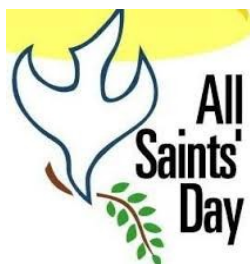


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**All Saints  
Year A**

**31st October/  
1st November,  
2020**

#### **In a nutshell**

Today we celebrate our future: eternal life praising and glorifying God. We are journeying through time with our eyes fixed on the world to come where we will see God face to face. Today's gospel passage of the Beatitudes calls 'happy' those on earth who are gentle, merciful, poor in spirit, peacemakers and those who suffer for what is right. May we all find a place in God's heavenly kingdom.

#### **Today's Readings**

**Apocalypse 7:2-4.9-14** The apostle John sees a vision of the life in heaven.  
**1 John 3:1-3** As children of God, we are promised that one day we will see God face to face.  
**Matthew 5:1-12** The Beatitudes show the way to become holy.

### ***Living the Paschal Mystery (All Saints Day)***

Holiness and sanctity can seem so out of reach when we have as examples those whose lives are so different from the vast majority. Sanctity is not a prize given to those who complete a marathon, something most people cannot do. Instead, sanctity is something each of us is called to. Holiness is something each Christian can live. It is nothing more than living the paschal mystery, a daily dying to self so that we put others before us. Family members practice this daily! (Or at least they have many chances to practice this each day.)

When parents sacrifice their own wants for the sake of their children, or when siblings put the needs of their brothers or sisters before their own, these are acts of our own sanctity. It is through such acts that we live the gospel passage today as "peacemakers." Division and strife are not marks of sanctity; unity and peace are. Let us live the gospel message today and, in so doing, live the paschal mystery into our own sanctity.

Because so many whom the church names as saints were priests, religious, or consecrate people, it can make these people seem far removed from the daily life of a vast majority of people. One estimate, for example, lists a total of ten married couples who have been recognized as saints in the two thousand years of Christian history.

So it's critically important that we have the words of the Beatitudes in today's Gospel to remind us of what holiness look like. Nowhere in the Beatitudes is there anything about one's vocational state (priest, sister, etc.). Instead, we have attributes such as "poor in spirit," "meek", and "merciful." These are the hallmarks of sanctity. And they can be practiced by anybody, religious or lay, Catholic or Protestant, even Christian or non-Christian. We recall that the Gospel of Matthew is much more about actions than words. And those actions have to do with love and mercy.


*Living Liturgy 2020*

**Entrance antiphon:** Let us all rejoice in the Lord and keep a festival in honour of all the saints.  
 Let us join with the angels in joyful praise to the Son of God.

**Response to the psalm:** Lord, this is the people that longs to see you face.

<b>Readers</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator) <b>October</b> Sr Jan O'Neil <b>November</b> John Betros  <b>Sunday 7.00 am</b> Peter Frost (Coordinator) <b>November:</b> George & Nick Attard <b>Sunday 9.30 am</b> Adele Cornale (Coordinator) <b>November 1st</b> Gian Cornale  <b>Church Cleaners</b> Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.  <b>Money Counters—Parish Office</b> <b>November 1st:</b> Group 2 <b>November 8th:</b> Group 3 <b>November 15th:</b> Group 4 <b>November 22nd:</b> Group 1		<b>Ministers of Communion</b> <b>Vigil 5pm</b> Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) <b>November</b> Michael Zador & others  <b>Sunday 7.00 am</b> Peter Frost (Coordinator) <b>November</b> Gary Keating  <b>Sunday 9.30 am</b> Adele Cornale (Coordinator) <b>November:</b> Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty. <b>Sunday 6pm</b> Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator) Paula O'Connor.  <b>Sacristy &amp; Altar</b> Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller  <b>Altar Flowers</b> Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros <b>Piety Stall</b> (5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller	
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<b>Mass Offerings:</b>	<b><i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i></b>
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>	<b>Bernadette Anderson,</b> Elizabeth Khoury, John Weber.
<b>Anniversary:</b>	<b>Eufemia Benussi, Lavina Hanna,</b> Mollie McCabe
<b>Other Deceased:</b>	Toni Barry, John Vonwiller, Richard Healy, George & Ellen McKelleher, Scott Family.
<b>Sick:</b>	<b>Joyce Mason,</b> Rob Williams, Rita Koh, June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson, Paula Hudson, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Marian Moreno, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Chris Schneider, Therese Warfield, Lyn Sweeney, Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Judy Chock, Faye Mather, Alex Campbell.



**“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”**

St Brigid's Parish Information	
Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
Morning Tea	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (NOT during Covid19)
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
Baptisms	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <i>after 9.30am Family Mass.</i>
Marriages	By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm. Phone 9315 7562. (For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)

### St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

**Sunday 1st November** - Feast of All Saints

**Monday 2nd November** - Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)  
9.30am Mass

**Monday 2nd November** - PPC meeting at 7 pm in St Brigid's School library.

**November Masses** It is a strong Catholic tradition to pray for all our deceased family and friends during the month of November; and Masses are offered each day for your intentions. Please write names in the Memorial Book in the Church Foyer.

**November Mass envelopes** are also provided, and any donations received in these envelopes are sent to assist overseas MSC missionaries, who also offer Masses for your intentions.

**Catholic Mission Appeal** - Thank you for your very generous contribution for our recent Catholic Mission appeal - \$1790, which is much appreciated.



**HSC** - As students have commenced their HSC exams, we encourage you to continue to pray for them at this time.



Please download the Service NSW app on your phone to sign in for all Masses .

*Fr Phil*

*"A truly human and fraternal society will be capable of ensuring in an efficient and stable way that each of its members is accompanied at every stage of life."*

– Pope Francis *Fratelli Tutti*

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**4 November 2020 @ 7.30pm via Zoom**

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