



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**ALL SAINTS DAY, 31 October - 1 November 2020**

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## **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH EMAIL**

Jacinta will continue to make contact with parishioners via email on a weekly basis. If you have not received an email but would like to be included in this distribution list, please email to let us know at [Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au). Alternatively, please ring the parish mobile 0434 224 483 to advise us of your email address.

This is a great opportunity to update our data base!

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREMIER AND THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, WE CAN NOW CELEBRATE MASS IN THE CHAPEL UNDER VERY STRICT GUIDELINES. PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE ON PAGE 2 FOR MORE DETAILS.

Readings, Prayers of Intercession and a Gospel reflection are included in the word, which is available from the parish web site:

[www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter)

Recorded Masses available at: [www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources)

Important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters are available on the website:

[www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

THE Parish Office remains closed, however, the staff will be monitoring the phone, mail and emails. Please ring the Parish Mobile number: 0434 224 483 and leave your name and contact number and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Email: [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Sesarina (friend of Gabrielle Dwyer)

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Sam Stranges, Kevin Luttick, Agnes Dalton, Peg Staff, Ray Pathe, Patricia Bent, Leonard Long, Charles Scorgie and Bob Friend

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:** Ben Lobo, John, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Claire Snaidero, Stella & family, Deb Neilsen, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason

**Readings this week: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12**

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

Dear Holy Spirit Parish,

With the further lifting of restrictions, Fr Arsenio will be able to celebrate Eucharist with a small gathering of **TEN people** under very strict guidelines, these have been approved by Archbishop Comensoli.

**Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.**

The restrictions are as follows:

- You must wear a face mask at all times.
- Sanitize your hands on arrival.

**Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel.**

The chairs are not to be moved from the pre marked space.

Fr Arsenio will give instructions on receiving Holy Communion during the Fraction Rite.

Communion during covid-19 at this time may only be taken by hand.

It is a priority for us to be as fair to all when booking in for mass, you will need to phone and speak with Jacinta as we have questions and details to obtain from you.

You must live within the 25km radius from Holy Spirit Parish.

All guidelines will be discussed with you when you book in.

The mass times we have at Holy Spirit are:

**Wednesday 4th Nov at 9:30am** to book please call on Tuesday 3rd between 8:30—10:30am only.\*\*

**Friday 6th Nov at 9:30am** to book please call on Thursday 5th between 8:30—10:30am only.\*\*

**Saturday 7th Nov at 6pm** to book please call on Friday 6th between 8:30—10:30am only. \*\*

**Sunday 8th Nov at 9am** to book please call on Saturday 31st between 8:30—10:30am only.\*\*

**\*\* Please note change of time for bookings\*\***

**Please Do Not send an email it is phone bookings Only.**

Jacinta Bibby Pastoral Associate Mobile : 0434 224 483



The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel.

Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity.

This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the

Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists.

The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration, commencing from Sunday 18th October and continuing each Sunday until Christmas. We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

<https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

The Parish will rely on continuing contributions through the Thanksgiving program to meet our expenses for day to day operations. If you would like to drop your envelope into the office, please ring to arrange a drop off or pick up time.

This may be an opportune time to change over to Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions. Should you wish to make this change, please call the parish office on **0434 224 483**

### **Holy Spirit Parish Vision**

At Holy Spirit Parish, we are an inviting community inspired by the Holy Spirit; welcoming everyone to worship, grow, belong and serve together as Disciples of Christ.



Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

### **All Saints Day**

*Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - Matthew 5:11*

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favourite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.

### **EVERGREENS**

Dear Evergreens,

We have been advised to put our Evergreen activities, (Meetings and Social Activities), on hold during the Coronavirus pandemic. We will advise you when we are able to resume. In the meantime, take good care of yourselves and please continue to support each other (by phone etc.)

If any further information is required, please ring Jean-(9876 2204) or Shirley- (9870 1396)



## **Parish Zoom Chat with Fr Arsenio**

The next fortnightly zoom chat is planned for Wednesday 4th November @ 5 - 5.30 pm

*Join with parishioners for a pre-dinner chat on alternate Wednesday evenings.*

*It's a great chance to see familiar faces and catch up on news.*

**Holy Spirit Parish's Zoom Meeting**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6319508706?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6319508706?pwd=WnlnaDZQMzFtMGVvUnV2WDUreUJmQT09)

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**Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ**

**Come alone or bring a family member or friend.**

**Please call Mary on 0410 654 357 for tech support if needed.**

**ALL WELCOME**

### **PARISH LETTER & DATA BASE UPDATE**

Please remember to advise the parish staff of your current phone and email details so we can update our database. You can either return the data sheet sent to you or email: [Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)  
Thank you.

### **Collection Notice**

For information on the Parish's policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to:  
<https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice>

## NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

During the month of November, the Remembrance book with names of those who have died, will be placed on the altar and all will be remembered in our prayers. If you would like to register the names of your loved ones who have passed into God's loving care to be included in the Remembrance Book for the month of November, please email or ring the Parish Office

[Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or 0434 224 483 .

## NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

Please remember the following family and friends of our parishioners in your prayers:

Bill Frangeskakis, Vladas, Elena and Kes Urmelis, Con Canty, Lilian and Raymond Pathe, Colleen & Leo Grasby, Family & Friends of M. Nordio., MaryAnne Scott and Elizabeth Scott, Roland Jacinto, Jane Jacinto, Marie Jacinto, Diana Gonsalves, Joseph Gonsalves, Grenwell Nunez, Belinda Rodrigues, Effe Rodrigues, Violet Demello, Vilma Tinda, Suzie Mascarenhas, Felix Pinto, Catherine Pinto Trevor Dsouza, Souls of the Jacinto, D'Souza, Pinto & Rebello families, Giovanni De Vincenti & Iolanda De Vincenti, Secondo Bettiol & Rosa Bettiol Margaret Cuskelly and Barry Cuskelly

## HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY



Every Tuesday night @ 7- 8 pm

*Join with parishioners in prayer and devotion to Our Lady  
for the intentions of your own heart, our community, our neighbourhood, our city and our world.*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6319508706?pwd=WnlnaDZQMzFtMGVvUnV2WDUreUJmQT09>

Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio

Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: [ambrose\\_cornelio@hotmail.com](mailto:ambrose_cornelio@hotmail.com) for inclusion weekly.

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

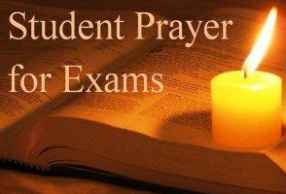
A PARISH THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

Holy Spirit Web Site - [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au):

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "Covid 19 News and Updates" (much of which is drawn from Jacinta's weekly email): ref home page & menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page

## Student Prayer for Exams



Loving God,

As our senior students prepare to sit their exams, please allow them to feel the Gifts of the Holy Spirit with them, through Peace, Wisdom and Understanding to complete their final exams.

We ask this in your name Lord. AMEN



Apparently Alex Stables is celebrating a "Significant Birthday" this week!  
Our love and best wishes to you Alex.

**This week on the Journey:** Fr Mark De Battista and our call to holiness, the pathway of life emphasizing spiritual growth, divine comfort, suffering and future rewards. Mother Hilda says ignore the incidentals, Pat Keady asks which garments of the Holy Spirit you are wearing, and Darren McDowell with strategies to change our family, parish & community cultures. Plus more great music!

Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

## All Souls Mass

St Peter Julian Eymard Parish Mooroolbark in conjunction with the Lilydale Lawn Cemetery and Lilydale Memorial Park will celebrate Mass for All Souls to be livestreamed on Monday 2 November at 11am. Details are on the flyer below.



**The Greater Metropolitan  
Cemeteries Trust**

Lasting memories, peaceful places.



## Lilydale Lawn Cemetery and Lilydale Memorial Park

St Peter Julian Eymard Parish, Mooroolbark

Leading the service: Father Joseph Xin Lu

Monday 2nd Nov, 2020 (11:00 am livestream)

<https://www.oneroomstreaming.com/view/authorise.php?>





# St Vincent de Paul Society

*good works*

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Once again, we are asking your help to supply Christmas Hampers to the families we visit. Included in this notice is a list of the hampers needed & a list of suggested items for the hampers. We understand what a hard year it has been for everyone but any donations will be greatly appreciated.

If you can't manage a hamper, donations of Groceries (as per list), toys & cash would be wonderful.

If you are able to supply a hamper please contact Joan Ward on

0400 621 022 or email [joanward@optusnet.com.au](mailto:joanward@optusnet.com.au) to tell of your selection. It won't be a problem if 2 people select the same family it will all be sorted out when we organize the deliveries.

Time & date for donations to be dropped off will be advised later.

Many thanks

## Christmas Hamper Suggestions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Biscuits     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Noodles    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegemite       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Cereals  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Sauce      | <input type="checkbox"/> Honey          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muesli Bars        | <input type="checkbox"/> Potato Chips     | <input type="checkbox"/> Jam            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lollies            | <input type="checkbox"/> Corn Chips       | <input type="checkbox"/> Nutella        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned Fruit       | <input type="checkbox"/> Salsa            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sultanas       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar              | <input type="checkbox"/> Savoury Biscuits | <input type="checkbox"/> Dried Apricots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Beans        | <input type="checkbox"/> Rice             | <input type="checkbox"/> Milo           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned Spaghetti   | <input type="checkbox"/> Le Snack Cheese  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tea            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Sauce       | <input type="checkbox"/> & Biscuit dip    | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned Tuna/Salmon | <input type="checkbox"/> O Soup           | <input type="checkbox"/> Cordials       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comb       | <input type="checkbox"/> Hair Brush | <input type="checkbox"/> Face Washer |

To add that extra touch of Christmas you may wish to include Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding, Mince Pies, bonbons and one or two small decorations. Please do not include your name on any greeting card or tag. You can however write 'From the Parishes of Holy Spirit, St. Anne & St Gerard if you wish.

If you have any queries, please contact Joan on:  
0400621022 or email: [joanward@optusnet.com.au](mailto:joanward@optusnet.com.au).



Thank you again and best wishes to you from the  
St. Vincent de Paul Society

# **VINNIES HAMPER FAMILY LIST**

Adults 1+1 means 1 adult & an older teenager.

NO	ADULTS	Male child	Female child	DETAILS	NO	ADULTS	Male child	Female child	DETAILS
19	3			Jobseeker	56	1			DSP (M)
20	1+1	10		Jobseeker (F)	57	1			Pensioner (F)
22	2	12	Baby	Parenting Payment	58	1			DSP (F)
23	1			Jobseeker (M)	59	1+1	13,12		Sole Parent
24	2	5,3		Low Income	60	4			DSP
25	1			Jobseeker (M)	61	2			DSP
26	1			Jobseeker (M)	62	1+2			Low income family
27	1			Jobseeker (M)	63	3+3			Disability Pensioners (M&F) invalid relative (M)
28	1+1			Jobseeker (F)	64	1	2		DSP (F)
29	1			DSP (M)	65	1		7	Age Pensioner & granddaughter
30	2			DSP	66	1			DSP (F)
31	1		Baby 2	Jobseeker (M)	67	1+1			DSP (F)
32	1			DSP (F)	68	1			DSP (F)
33	2			DSP	69	1			DSP (F)
34	1			Jobseeker(F)	70	1			DSP (F)
35	1			Age Pension(M)	71	1			DSP (F)
36	2	14		Parenting Payment	72	2			Age Pension (F)
37	2		6,5	Parenting Payment	73	1			Age Pension (F)
38	2			DSP	74	1+2			Jobseeker (F)
39	1			DSP (F)	75	1			Jobseeker (F)
40	1			DSP (F)	76	1			DSP (F)
41	2			DSP	77	2			DSP (F) & son
42	1		5	DSP (F)	79	2	8,6		Jobseeker
43	1	4		Sole Parent	80	1+1			Jobseeker (F)
44	3			DSP (F)	81	2			DSP
45	1+1	9		Sole Parent	82	3			DSP (F)
46	1			Age Pension (F)	83	1			Jobseeker (M)
47	1			Age Pension (F)	84	1			DSP (M)
48	1			Jobseeker (F)	85	2			DSP
49	1+1			Jobseeker (F)	86	1			DSP (F)
50	2			Disability Pensioner	87	1+1			Carer's Allowance (F)
51	2			Son & Elderly father DSP	88	1+1	14		Low income
52	2+3			Low income family	89	3			DSP (F)
53	1			Jobseeker (F)	90	1			DSP (F)
54	1+1	14	Baby	Sole Parent (F)	91	1	6,2	10	DSP (F)
55	1			DSP (M)					

## **BECOMING A CATHOLIC – RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Have you been feeling a nudge in your heart to deepen your relationship with God?

Are you searching for meaning in your life?

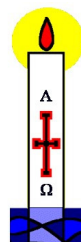
Do you feel restless, without direction?

Are you looking to join a Faith Community?

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Are you a Catholic who has not been confirmed or received first communion?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions,



**RCIA may be the answer you are seeking.**

### **THE RCIA PROCESS**

RCIA is the normal way in which adults become full, active, participating members of the Catholic Church.

The goal of the process is "full communion" which means "full active participation" in the Eucharist and in the whole life of the Catholic faith community.

RCIA helps adults to grow in their relationship with God, become familiar with Catholic teachings, get acquainted with people in the community and involved in service within the community.

### **ALREADY BAPTISED?**

Many persons who want to join the Catholic Church have already been baptised in another Christian Church. They attend the sessions but do not need to be baptised again.

### **FIRST STEP - A PERIOD OF ENQUIRY**

The RCIA process is a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment and formation. Those who join the process are encouraged to proceed at their own pace, but, on average, the journey takes about 8 - 9 months of weekly sessions.

If the candidate wishes, this leads to the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism (if required), Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter with an ongoing attendance at Sunday Mass and observance of Catholic teachings and practices.

### **WHO ELSE IS INVOLVED?**

Besides the RCIA Team, the entire community who participate in the Sunday Eucharist has a role to play through prayer and welcome.

**RCIA IS FOR:** Adults who are not baptised, Adults baptised in another Christian church and non-practising Catholics wishing to renew faith.

**SESSION TIMES:** 7:30pm - 9:00pm on a mutually agreed day of the week

**RCIA TEAM:** Fr Arsenio Tuazon - Parish Priest, Lawrence Cecconello and Tina Toomey

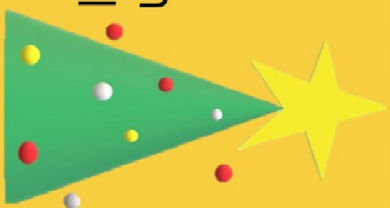
**We ask parishioners to please pray for the RCIA Enquirers, Sponsors and Team.**

For further enquiries, please call Tina Toomey on 0418552013



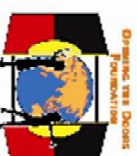


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## Opening The Doors Foundation Christmas Ornament Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Shipping Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



How many \$30 Individual ornaments would you like to purchase? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many \$360 Christmas Packs (contains 12 ornaments) would you like to purchase? \_\_\_\_\_

### Postage and Handling Prices

1-6 ornaments	\$10
7 or more ornaments	\$20
Christmas Pack	\$20

Total cost including postage and handling \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method

Cardholders Name ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Card  
Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Same as Shipping Address

Please return this order form to the Foundation at:

Opening The Doors Foundation OR [enquiries@openingthedoors.org.au](mailto:enquiries@openingthedoors.org.au)  
PO Box 1088  
THORBURY VIC 3071

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## FIRST READING

## Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14

*There was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation,  
from all tribes and peoples and languages.*

A reading from the book of Revelation.

2 I, John, saw an angel ascending from the rising of the sun,  
having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels  
who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying,

3 "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees,  
until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads."

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed,  
one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,  
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,  
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,  
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

10 They cried out in a loud voice,  
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

11 And all the angels stood around the throne,  
around the elders and the four living creatures;  
they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

12 "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me,  
"Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"

14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."  
Then he said to me,  
"These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;  
they have washed their robes  
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## Psalms 24.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 (R. 7c+10b)

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

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;

2 for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the river. **R.**

3 Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false. **R.**

5 They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

6 Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 John 3.1-3

*When God is revealed, we will see God as he is.*

A reading from the first letter of John.

1 See what love the Father has given us,  
that we should be called children of God;  
and that is what we are.

The reason the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.

2 Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this:

when he is revealed, we will be like him,  
for we will see him as he is.

3 And all who have this hope in God purify themselves,  
just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Matthew 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

Matthew 5.1-12a

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

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain;  
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will receive mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you  
and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil  
against you falsely on my account.

12 Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward is great in heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.



## Reflection.

We are given a glimpse into our ultimate future as we celebrate the glory of countless millions of people who won through the centuries, have gone home to God. Those who are now gathered in heaven with Christ were men and women who worked and suffered for the love of God. They took their faith seriously enough to allow it to shape their lives in order to complete the task that God has given them. Those who are canonised are only a fraction of God's friends. In the hard experience of life they managed to keep their sights on the living God, trusting that he would work all things for the good. Their outstanding quality was faithful perseverance in the long and painful task.

This gospel paints a picture of the qualities Jesus considers necessary for making a person a saint. He lets us see the value of a humbly daily life and how precious it can be if we take up our cross and follow him. The saints are put before us for our imitation to show us the way and point out the path we have to travel. All Saints' Day gives us fresh courage to renew our commitment and to thank God for giving ordinary people like us the ability to become saints. As we honour the saints, we pray that where they are, we also may one day be.

-Fr. Arsenio

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## Prayers of Intercession

### Father:

Bearing in mind the challenges before us, and in company with all the saints, we pray to you our heavenly Father.

### Reader:

We pray for the Church; that she may bear witness to the holiness of God in the lives of her members.

**LORD HEAR US.**

For our priests and bishops; that they may be welcomed into the joy of the Father's kingdom and hear Christ say to them: "Well done good and faithful servant". **LORD HEAR US.**

Loving God, as our senior students prepare to sit their VCE exams, please allow them to feel the Gifts of the Holy Spirit with them, through Peace, Wisdom and Understanding to complete their final exams. **LORD HEAR US.**

For those who are sick, and those who care for them; that they may be comforted and strengthened by the example of the great saints who imitated Jesus' concern for those who were sick in mind and body. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for Christians throughout the world who are persecuted for their faith: may they find their heavenly reward. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those who mourn: that they will be supported and comforted in their time of grief. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for those who have died recently, Sr Sesarina, those remembered in the November Intentions, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Sam Stranges, Kevin Luttick, Agnes Dalton, Peg Staff, Ray Pathe, Patricia Bent, Leonard Long, Charles Scorgie and Bob Friend. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. **LORD HEAR US**

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION,**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

**St. Alphonsus Liguori**

