

# NEWSLETTER

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## All Saints

### All Saints and All Souls

The month of November begins with two wonderful reminders of our calling to follow Christ. While baptism is the beginning of the Christian life, it is also the gift of a calling to become a saint. For all of us it is a call to go beyond ourselves in love. In the early church all the baptised were referred to as saints.

The opening words of today's second reading are full of confidence: "Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us. We could probably ponder the power of these words more often than we do. They emphasise our dignity since we are children of God and we can look forward to when we will see God face to face. Then we will understand fully what we have only glimpsed in a shadowy way during life. However, we do catch definite hints and suggestions of God's grace and goodness as we carry the cross towards the resurrection because we walk by faith and not by sight.

On All Saints Day we honour the lives of those who continue to inspire us on our journey of faith. Their goodness and love did not end in death but is as powerful today as it was in their time. Among the saints is the official list acknowledged by the Church but the saintly include many of our parents, grandparents and friends who, while their life has ended, their love, example and intercession touches us deeply even now.

All Souls Day reminds of our deep affinity with those who journey to the fullness of life in Christ. The Church, our brothers and sisters in Christ, is a communion of people not defined by nationhood or race or by space and time but by life in the risen Christ. So in prayer we remember and celebrate the lives of those who with us desire life with Christ forever. Core to our faith is that death is not the end since Christ has overcome death so let us pray for those who after death continue on the path to the resurrection.

### ALL SOULS DAY MASS MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 9.00 AM STS PETER AND PAUL'S

During November a Book of Remembrance will be placed in the church for names of those for whom we will pray can be written. Please feel welcome to include the names of those you wish to be remembered at Mass during this month of All Souls. The Paschal Candle will be placed beside the Book of Remembrance and will be lit during Mass.

God bless,  
Fr Kevin



#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 15:1-12



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Jennifer Tuck, Denise Campbell, Callum McKerr, Peter Gifford, Pat Keena and Bill Hanley **recently deceased** and also for John Fletcher, Gary Fletcher, Patrick O'Connell, Mary O'Connell, Patricia O'Connell, Robert Demello, Kishaba family, Demello family, Keith White, Patricia Vieyra, deceased members of the Begley and Bourke families, Josefina Torres, Leoncio Rodriguez, Cecil Scott Thomson, Eileen Mary Thomson and Vince Long.



**Please remember the sick in your prayers –**  
Mal Thomson, Patricia Desbrow, Carmen Turner,  
Jan Low, Rob Stonier, Anna Harkin, Monica  
Marron, Harold O'Connell, Pat and Clare Dugger,  
Maureen Twomey, Brian and Catherine Kearney.

## DATE CLAIMERS 2020

**Wednesday 4 November** Parish Council meet at 7:30pm  
**Thursday 5 November** Liturgy Committee meet at 7pm  
**Sunday 22 November** Social Justice Committee meet 9am



**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020 –**  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will take place at Sunday  
Masses 24 October - 8 November. Please remember  
the children in your prayers during this special time.

**A NEW WAY TO CONTRIBUTE** There is a new way to  
support the parish: use the New Diocesan App.

<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>

**You can still also contribute in other ways:**

- **Drop off your donation - parish office or via our locked letterbox at the end of the driveway or in NEW COLLECTION BOXES at the door.**
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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PARISH**

**MASS BOOKINGS – THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION** will be celebrated over this and next weekend. **IT IS ESSENTIAL TO REGISTER AS THESE MASSES WILL BE FULL** and we will be unable to accommodate turning up at the door. Please contact the office **by 10am Friday** each week to book your preferred mass. **PLEASE NOTE:** The parish office is open Monday–Friday, 8:30am-12 noon. It is **NOT attended** on weekends. Please arrive ten minutes before Mass so that your name can be taken and Mass can commence on time.

- **DO NOT SIT** in rows marked with **RED CROSS**

**Please continue to use the Sunday Readings and Family Prayer at home. Read the texts, talk and pray together.**

**OTHER SUGGESTIONS:** Watch Mass online - [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw) (12:30pm weekday, 8am/10am Sunday)

**Read** the latest news – [www.catholicleader.com.au](http://www.catholicleader.com.au)

**VOCATION VIEW:** “Credibility” becomes a household word, not because there is so much of it, but because there is such a lack of it. The Church also needs people who not only practice what they preach, but can also preach what they practice. Pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, please contact the Vocation Centre - 3324 3351.



**A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us!**

The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert. After they got their tent set up, both men fell sound asleep. Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, “Kemo Sabe, look towards the sky, what you see?” The Lone Ranger replies, “I see millions of stars”. “What that tell you?” asked Tonto. The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, “Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we have a beautiful day tomorrow. What’s it tell you Tonto?” “You dumber than buffalo. It means someone stole the tent!”

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**SUPPORT FOR REFUGEE FAMILY** - Last Sunday, the parish’s Social Justice Committee had the privilege of meeting a young man, Mouemen Dayri who, with his family, is seeking asylum in Australia. Mouemen, together with his mother and three other brothers, escaped from the troubled region in northern Lebanon about 7 years ago when ISIS was at the pinnacle of its reign of terror and the war in Syria was claiming the lives of more and more young people. The family managed to get to Indonesia despite the ruthless exploitation of people smugglers, but then were taken into custody as their boat entered Australian waters. The family spent 6 years on Nauru before being allowed to come to Australia at the end of 2018 under strict community detention regulations.

Community detention meant that while there was assisted housing, Medicare benefits and a small income provided by the government department, there were no work or study rights. Despite this, two of the boys – Mouemen and his brother Wael (even though they were over the normal school age) – were welcomed into St James College in Spring Hill early in 2019 and went on to graduate this year, collecting several awards along the way to everyone’s delight and admiration. The youngest brother, Yusef (15), currently attends Yeronga State High School.

Several weeks ago, a letter from the Department of Home Affairs announced to the family that they were being moved out of community detention and being put on a Bridging Visa E (BVE). The BVE allows individuals to stay lawfully in Australia while they make arrangements to leave, finalise their immigration papers or wait for an immigration decision on their future. Being on a BVE means that while there are still some Medicare benefits and a person has work rights (if they can get work!), they are stripped of all other government support including housing and income assistance.

The Dayri family has been fortunate only last week to move into a small inexpensive unit in Sunnybank on the top floor of a two-storey house. They also currently receive periodic food packages from groups such as the Romero Centre. But without any source of income and after years of being denied work or study, exacerbated now with the COVID unemployment situation, Mrs Dayri and her boys are now at high risk of abject poverty.

Our SUPP project has shown just how generous our parish can be in supporting those who are victims of our current Australian Government’s policies. Directly supporting a family here in Brisbane gives us the opportunity to make our voice heard in advocating for change in government attitude and policy, as well as putting into action the Gospel values we hold so dear.

**Details of how you could assist will be in next week’s Newsletter**

**NOVEMBER MASSES** - Parish masses during this month will remember our family and friends whose names are written in the Parish Book of Remembrance which is displayed in the Church. We invite you to add names of others whom you would like to have included in our prayers.



**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

will be celebrated with Mass at 9.30am on Friday 13 November, followed by morning tea in the parish hall. We will arrange transport for

the housebound. This sacrament is for those who are ill or infirm and offers the healing of Christ and the support of the Church. All parishioners who have a significant health difficulty are welcome to come and celebrate and have a cuppa afterwards. Due to current COVID restrictions, we ask you to RSVP to the parish office to register for this mass.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIFTING TREE** – due to COVID, this year’s gifting may look a little different. The Christmas tree will still be in the church and St Vincent de Paul are working with local families to ascertain their needs. More details will follow in next week’s parish newsletter as to how you can contribute. THANK YOU



## Liturgy this Week 2 November – 8 November 2020

|   |  |                     |   |
|---|--|---------------------|---|
| MONDAY  | 9:00am                                   | All Souls' Day      | Mass  |
| TUESDAY   | -  |                     | -   |
| WEDNESDAY   | 7:00pm                                   | St Charles Borromeo | Mass  |
| THURSDAY  | -  |                     | -   |
| FRIDAY  | 8:00am<br>8:30am                         |                     | Mass<br>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction  |
| SATURDAY  | 9:00am                                   |                     | Mass  |
| SUNDAY  | <b>6:00pm (Saturday); 8:00am; 5:30pm</b> |                     | <b>Mass: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br><i>Children's Liturgy of the Word at 8am Mass</i> |
| Readings – Wisdom 6:12-16    1 Thessalonians 4:13-14    Matthew 25:1-13 |  |                     |   |
| <b>OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER</b>   |  |                     |   |
| RECONCILIATION  | Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm            |                     |   |
| ROSARY/ANGELUS  | Saturday before the 9:00am Mass          |                     |   |

### ENTRANCE HYMN

#### GATHER US IN

Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness, vanished away,  
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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### DURING THE SPRINKLING

*Up from the waters God has claimed you  
Up from the waters, child of light.  
Praise to the One who called and named you  
Up from the waters, into life.*

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### GLORIA

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace to people of good will.*

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive  
our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy one, you alone  
are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with  
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and  
Resurrection you have set us free.

### COMMUNION HYMN

#### TABLE OF PLENTY

*CHORUS    Come to the feast of heaven and earth!  
Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need  
Here at the table of plenty.*

O, come and sit at my table  
Where saints and sinners are friends.  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
To share the cup of my love.

O, come and eat without money:  
Come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit  
With faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you  
Through days of sorrow and woe.  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood  
The depths of your soul.

Your fields will flower in fullness;  
Your homes will flourish in peace.  
For I, the giver of home and harvest  
Will send my rain on the soil.

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### RECESSIONAL HYMN

#### BLEST ARE THEY

Blest are they the poor in spirit theirs is the kingdom of God  
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

*REFRAIN    Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God!*

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst they shall have their fill

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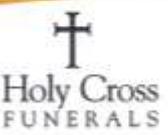
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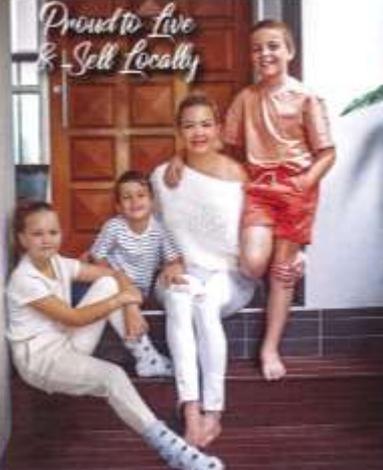
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