Corpus Christi
CATHOLIC PARISH ST IVES

WEEKLY BULLETIN
1 November 2026
All Saints Day

PARISH MASS TIME:
Monday to Friday: 9:00am
Saturday: 9:00am, 6:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm
Public Holidays: 9:00am
Family Mass: Once a term

BAPTISM: Third Sunday of each month by appointment
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:30am to 10:30am
ANOINTING OF SICK: every 2nd Thursday of the month @9am or by request
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturdays 9:30-10:30 & 1st Friday of the Month @7pm
MORNING PRAYER: Monday - Friday: 8:30am
WEDDING: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice

Parish Calendar

Anointing of the Sick
Second Thursday of the Month 9:00am Mass
November 12

Divine Will Prayer Group
Mondays 10-11:30 am
Tuesdays 7-8.30 pm

Lectio Divina
Every Friday at 10 am (during school term)

Children's Liturgy & Morning tea after Mass
Every Sunday at 10am Mass

Young Adults @StIves
Every Second Monday 7pm
November 9

Carmelite Conversations
Fortnightly on Thursdays 10am November 12

Parish Social Craft Group
Fortnight on Thursdays 10am
November 5 at 10am

All Souls Day
November 2

First Friday of the Month & Remebrance Mass
November 6

Remembrance Day
November 11

Parish Coffee Morning
November 11 - 10:30am
Living Room St Ives Village

Parish Morning Tea
November 8 after 8am mass

Volunteer Thanksgiving Celebration
November 27
Save the date

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST



Dear parishioners,

32 children from our Parish community are currently preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. This week we reflected on choosing the name of a patron saint. This Sunday and Monday we celebrate All Saints and All Souls.

Catholics choose a saint's name at Confirmation to adopt a heavenly patron, to choose a spiritual role model and an intercessor as we grow in commitment to the faith.

Candidates choose a saint whose virtues, life story, or personal struggles inspire them to live a more Christ-like and holy life.

This practice reminds us that God sometimes gave a new name to signify a new mission or calling—such as Abram becoming Abraham or Saul becoming Paul.

Rather than choose a new name, a candidate may keep his or her baptismal name to show the unity between the sacraments of baptism and confirmation.

The Confirmation candidates remind us we are not walking alone in our faith, but belong to a vast community of believers, all the saints who have pleased God throughout the ages. Do you remember your Confirmation name? Does that saint continue to have a special place in your spiritual life?

We give thanks for the saintly and inspiring people whom we have known and loved in our own lives. Let us remember what Pope St John Paul ll stressed throughout his pontificate: "God calls us to be his: he wants us to be saints, to be holy, as he is holy."



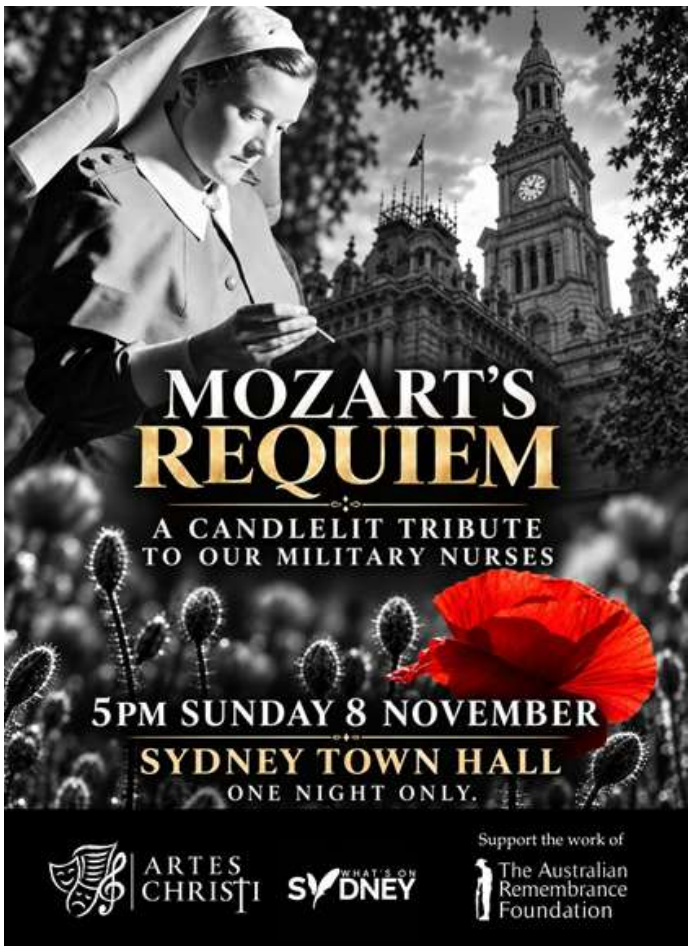
Let us recall the Scriptural texts:
"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins." 2 Maccabees 12:46
Jesus said: "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28-30

Fr Paul

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Corpus Christi Parish

Coffee Morning

11th November, 2026
at 10:30 am
On the Verandah
at The Living Room
St Ives Shopping Centre

Everyone welcome.

Come and catch up with old friends, meet new friends.



Please join us for Morning tea

After 8:00am Mass

Sunday 8th November, 2026

Catch up with old friends. Meet some new ones.







Please bring a small plate to share if you can

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the parish community, a very heartfelt THANK YOU to all who made a contribution to the Sound System Appeal.

It is something the parish very much needs and has waited for a long time. Thanks to all those who have contributed their expertise and ideas about what was needed for the sound system.

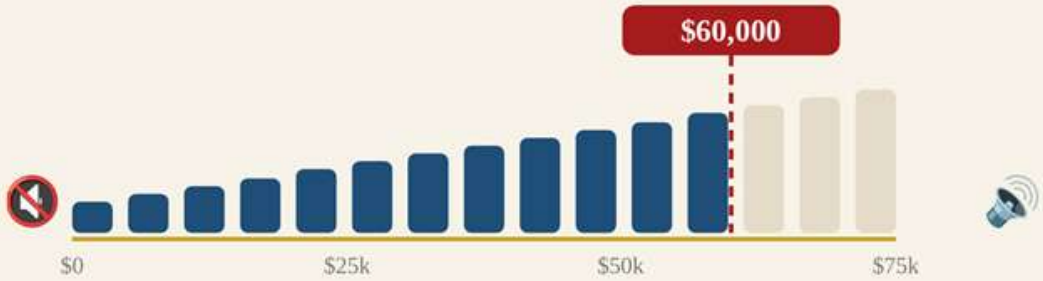
For those who would still like to contribute please note the three options below.

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SOUND SYSTEM APPEAL

Weekend of 1 November · All Saints

$60,000! Your generosity has been nothing short of exceptional — "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7), and He must be delighted with St Ives. Just $15,000 to the finish line.



"Now we're talking!" — 80% of the way to being heard

Bank transfer: BSB **062 784** · Account **100 001 798** — marked *"Sound System"*

Credit card online: bbcatholic.org.au/st-ives → Give · **Sponsor or cash:** forms at the doors

Sausage Sizzle BBQ

at Bunnings Belrose

Saturday 21 November

Lions Club Ku-Ring-Gai

Thank you to the Lions Club Ku-Ring-Gai who has arranged for a Sausage Sizzle BBQ at Bunnings Belrose to support our fundraising for the Sound System.

The Lions Club Ku-Ring-Gai will generously arrange for the ingredients,

so now we need 8 volunteers

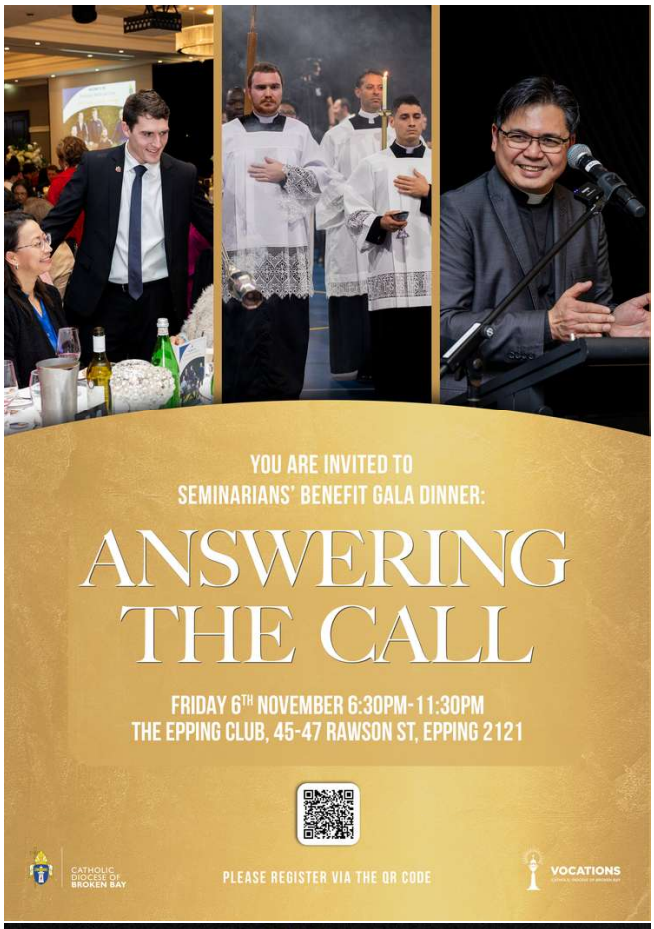
to cover our 2 shifts:

1 **Session 1:** 7.30am to 12.15pm

2 **Session 2:** 12.00pm to 4pm

Please be in touch with the parish office if you can help.

Thank you!





WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

Why do Catholics 'pray' to Saints?

It is a common and beautiful practice for Christians to turn to one another for support and encouragement as they journey through life.

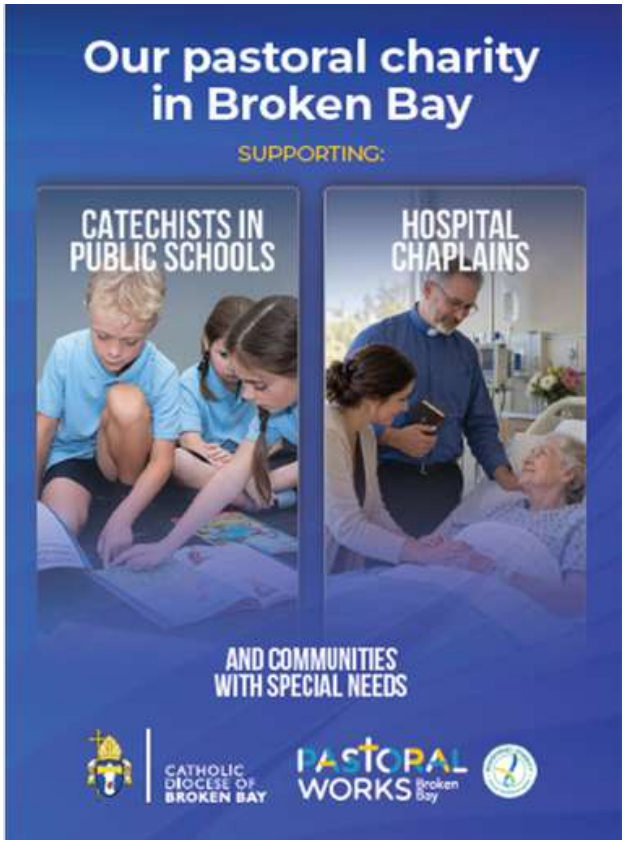
The Catholic way of 'praying' to the saints is simply an extension of this practice of drawing support from our faith family.

Far from undermining adoration of God, devotion to the saints strengthens our love to God.

Awareness of the saints raises our sights, empowers us to aspire to gospel qualities and helps us to see our earthly lives from the perspective of the promise of eternal life.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present. We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



November

November is a month where the Church gives us the opportunity to pray for the souls of the departed, be they family members, relatives, dear friends, fellow parishioners and the souls in Purgatory.

During November, in our parish of Corpus Christi, we will have the opportunity to;

Write the names of those we wish the parish to pray for on our **Book of Remembrance** at the rear of the church.

Have Mass said for departed family, relatives, friends and anyone special to us. Envelopes will be available for parishioners to make their **Mass Offering**.

Light a candle at each Mass on the right side of the Sanctuary. A gold coin donation is encouraged.

Bring a **photograph** of departed relative to be placed on a stand on the right of the Sanctuary in front of the Sacred Heart Statue.

Attend the evening Mass on **ALL SOULS DAY**, Monday, 2nd November at 7.30pm.

Attend The **Remembrance Day Mass** on 11th November at 9am.

Attend **A Mass of Remembrance** for all in our parish who have died during the last year on Friday the 6th of November. As it is the First Friday of the month, there will be **Exposition and Benediction** at 7pm prior to Mass.

FEAST DAYS - NOVEMBER

Nov 1st - All Saints - Solemnity
Nov 2nd - The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
Nov 4th - St Charles Borromeo, bishop - Memorial
Nov 9th - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast
Nov 10th - St Leo the Great, pope, doctor - Memorial
Nov 11th - St Martin of Tours, bishop - Memorial
Nov 12th - St Josaphat, bishop, martyr - Memorial
Nov 17th - St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious - Memorial
Nov 21st - The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary - Memorial
Nov 22nd - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Solemnity
Nov 24th - Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs - Memorial

PRAYER ZONE



Anniversary: Harrison Forester
Please pray for the ill: Angela Mayson, Joseph Chan, Wendy Phoa, Jan Martin, Isabelle Law, Quentin Stewart; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Alburquerque; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell; James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; Sylvia Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Fergus O'Brien; Michelle Soumier; Gracie Spencer; Brendan Stone.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION - NOVEMBER



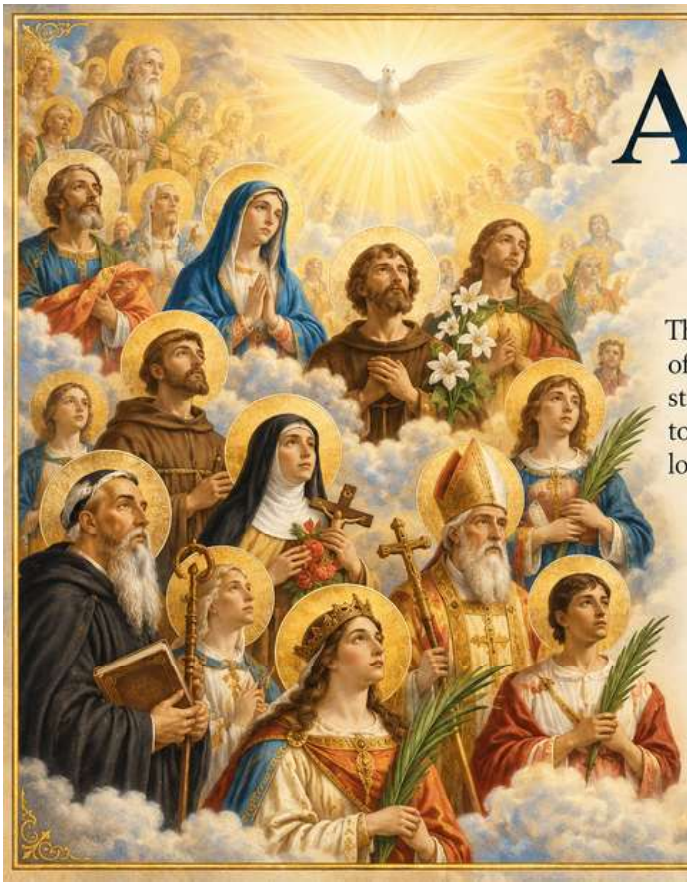
For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

PIETY STALL

Confirmation Gifts at the Piety Store

We have stocked up on a lovely selection of meaningful gifts for our Confirmation candidates! Whether you are looking for a special keepsake or a thoughtful gift to mark this important sacrament, we have something to help make their Confirmation day even more memorable. Please stop by the Piety Store on your way out after Mass and have a look. Your support is greatly appreciated!



All Saints Day

Sunday 1 November

The saints who are already in glory and in the vision of God in heaven, and the holy souls of the dead who still need our prayers, belong to the same church and to the same 'communion of saints'. All are saved and love God.

When we who are still on earth celebrate the Sacred Liturgy, we celebrate in communion with these 'saints' and 'holy souls'. There is an unseen 'cloud of witnesses' who join us in every Eucharist. We especially celebrate the witness and memory of those who have been outstanding examples in their life of faith, and who are a light for us to follow. St John Paul II reminded us, we are all called to be saints!

All Souls Day: Monday 2 November

– Reflecting on Purgatory –



The Church's teaching on Purgatory should be a source of encouragement. "Purgatory is the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the glory of God and happiness of heaven." (CCC nn1030-31; 1054)

As the name itself indicates, the Church's belief is in a blessed transformation and purification that makes those who have died ready to enter finally into God's eternal friendship, to share all things in communion with God. Given our sin and human frailty, few of us die ready for this.

This mysterious transition involves the pain of the final roots of our sin and selfishness being removed, so as to enter into communion with God in eternal happiness.

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Christmas Hamper Appeal



Mark your calendars for Sunday, 29th November as we come together for a special Mass to celebrate our 39th annual Christmas Hamper Appeal. This year we are honoured to have Fr Nguyen Van Cao SJ, Parish Priest of Holy Family, Mt Druitt, co-celebrating this momentous occasion with us.

For nearly four decades, our parish has embraced the true spirit of Christmas by reaching out to those in need. This cherished tradition has not only brought smiles to countless faces but has also strengthened the bonds within our community.

As we embark on this journey of generosity, let's reflect on the impact of our collective efforts. Each item added to your weekly grocery shop becomes a beacon of hope for a family in need. Whether it's a can of soup, a box of cereal, or a festive treat, every contribution matters.

Suggested hamper contents

- ☑ Canned Food (eg soups/seafood)
- ☑ Canned Fruits
- ☑ Christmas Pudding / Cake / Biscuits
- ☑ Long life custard / Jelly
- ☑ Packets of Rice / Pasta / Nuts / Dried Fruit
- ☑ Peanut Butter / Honey / Jam / Vegemite
- ☑ Mixed Lollies or Chocolates
- ☑ Chips / Pretzels / Popcorn
- ☑ Non-alcoholic Sparkling Wine
- ☑ Cordial / Soft drink / Juice
- ☑ Packets of Tea / Instant Coffee
- ☑ Packets of Sugar / Long Life Milk
- ☑ Sauces, Oil or Vinegar
- ☑ Tissues / Paper Towel
- ☑ Christmas Decorations / Colouring Pencils
- ☑ Shampoo and Conditioner

Plus any other non-perishable good you may wish to provide! Some families write personal notes or Christmas cards and place that in the Hamper.

Please place in a sturdy clothes basket, a strong box, recyclable grocery bags– wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper.

Please deliver hampers to Corpus Christi Church anytime from:
6pm Mass on Saturday 15th November until 10am Sunday 29th November (the Hamper Mass)

We will also be accepting cash donations for those who can't get a hamper together. Unfortunately we won't be able to accept gift cards this year.

Please reference: Hamper Mass
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BSB: 062 784
Account No: 100001798

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Sunday, 1 Nov 2026:
All Saints Day - Year A

Collect
Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First Reading
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
Rev 7:2-4,9-14

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.'
The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6
(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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
A reading from the first letter of St John 1 3:1-3

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

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12
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

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS
BY FR PAUL DURKIN

ALL SAINTS DAY

Reflection on the Word for Nov 1st 2026 Year A- prepared by Fr Paul

<u>First Reading (Rev 7:2-4.9-14).</u> Here we have a vision of the victorious followers of Christ rejoicing in his presence in the heavenly Kingdom.

<u>Second Reading (1Jn 3:1-3)</u>. In his love for us God has made us his children, destined one day to see him as he is. We should live a life consistent with this great hope.

<u>Gospel (Mt 5:1-12).</u> Here Jesus talks about tbe qualities he wishes to see in his disciples, qualities that are exemplified in the lives of the saints, and most of all, exemplified in the life of Jesus himself.
He is the 'man of the beatitudes' par excellence.



"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."
Matthew 5:12 · All the Saints of God, pray for us.

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