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31st October & 1st November 2020

ALL SAINTS (Year A)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Revelation 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 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.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6

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

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

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

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St 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.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 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

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Allan Panozza

Anniversaries:

Sick: Joan Keuken, Angela Del Guidice, Lynne Fleming, Kim J, Cherie, Izaak, Anne-Maree Sullivan, Peter & Aurelia Di Ciero, Tony Cunningham, Claudette & Gilbert, Florens, Kate, Tim Lawson, John Hopper, Cassandra, Mary and John Hamilton, Carmel O'Healy, Michelle, Pat Robb, Robert Taylor, Nancy Leonard, Brian Walsh, Michael Paola, Barbara De Vincentiis, Emma, Wayne, Julian Monteiro, Dolly Maher, Salvacion Santos, Ricky, Giovanna Zammit, Michael Jordan, Anne Moroney, Catherine Fields, Sam Lawson, Trish Macpherson, Geoff, Grace Quinlivan, Bianca, , Mary Ovans, Stephen, Gael Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer, Cathie & Jose Grima, Rose Roberts, Roman De Angelis, Tedi & Santi, Stephen Wakeham, Joe Di Battista, Gwen Weaver, June, Jenny Goh, Bill Moxey, Peter & Edna John, Paul Payne

Reconciliation By appointment

Anointing of the sick By appointment

Marriages: Please give at least six months' notice.

Baptism: Please contact parish office for details.

Parish office - Please call 0448 658 418

Pastoral worker - Please call 0448 664 731

St Vincent de Paul - If assistance is required please contact 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm

Care group Ann McCann, Debbie Edwards, Sharon Jacob, Contact Parish Office 0448 658 418



We are a child safe Parish

We have recently switched to NBN and having trouble accessing our office phone message bank. If you need to contact the office please call 0448 658 418



If you would like to join in our next zoom is Sunday 8th November at **10am**

St Patrick's Parish Lilydale is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82116359081?pwd=dWdOU TdyMkNEWkg4SctPQXNWZkExZz09>

Link to weekly mass

A reminder that Fr Francis' Sunday Masses are recorded each weekend and are available on St Brigid's You Tube Channel each Sunday morning. Fr Francis records Masses from St Brigid's, St Patrick's and St Aloysius churches. The link is accessible through St Brigid's Healesville's website, <http://www.stbrigidshalesville.cam.org.au/> or by searching St Brigid's Healesville on You Tube, or using the link: <https://bit.ly/StBsHville>

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount to Parish (thanksgiving only)

\$1404.50

Thanksgiving received weekending 25th October 2020

Thanksgiving Collection \$ 1252.00

Presbytery \$ 365.00

Restoration \$

Short fall of \$152.50

Mass Times

After this week's announcement of allowing **10** people inside churches for Mass, will be returning to our normal Mass schedule as of Wednesday 28th October.

Mass times are as follows:

Lilydale

Tuesday 9.15am

Wednesday 9.15am

Friday 9.15am

Saturday 9am Latin Mass
6pm Vigil

Sunday 10.30am

Healesville

Thursday 9.15am

Sunday 8.30am

Bookings are essential. Please call or text 0448 658 418.

Masks must be worn at all times and all sanitising and social distance rules need to be followed.

Memorial Book

The memorial book will be kept in the church during the month of November. If you would like family or a friend added to this book please fill out a form in the back of the church or email lilydale@cam.org.au. If you have previously filled in a form your loved ones name is already in the Memorial book

All Saints Day and All Souls Day



This Sunday 1st November would ordinarily be the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, yet is superseded by the Solemnity of All Saints. November is a month in which the Church has traditionally prayed for the souls of the faithful departed. It is fitting that this month should begin with the solemnity of "All Saints" where the Church recognises those countless anonymous saints who unfailingly intercede for us from heaven.

The word saint derives from the Latin root, *sanctus*, meaning 'holy.' Properly speaking only God is holy, but by their perfect communion in the Body of Christ the saints (that is, the 'holy ones') come to share in the holiness of God. Whilst we remain in this life we share imperfectly in the holiness of the Body of Christ. The saints are those who have gone before us to remind us of our own call to holiness, and to guide us on the way home. As St John explains, "Beloved, now we are children of God, but it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, *we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.*" (1 John 3:2) Heaven is the 'beatific vision' – the wondrous sight of those blessed who behold God face to face.

The Book of Revelation describes the vast multitude of saints who worship before the throne of God. The symbolic number 144,000 is used to indicate an immense number of the elect that corresponds to the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles (12 x 12 x 1000 = 144,000). It's John's way of saying 'the vast and completed number.' Note that the number has *never* been taken literally in the Catholic tradition. Indeed, in the following verse John

describes "a great multitude which no man can number from every nation, tribe, people and language" (Revelation 7:9). It's impossible for us to pin down the precise number of saints since the number grows with every day. It is estimated that there are some 10,000 formally recognised saints in the Catholic Church. The Solemnity of All Saints serves to remind us of what recent popes have repeatedly described as 'the universal call to holiness.' Whatever our vocation and however ordinary we might seem, we too are called to be saints. Holiness should not be the domain of a privileged few – you and I must become saints! As St Peter says quoting Leviticus: "Be holy, as I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16; cf. Lev 11:44).

Most of us are still 'works in progress' being formed as wet clay in the hands of the potter. For those who die without having attained to a perfect detachment from all sin, there is a final purification, which we have come to call purgatory. Personally, I find the Church's teaching on purgatory among the most comforting of her soteriological doctrines. It means that even those who are not perfect saints when they die still have the opportunity to be purified like gold in the furnace (cf. Wisdom 3:6) and enter into heaven. That certainly gives me hope! For this reason, the solemnity of All Saints is followed by the feast of All Souls (2nd November) where we have the opportunity to pray for the holy souls in purgatory, this being among the seven spiritual works of mercy. The time-honoured custom of having Masses offered for the repose of the holy souls is especially popular in this month of November. Should you wish to have Masses offered for deceased family and friends, there are envelopes available in the church, which can be dropped off to the parish office. Although there would not normally be a scheduled Mass on Monday there will be two public Masses for All Souls Day:

All Souls Day – Monday 2nd
November 2020
Mass at 9:15am at St Patrick's,
Lilydale
Mass at 12:00pm at St Brigid's,
Healesville.
*Bookings essential. Please call or
text 0448 658 418*



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