PRAYING WITH ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

(newly proclaimed Doctor of the Church)

Dear Lord, help me to spread your fragrance wherever I go. Flood my soul with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of yours. Shine through me, and be so in me, that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only you, O Lord! Stay with me and then I will begin to shine as you do; so to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Lord, will be all from you; none of it will be mine. It will be you shining on others through me.

Let me thus praise you in the way which you love best, by shining on those around me. Let me preach you without preaching, not by words but by example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to you. Amen.

Stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as you shine: so to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Jesus, will be all from you. None of it will be mine. It will be you who shines through me upon others. O, let me praise you, in the way which you love best, by shining on all those around me. Give light to them as well as to me; light them with me, through me. Teach me to show your praise, your truth, your will. Make me preach you without preaching; not by words but by my example and by the catching force, the sympathetic influence, of what I do – by my visible resemblance to your saints, and the evident fullness of the love which my heart bears for you.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

— Becoming a saint is about becoming your true self — *Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe op*

On the Feast of All Saints, we celebrate the great multitude of holy men and women, those whom the Church has recognized, and the vastly greater number whose names we do not know. The number of canonised saints seems to be increasing dramatically. Pope John Paul II canonised more saints than all previous Popes combined. Isn't this all a bit exaggerated?

No, because sanctity is not a common feature that is shared by lots of people, like being right-handed or ginger haired. In the third Eucharistic Prayer we say, 'You give life to all things and make them holy.' Holiness is being fully alive, as God created each thing uniquely to be. There are as many ways of being a saint as there are human beings. Being authentically ourselves is key. We can only really be ourselves – most authentically who we uniquely are – by conforming to Christ. St Paul said 'it is no longer I who live but it is Christ who lives in me.' (Galatians 2:20). In Christ, our individuality comes to complete fruition.

Thomas Merton said to his novices at Gethsemane Abbey: 'What you came here for is to become yourself, to discover your complete identity, to be you. But the catch is that of course our full identity as monks and Christians is Christ. It is Christ in each of us… I've got to become me in such a way that I am the Christ that can only be the Christ in me. There is a Louis Christ [Louis was his name as a monk] that must be brought into existence and hasn't matured yet. It has a long way to go.' We need the courage to attain that unique identity in Christ.

The film *"Of Gods and Men"* tells the story of a small community of Trappist monks living in Algeria in the 1990s. Slowly they find themselves caught up in the rising tide of violence, caught between the Islamist terrorists and the military. They struggle, together and individually, to discern whether they should stay with the villagers or find safety back home in France. Finally, their separate mental journeys converge in a common decision to stay and share the lot of their Muslim neighbours. When the Prior describes this process shortly before they are murdered, he sees it as a journey towards sanctity, each monk becoming the person he was created to be. He says: 'I think that each of us discovered that to which Jesus Christ beckons us. It's to be born. Our identities as men go from one birth to another. And from each birth to birth we'll end up bringing to the world the child of God that we are. The Incarnation, for us, is to allow the filial reality of Jesus to embody itself in our humanity. The mystery of the Incarnation remains what we are going to live.'

We celebrate the vast throng of saints today, each utterly different; each themselves by being one in Christ.

CALENDAR

MONDAY
November 3
Weekday
Rom 11:29–36
Lk 14:12–14

TUESDAY
November 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Rom 12:5–16b
Lk 14:15–24

WEDNESDAY
November 5
Weekday
Rom 13:8–10
Lk 14:25–33

THURSDAY
November 6
Weekday
Rom 14:7–12
Lk 15:1–10

FRIDAY
November 7
Weekday
Rom 15:14–21
Lk 16:1–8

SATURDAY
November 8
Weekday
Rom 16:3–9, 16, 22–27
Lk 16:9–15

SUNDAY
November 9
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12
1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17
Jn 2:13–22

SAVE THE DATE — SAT 29 NOV

We will be going on our final pilgrimage of this Jubilee Year, to the Immaculate Conception Church (Samsen, Dusit), one of the 4 designated pilgrimage churches in the Archdiocese of Bangkok.

Preliminary itinerary:

- 09:15: arrival at Immaculate Conception
- 09:30 - 09:45: introduction to the pilgrimage site
- 09:45 - 10:45: visit the area around the church (including the original church); confessions; quiet time for prayer
- 10:45 - 11:30: Mass, celebrated by Fr John
- 11:30: end; no lunch will be organised this time, but we encourage everyone to be creative and head for an impromptu meal with fellow pilgrims
- Register your initial interest at: assumptionpilgrimage@gmail.com

****More detailed information to follow in coming weeks****

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri	:	Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat	:	Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by mass
Sun	:	Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs. English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai	:	**First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English	:	**Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays	:	Before all masses (Thai). English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri	:	08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun	:	08:30 – noon
Public holidays	:	Closed

Dear Padre

November 2, 2025

Do we pray for the dead on All Souls' Day for what we can do for them, or for what they can do for us?

On All Souls' Day, the Church celebrates the one body in Christ that unites its members on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven. For more than a thousand years, we've commemorated this transcendent bond on the second day of November, whether at Mass, in a cemetery, or on a home altar to the faithful departed. This bond of companionship between the living and deceased is so vital to our spiritual well-being that All Souls' Day is celebrated even when November 2 falls on a Sunday.

Because Catholics are in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers, Masses, sacrifices, and works of charity can be offered up on behalf of the deceased. (See 2 Maccabees 12:38–46.) Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers on behalf of the living. Thus, our assistance to the deceased, and their intercession for us, is mutually beneficial! "A perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory, and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things" (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 5; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1475, 954-955, 962). May perpetual light shine upon the souls of the faithful departed. ●

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HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

DOXOLOGY **PLEASE STAND**

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN

Amen. Amen. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.
All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. **PLEASE KNEEL**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE (No. 945)

FINAL: THE BEATITUDES **PLEASE STAND**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst, for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
And blessed are the persecuted for the sake of righteousness.
And blessed are you, persecuted for my sake.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the Kingdom, the Kingdom of Heaven.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Sunday, 2 November 2025

ENTRANCE: FOR ALL THE SAINTS (No. 884) **PLEASE STAND**

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,
All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
– and, striking their breast, they say –
Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
All: **Amen.**

KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kýrie, eléison, (2); Christe, eléison, (2); Kýrie, eléison, (2).

GLORY TO GOD

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

1. **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.
2. **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, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. **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. (R)

FIRST READING: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

A reading from the Book of Revelation:

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel.

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."

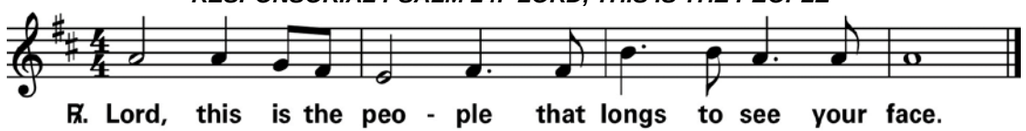
All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed:

"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 24: LORD, THIS IS THE PEOPLE



1. The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.
   For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. (R)
2. Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place?
   One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain. (R)
3. He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior.
   Such is the race that seeks him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Jn 3:1-3

A reading from the Letter of Saint John:

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA: **PLEASE STAND**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
And I will give you rest, says the Lord.

GOSPEL: Mt 5:1-12a

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Priest: The Good News of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE APOSTLES' CREED **PLEASE STAND**

Priest: I believe in God,
All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS *OF THE FAITHFUL:*
"Hear our prayer."

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM (No. 795)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS **PLEASE STAND**

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER