



All Saints' Day 2020



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

One of the keys in unlocking the rich meaning of today's reading, is to recognize how each pronouncement begins with the word "Blessed." The word blessed is categorical, pure and divine declaration of the primordial reality of being blessed! This is a rich reality which we can reflect on, not just about today, but through our entire existence. Our being blessed is not by our own merit, that is why we go through the "necessary suffering" as Richard Rohr, OFM put it, so that when we mourn for our losses; experience the world's persecution, and ultimately be confronted by our poverty; we may see our true wealth — God Himself.

All Saints' Day shows us this journey of purification; the suffering and pain brought about by Covid-19 has been devastating, especially for people who lost loved ones through this pandemic. Yet, some of them share about how God has accompanied them during the storm, both literally and metaphorically. When asked how they are doing now, they say with hopeful smiles, "Blessed!"

The Beatitudes remind us about how to follow Christ, and how to live and act as He did in relation to others amid life's realities. This is what the saints do so well — they recognize that the call to love and to blessedness demands suffering in terms of our relationships with the world and with one another; they respond to these demands in love.

Sisters and brothers, let us ask ourselves, 'how and what have we become through our trials, sufferings and persecutions?'

With all the Saints' prayers and well wishes,

Deacon Roger Delmonte

November is a special month of the Year for prayers for our Faithful departed



"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins." (Mac.12.46)

"From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage from them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1032)

Remember that the Church teaches us how to put into practice mercy to our fellow men in the seven Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy is to pray for the living and the dead.

Month of November – We remember our faithful departed with gratitude. Given the situation we are in, the Memorial Mass will be held on **1 November 2020 at 9.30am**. Our priests will be accepting offerings for November Masses to be said for the Intentions of the Faithful departed. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a Faithful loved one, please take November Masses envelope from the vestibule, fill in the details and place it on the plate during the offertory.

Please note that all Mass intentions offered will be prayed for at all Masses in November, however, the names will not be printed on the bulletin.

Places of Worship – How many are allowed? My dear Parishioners, greetings to you all from up North. Although the NSW Government has lifted the limit on the number of people attending places of worship from 100 to 300, the 4 square metre rule still applies, so **there will be no change to the limit of 97 people-allowed at the Cathedral and 64 at Queen of Peace**. Thanks for your understanding. God bless. *Fr Peter de Souza*

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur during this time. May I request you to keep all those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive and those in isolation in your special prayers.

Our special prayers for all HSC students sitting examinations May all your hard work be rewarded. We place you all under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and may our Blessed Mother accompany you all in Jesus' name.

My Gratitude to those Parishioners who have come forward to clean up after our Masses during this time. Thank you for your untiring service to our parish community. We still need many hands to continue the good work, please feel free to support us. May I also mention all those who donated cleaning products, your thoughtfulness and generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank you from Louis Klauser Louis Klauser wishes to thank all the parishioners who have thought of him during his long stay at the hospital with good wishes and prayers.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

Artificial Intelligence

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

Curious about Catholicism, or Christianity in general? Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about what Catholics believe and practise, and why? Do you think you might like to become a Catholic? Free information and discussion sessions start very soon. Come and see with no obligation. Contact **Peter**, parish Christian Initiation team leader on Mobile **0411389300** or via email rcia.hornsby@gmail.com.

If you are a parishioner and would like to be a friend or become part of the RCIA team to help those on the journey, please also contact Peter.

iWitness Conference The iWitness Conference was the response of the young people (**18-35 yrs old**) to World Youth Day being held here in Sydney in 2008. This year's iWitness will be held **December 10-13** at The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops with full COVID-Safe plan in place. The theme is "Awake, O' Sleeper", taken from the book of Ephesians. Tickets will be refunded in the event of a cancellation due to the current health situation. Catholics from the Sydney region, and most attendees come from the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Diocese of Parramatta, Broken Bay, and Wollongong. For more information visit:

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First Friday Adoration on 6 November All are welcome from 7:30 AM. **Prayers for Vocation from 7:00 PM** to be led by Deacon Roger.

Sacrament of Penance is available on request, and also on Saturdays from 9 to 9.30am at the Cathedral.

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