gospel of Matthew

Time: 7pm-8pm on Tuesday, 3 November. To join send an email request to info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au and the link will be send to you.



FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

Monday 2 November - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)



The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed This day of commemoration began early in the Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities.

Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory "who have been buried in their human imperfection".

Wednesday, 4 November - St Charles Borromeo (Memorial)



He was born in Arona (Italy) in 1538. Died on this day in 1584 in Milan.

Only twenty-two when he was appointed cardinal, secretary of state, and given the administration of the diocese of Milan by his uncle, Pius IV. Prominent in the final sessions of the Council of Trent during 1562-1563 and, at its end, was ordained presbyter, then bishop and became archbishop of Milan. Known for implementing the Council's reforms in liturgy, education, presbyterial formation, and diocesan organisation. Remembered as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform and renewal.

WHAT'S NEW?

Moving Forward

It was a good news that now up to 300 worshippers are allowed into churches, subject to four square meter rule. Hopefully soon there will be more relaxation of COVID19 rules. In any case we need to take care to be safe, especially from the pandemic virus.

We usually have a Carols Singing evening before Christmas. I am asking the singing groups to get ready with Carols for Christmas this year. Should you have any suggestion for this year, let me know.

In November the second group of First Communicants will celebrate their reception of the Blessed Sacrament and Archbishop Anthony Fisher will be here to anoint the Confirmation candidates with Chrism.

I am also hoping to organise our annual Christmas Luncheon this year. I might need some extra help this year for it. Let me know who would like to volunteer.



Carols 2020 and Singing at Christmas Mass

Fr Thomas indicated that there will be Parish Carols this year, just as we used to have in previous years. It will be a few days before the Feast of the Nativity. The actual date is yet to be decided.

To join the Parish Choir and sing at the Carols as well as during the Christmas Mass, please contact Maureen Hynes on 9644 5818 or 0407 268 180 or email maureen.hynes@bigpond.com. She will be organising Choir practices in the coming weeks.

Just for Laughs

Two men were walking home after a Halloween party and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the cemetery they were startled by a tap-tap -tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones. "Holy cow, Mister," one of them said after catching his breath, "You scared us half to death -- we thought you were a ghost! What are you doing working here so late at night?" "Those fools!" the old man grumbled. "They misspelled my name!"



Planned Giving Request Form

Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions.

To join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au to obtain the Parish Census Form & Direct Debit Form (for those who are opting to donate automatically by credit card) so that your details can be added in our system.

Candle Light Mass for the Faithful Departed



November is a month to remember the faithful departed, especially, our dear ones who have gone for their eternal reward. On Monday 2 November, All Souls Day, there will be a Mass for all the faithful departed at 6.45AM.

On Friday, 27 November at 8PM there will be a candlelight Mass for all the deceased people parishioners would like to pray for. All the names of November Masses will be listed and prayed for at the Candlelight Mass. You

may purchase an electronic tealight candle with a special paper bag from the church store as a set for \$2. You will then need to write the names of your dearly departed loved ones and place the bags on the steps in front of the altar for the candle light mass.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

Deceased:

Byrne, Joan
Byrne, Vince
Chiu, Mark Man-Wah
Cicuto, Maria
Fiast, Nick
Hayes, Peggy
Heath, Jacqui
Ladner, Jan
Le Mottee, Noel
Le Mottee, Patricia
Lorence, Francis
Martin, Maria
Martin, Pablo
Michael, Jack
Michael, Joyce
Mitri, Hanne
Azzi
Mitri, Nemer
Mortillero, Antonio
Mortillero, Rufina
Mortillero, Simon
Murphy, Lil
Sanchez, Fely
Scanlan, Alphonso
Scanlan, Mary
Schwartz, Betty
Simon, Tony
Sinclair, Aileen
Starr, Jum
Starr, Reg

Steel, Renee
Thibault, Marie
Waddups, Leo
Wong, Churn Tai
Wong, Kiu Chun
Wong, Mary
Wong, Tung Hai
Zorilla, Aurita
Zrilic, Zivko

Deceased Members and Friends of Family:

Amores
Baldoria
Barcan
Domingo
Dubravica
Erwin
Florendo
Grasic
Lisica
Martin
Matask
McManus
Medved
Mitchell
Mitri
Mortillero
Moses
Mujic
O'Dwyer
Orlovic
Ross
Sostaric
Zorilla



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DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A BERALA CONFERENCE?

The Berala Conference is always looking for volunteers. Whether you would like to do home visits, social visits, help with fundraising, office duties or just join a team of people who are determined to make our community a better place for all - we would love you to join us! The time you contribute is up to you and the rewards are indescribable!

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CWF November Parish Appeal



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Your local charity

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held on **7 and 8 November 2020**. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney - including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others.

Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them. You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithhourworks.org/cwf

OTHER NOTICES

Bookkeeper – Part Time

We, seeking a qualified and experienced Bookkeeper to join its Lidcombe office on a part-time basis. Your role will include: Managing accounts payable/accounts receivable | Bank reconciliations | BAS preparation and lodgement | Payroll | Data entry and other ad hoc tasks as required. The ideal candidate must have minimum 4 years previous bookkeeping experience | MYOB experience is essential | Proficient with Microsoft Office programs | High attention to detail | File and document management | Perform ad hoc office administrative tasks as required. For enquiries, please contact Mona Goubbran on 02 9709 8702.

33 Day Consecration to St Joseph

Registrations are now open for the Sydney wide '33 Day Consecration to Saint Joseph' which will be used to prepare us locally for the 150th anniversary of St Joseph being proclaimed Patron and Protector of the Universal Church on 8 December 1870. Day 1 of the Consecration will commence on Friday 6 November. Please go to the Life Marriage and Family Facebook page for the REGISTRATION link and for the daily reflection videos which will be posted. Please feel free to contact Steven Buhagiar from the Life Marriage and Family Team on 0415600290 for more information.

Got your wedding plans under control?

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site: www.engagedencounter.org.au. Choose any of the coming weekends: Nov 7-8, Feb 20-21.

CatholicCare supporting seniors

CatholicCare Home Care services for seniors can help parishioners navigate the complicated My Aged Care system and provide services for seniors so they can live life to the full. Call 13 18 19 to for one of our Home Care Specialists to talk you through the process.

Parent Line: 1300 1300 52

Many families are in the midst of or are facing serious challenges in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and need extra support but don't know where to start. Parent Line can help parents by providing support and strategies to manage. Call us 7 days a week on 1300 1300 52.

CatholicCare outreach to the lonely and isolated

CatholicCare, through its CCareline 13 18 19 number and the Parish Volunteer Program in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney, is working together as the 'hands and feet of Christ in the community' reaching out to those most in need in our parishes and beyond. To register or learn more about the Parish Volunteer Program call CCareline on 13 18 19. If you are struggling and need help or support, or you are worried about someone else, please call CCareline on 13 18 19 today.

Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Weekend Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. The next healing retreat will be held 4-6 December 2020. Join in an Online Reflection - Called to Life - a confidential free online individually guided reflection at a time to suit you. Please enquire about these programs at Rachel's Vineyard Ministries on their confidential number (voice mail): 0400 092 555 – more info at www.rachelsvineyard.org.au.

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8 NOVEMBER			32 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mass	VIGIL	8AM	9AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	William ANDREWS	Charlie SCULLY	Bob KENSEY	Trevor BREWTY
LECTOR/S	Lawrence LOPEZ	Michael CHOW	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Renee SALAR
	Jann ROCKLIFF	Jenny MICHAEL	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Sharon IACONO

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group	Altar & Sacristy: Group 3 Helen Le Mottee & Jann Rockliff
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Saturday 8AM	7 NOVEMBER
LECTOR FOR MASS	Christine KENSEY