

The Living Word

All Saints

1 November 2020

First Reading Rv 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.'

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 1 Jn 3:1-3

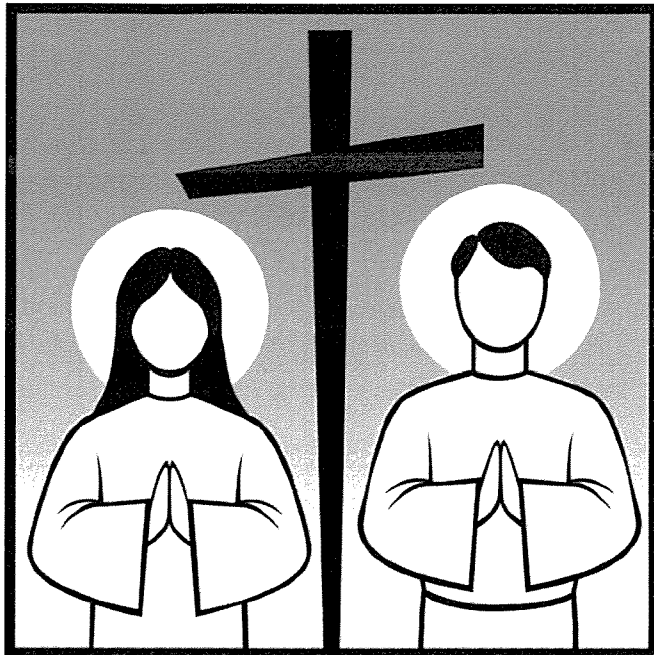
We shall see God as he really is.

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

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 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.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**** PLEASE SEE BELOW & CHECK OUR WEBSITE ****

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please contact Parish office

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday



Anniversaries 1- November to 7- November:

Christine Martin, Michael Walsh, Rita Rosevear, Ellen Fell, Sheila Marsden, Austin Dillon, Mary Basevi and Des McInerney.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Jack Davin, Alfred Dickinson, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Willow Hanan, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Stuart Jarrett, Gary Kingsbury, Jack Loughnan, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Pat Robinson, Bill & Betty Rushton, Kevin Shannon, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter & Maris Williams.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Please remember that face coverings or masks must be worn when out in public. This applies throughout the whole of Victoria.

For updated medical advice and news, please visit:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

For Diocese and Parish advice, please visit:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

Current restrictions allow limited numbers for Mass and liturgies. All other guidelines remain in place; including wearing masks, sanitising hands, contact tracing and so on. It is very challenging as we try to balance the physical safety of you all with your spiritual needs.

Weekend Masses, celebrating public Masses:

- **Saturday Vigil Mass, 6pm at Holy Family, Barwon Heads:** to book for this Mass, please contact Sue Casey on 0418 290 703.
- **Sunday Mass, 9am at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove:** to book for this Mass, please contact Nan Calnin on 5255 1241.
- **Sunday Mass, 11am at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff:** to book for this Mass, please contact Tony & Trish Frizza on 5258 3906.

If attendance numbers require us to gather outdoors, you will appreciate that Masses could be cancelled in the case of extreme weather.

If you require Pastoral care & support, or if you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

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PARISH STREAMING SUNDAY MASS ONLINE (via YouTube):

- Website link: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/mass-times/live-streamed-masses-videos/
- This is a FREE service.

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

SUNDAY & DAILY MASS STREAMED ONLINE & RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
- www.youtube.com/archmelb
- <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/> (provided by Peter Dickinson)

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The Parish Office is closed on Tuesday 3rd November for the Melbourne Cup public holiday.

All Souls' Day Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 2nd November at 9:15am at Queenscliff Cemetery. Coffee provided. For bookings, please contact Tony & Trish Frizza on 5258 3906 as attendance numbers are limited (outdoors). The service is weather dependent and could be cancelled at short notice.

November Mass Book: if you would like to add your loved ones to our virtual Mass book, please contact the Parish office.

Annual Collection for Catholic Deaf, Sunday 8th November: If you are able to donate, you are welcome to drop off your donation to the Parish office or make a bank electronic transfer. The Parish bank details are below. As always, we thank you for your kind generosity.

BSB: 083-347 **Account Number:** 530 502 075

Account Name: Queenscliff Holy Trinity Parish Church Account

Reference: Catholic Deaf

eSafety Commissioner Resource - Online Safety for Grandparents and Carers: The eSafety Commissioner has recently published a free e-book resource 'Online safety for grandparents and carers' which provides advice about online safety issues that children and young people may experience. This resource provides "key advice about online safety issues that can affect children and young people" including practical tips to help grandparents and carers to talk about these issues with children and young people and manage them. Helpful topics include: setting up devices safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular sites and apps. Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy or download and view the resource online: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers>.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 2nd November – The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)

Tuesday 3rd November – St Martin de Porres (Memorial)

Wednesday 4th November – St Charles Borromeo (Memorial)

Thursday 5th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 31

Friday 6th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 31

Saturday 7th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 31

Sunday 8th November – 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

It always seems impossible until it's done.

- Nelson Mandela

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