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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - YR A

**31ST OCTOBER &
1ST NOVEMBER, 2020**

WEARING OF MASKS FOR MASS

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

WEEKEND MASSES

You are now invited to attend Mass every week at the time you were allocated by Fr Chris.

THERE IS A CAP OF 100 PEOPLE AT ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD AT PLACES OF WORSHIP.

Online Masses are still available so if you are feeling unwell you are advised not to attend Mass.

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM

You are welcome to attend any of these Masses without a phone call or email invitation.

Fr Chris will record attendance at these Masses as per government guidelines.

RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT

Please contact Fr Chris on his mobile 0415 505 594 to make an appointment.

DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS

100



1.5M



PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.

As per government regulations, please observe the 4 square metre rule.

Please note that hand sanitiser is available at the Church entrances for use upon entering and exiting the Church.



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(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

Xavier College - ph 4777 0900
(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

All Souls Day Masses

Monday 2nd November

Parishioners who signed on the registration sheet that Fr Chris provided are invited to attend Mass.

6pm – surnames A-M

7pm – surnames N-Z

Anyone who did not register will not be able to attend.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Welcome back!

It has certainly been a very 'different' time for us all!

The Confirmation Program for all children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist in 2019 will commence soon in our parish. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, and to keep within the strict Government guidelines, we have had to make some changes to the program.

THERE WILL NOT BE A PARENT INFORMATION MEETING.

Instead, you are required to

pick up your child's enrolment pack on Wednesday 4th

November between 6.30-7.30pm from the church.

Please note that all the information needed will be included in the pack.

Christmas Masses

As Masses continue to be celebrated under Covid-19 restrictions we are still only allowed a maximum of 100 people in the church at each Mass.

In order to prepare for the Christmas Masses can you please indicate what Mass you would like to attend by writing your name and that of all family members who will be attending with you and place it in the relevant box in the foyer. Each box is labelled with a different Mass time.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ARE:

Christmas Eve at 6pm and 8.30pm.

Midnight Mass.

Christmas Morning at 9.30am

Ministry Roster for Christmas

The lists for the ministry rosters for Christmas will be in the foyer next weekend. If you are able to assist in volunteering in the ministries of Acolyte, Special Minister, Reader, Commentator, Altar Server and Data Operator for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, please put your name on the relevant list. Thank you!

November Book of Remembrance...



You are welcome to give names of those to be remembered during Masses in the November Book of Remembrance. November Offering envelopes are available at the entrance and exit of the church.

Please print the names of people clearly on the envelope and then either place the envelope in the collection baskets at the entrance and exit or drop it into the Parish Office. The Parish Book of Remembrance will be updated each week and displayed.

Please understand that with the number of loved ones especially remembered in November, we will focus any public mention of names at Masses on current losses and where there is an anniversary of loss.

Please note that the names will not be carried over from last year. Only names that are passed on to us this year will be included.

Thank You dear parishioners for your ongoing financial support to the parish. Your generosity is helping with the ongoing running expenses of our parish.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Anniversaries:

Richard Savill (22/09/97), Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey, Margaret & James Vella,

Recently Deceased:

Jeanette Rogers (04/10), Renato Rosales Snr, Paul Xiberras

And for those who are sick:

Leonard Ash, Pauline Rugg, Mary Pilley, Joan Schneider

If any parishioner would like Fr Chris to offer Mass for someone who is recently deceased, a loved one's anniversary or if someone is sick, please email the Parish Office. We can also include the person in The Net so everyone can pray for them.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is currently open on Tuesdays and Thursday from 9am–3.30pm (and on other days when necessary). If you need to visit the office please call first to ensure that someone is there and leave a message if we don't answer. You can also email. In the case of an emergency contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE WHO ARE STREAMING MASS

PARISH	LOCATION	LINK TO LIVESTREAM
PADRE PIO PARISH	Glenmore Park Parish	Streaming through Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH	Kingswood Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6lSdw/featured
ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE	Marayong Parish	Streaming through Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/
ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA	Penrith Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/
THE GOOD SHEPHERD	Plumpton Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/ https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/videos/163690304720839/
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	St Marys Parish	Streamed to Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/

The Living Word

Feast of All Saints

1st November, 2020

First Reading

Rv 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.'

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

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.



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.'

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be ‘Blessed’? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be ‘Blessed’? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.

There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth’s resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are ‘saints’ who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church’s calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we celebrate the memory of all the baptised who have gone before us and whose lives were virtuous. The saints of God are all those who have been baptised into Christ, who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We all know people whose lives were steeped in genuine holiness. The life of every one of us has been blessed by their goodness. This is a day for us to remember and to celebrate their holiness. We celebrate the lives of all those who have been marked with the sign of faith, those who have been canonised by the church, those whom we have known personally as well as those whose names we do not know.

In the beatitudes listed in today’s gospel we are given examples of what it means to live lives of holiness. This gospel really does not present a blueprint for holiness. Rather, it offers a series of snapshots that demonstrate the holiness that is ours by virtue of our baptism. Those who have gone before us lived such lives. Today, as we remember them, we hold up their lives as examples of holiness and models for our imitation. The sentiments that are expressed and the commitment that it illustrated in the beatitudes clearly stand in opposition to the standards of the world. Their radicality may be more than some can understand, but they are traits that are recognisable by those who belong to the family of God, for they are genuine godly traits.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for November



Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * How might the disciples and others have reacted when they heard Jesus preach the Beatitudes?
- * Who are people from your extended family history or community history that might be considered saints?
- * What do you understand as the distinction between officially recognised Saints and unrecognised saints?
- * How do the Beatitudes challenge ‘conventional wisdom’ about how to live?
- * In what way does your life provide a ‘glimpse of God’?

Questions for Adults

- * Why do you think Jesus might have presented the Beatitudes in this manner rather than as ‘rules’?
- * What different meaning is revealed by the different translations, ‘Blessed are...’ and ‘Happy are...’?
- * With which Saint do you feel some affinity or connection?
- * Why might the Saints hold such an important place in Catholic tradition and devotion?
- * Who are the saints of your life?

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today’s Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- * In today’s gospel Jesus blesses many people. Can you name some of these people?
- * What would a peacemaker do?
- * Why does God bless peacemakers?
- * How can we be peacemakers?
- * What do humble people do?
- * Why does God bless the humble?
- * How can we be more humble?

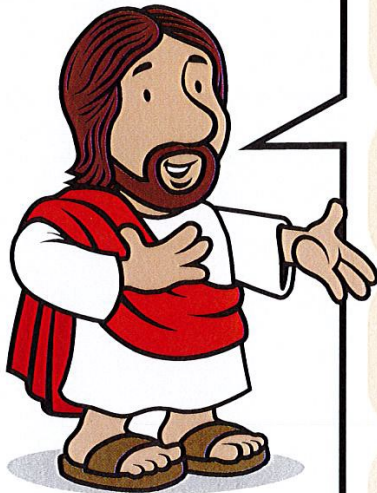
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...they will see God.

Blessed are those with pure hearts...

...they will find comfort.



How can you be like a saint?
Finish these sentences

I am like a saint when I...

I am like a saint when I...

I am like a saint when I...

Complete the Text Maze

"Blessed are the humble, the earth will belong to them."

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Parramatta Diocesan News

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish All Souls' Day Masses

To commemorate All Souls' Day on 2nd November, Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 6.30am, 12.30pm and 7pm. A special Mass will also be held at St Patrick's Cemetery in North Parramatta at 6pm. For more information, contact the Cathedral Parish on (02) 8839 8400.

Call for Nominations for the Diocesan Pastoral Council



Bishop Vincent is calling for nominations for the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Working with the Bishop, the Diocesan Pastoral Council assists with the pastoral governance of the Church. The Council are seeking a cross-section of people from across the Diocese with different backgrounds and experiences. For more information, or to fill out the nomination form, please visit parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils/. Applications close Monday 2 November.

Br Michael Dredge cfc Presents
Short Formation Course for Readers
Focusing on the practicalities of Reading at Mass
**Saturday 7 Nov, 10am – 12 noon St Oliver's Parish,
Harris Park**

**Thursday 12 Nov, 7 – 9pm St Nicholas of Myra Parish,
Penrith**

Thursday 19 Nov, 7 – 9pm Institute for Mission

TO REGISTER
Office for Worship 8838 3456
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From Invisible to Invincible 'EMBRACING GOD'S GIFT OF YEARS'

A workshop with the feel of a mini-retreat.

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- Sharing of stories of our life
- Finding and re-defining our Baptismal call
- Tools for the journey through centering prayer
- Prayer of surrender, abandonment and trust

**WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2020
FROM 10AM – 1PM
OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH HALL,
EMU PLAINS**

To register, contact Marie @ the parish office
during parish hours on 4730 1249
or email: mc@corpuschristi.org.au

Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

Connect with the Diocese and find out the latest news and events on Social Media:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>

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Pastoral Council Formation and Training

The Pastoral Planning Office is leading a series of formation and training sessions for new and continuing members of parish pastoral councils **via Zoom on 11th, 18th and 25th November from 7.30pm.**

Our parish pastoral councils offer a wonderful way to explore how communities can "go and make disciples".

To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/pastoralcouncilformation> and for enquiries, please contact Lisa Bright on 0448 652 720.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session: 12th December

Couples considering a call to the Permanent Diaconate are invited to attend an information session on Saturday 12 December from 10am – 12noon at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. Couples who decide to proceed with the discernment process will be asked to meet with the Vocations Committee in 2021. To RSVP, please contact Deacon Willy Limjap on 0428 332 619 or wlimjap@gmail.com or Deacon George Bryan on 0408 440 769 or George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

Catholic Youth Parramatta

Engaging Young People in New Ways

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020




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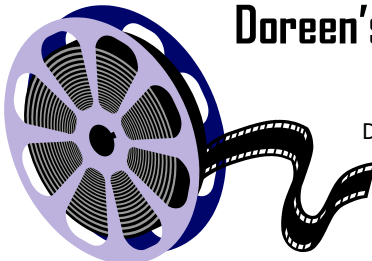
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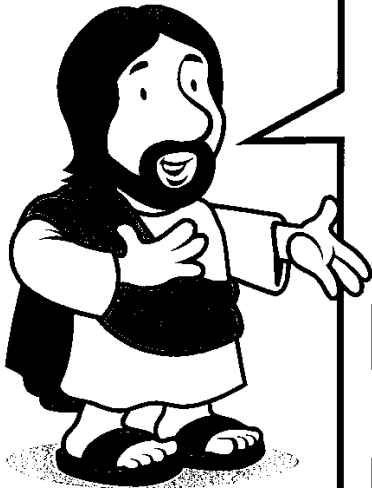
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