

- ❖ **Called to be Saints:** Today we celebrate All Saints Day. This great Solemnity calls us to look toward heaven and remember that we are all called to be saints. The book of Revelation uses symbolic imagery to paint the Apostle John's vision of heaven. The symbolic imagery can sound confusing – it portrays deep meaning about the baptised being ‘sealed’, praising God, and being cleansed in the forgiving event of the Cross – the Blood of Jesus.
- ❖ **Marked with The Seal:** In John’s vision of heaven, the saints – servants of God – are marked with the seal. This language invokes the Old Testament Ezekiel where the holy ones were marked on their foreheads with the Hebrew letter Tao. It is shaped like a cross, so the saints are the ones marked with the sign of the cross.
[Q]: *Ponder your own baptism (where you are signed with the cross), confirmation (where you are sealed with the Holy Spirit through the cross traced in oil on your forehead), and the sign of the cross itself (that we make in prayer and worship).*
- ❖ **Every Nation:** John saw, “a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue.” Heaven is not exclusive to one group. There will be people there “from every nation, race, people, and tongue.”
[Q]: *All Saints Day remembers all the servants of God, not just those who are canonised. Pope Francis called them ‘the saints next door’. Who is a saint next door to you?*
- ❖ **Saints in The Making:** The Apostle John reminds us that baptised Christians are saints in the making, belonging to God and called to live accordingly. The whole Christian life is about turning from sin and giving ourselves completely to God. The white garments of the Book of Revelation are symbolic of a white martyrdom of faithfulness and perseverance.
[Q]: *What is it like for you to recognise that your true identity is a saint and your primary call/job is to holiness?*
- ❖ **We Shall See God:** Holiness is about living in a way that allows God to permeate every aspect of life. It is challenging, but God gives us everything we need to succeed. The reward is worth the effort, for “we shall see [God] as he is”, for eternal life. Today we celebrate all the saints who have gone before us and are reminded that they are in communion with us and are also keen to help us in our Christian life.
[Q]: *Name your favourite saints. Why do they inspire you?*
- ❖ **Plan A or B(e):** *Be*-attitudes: Jesus' Beatitudes offer a blueprint for holy living. The world's Plan A is about wealth, but Jesus says we are to BE ‘poor in spirit’. The world's Plan A says seek pleasure, but Jesus says we are to BE ‘gentle’, ‘merciful’ and ‘pure in heart’. The world's Plan A is to seek power and climb up on top of others, but Jesus says we are to ‘mourn’, ‘seek peace’, and ‘hunger and thirst for what is right’.
[Q]: *Are you living by the world's Plan A or Jesus' **Be**-attitudes?*
- ❖ **The How-To of Sainthood:**
[Q]: *Reflect slowly and gently on each Beatitude. What would it look like to live each **Be**-attitude in your life with friends, family, work colleagues and the wider community? How would it impact your life? Which **Be**-attitude would you struggle to live the most?*

Pope Leo's 7th October address to open the meeting of Church leaders,
gathered to look at **AMORIS LAETITIA: PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL WITH FAMILIES TODAY**

– continued from last week –

The lives of families place before us questions that deserve to be faced with courage. In many contexts, a growing distance has emerged between the ways in which sex and intimacy are lived and the Christian vision of marriage. Young people continue to long for love, fidelity and belonging, yet many find it difficult to embrace how such a vision of love can take shape in their own lives or to believe that a lifelong commitment is the condition for reaching what they desire. Economic insecurity, migration, violence, loneliness and other forms of emotional fragility also shape the choices people make and the possibilities they can imagine for their future.

These realities raise a number of questions that we must face with courage. What are people truly seeking beneath these cultural changes? What do their joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties reveal to us? Where do our pastoral language and practices succeed in opening a path, and where do they fail to touch people's hearts or assist their efforts to do what is good? What is the lived experience of families teaching us — an experience from which we have not yet fully learned? What can we offer as formation for healthy and holy family life? In particular, what can we learn from parents as they seek to accompany their children and young people in such contexts?

Fragility deserves special attention, for it can profoundly shape the way people see themselves, their future, and even their relationship with God and with the Church. The experience of fragility raises the question of whether we are able to remain close to one another when life no longer corresponds to what had been hoped for, and whether we can recognise the work of grace even in situations marked by limits, wounds and apparent failure.

In this respect too, the experience of families has something to teach everyone, since fragility belongs to our common human condition and therefore also to the life of the Church. We all know the gap between the good we desire and what we are able to live. We need grace, forgiveness and new beginnings to accomplish God's will, and we learn that fidelity is itself a grace to be received and a path to be gradually renewed, often through trial. Recognising this shared challenge should shape the way we accompany one another in the Church. What kind of Church, then, do people encounter precisely when they are most fragile? Do our communities help them discover that they still have a place, a responsibility and gifts to offer? Can the truth we proclaim be encountered through the patience, closeness and mercy of our pastoral presence? How can we announce to them the fullness of the Gospel's teaching about the family?

** Pray, Reflect, Grow with the Sunday Readings at www.livingtheword.org.nz



CALENDAR

Monday

November 2
*The Commemoration
of All the Faithful
Departed (All Souls)*

Wis 3:1-9
Rom 6:3-9
Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday

November 3
Weekday
Phil 2:5-11
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

November 4
*St. Charles
Borromeo, Bishop*
Phil 2:12-18
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

November 5
Weekday
Phil 3:3-8a
Lk 15:1-10

Friday

November 6
Weekday
Phil 3:17-4:1
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

November 7
Weekday
Phil 4:10-19
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

November 8
*Thirty-second
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Wis 6:12-16
1 Thes 4:13-18
or 4:13-14
Mt 25:1-13

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

John P. Murray osa
Pastoral Leader, 10 am Mass Community

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

EVERY SUNDAY AFTER MASS, **EVERYONE IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SIMPLE MORNING TEA OR COFFEE, IN THE ASSUMPTION SUKSA SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AREA (on the right-hand side of the cathedral). DO ENJOY, HAVE A CHAT AND MEET YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS. ALL ARE WELCOME. ALWAYS.**

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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 10:30 hrs.

BAPTISM:

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

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
: **English before 10:30 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

Good News!

November 1, 2026

All Saints

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 John 3:1-3 / Matthew
5:1-12a

MIGUEL DULICK

What a lovely feast when we hear again the familiar beatitudes. Blessed! Blessed! Blessed! Are you poor in spirit? Come on down—you get the kingdom of heaven! Are you mourning? Comfort on call! Meek? This land is your land! Hungering for righteousness? Your marching days are done! Are you merciful? You ain't seen nothin' yet! What about clean of heart? That's hard to live up to, but the reward is that you get to see God! Peacemaker? “Why, you're one of my own children!” says God. And, finally...insulted and persecuted? Crowned in heaven; that is your reward!

How many saints are there? According to the Book of Revelation, “A great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue” (Revelation 7:9). Pope John Paul II took that as a mandate, multiplying saints beyond the capacity of the calendar to accommodate them; he wanted every community to have a patron saint. Pope Benedict kept up the “multitude-ing,” and, in 2015, Pope Francis declared Archbishop Oscar Romero—long called “*San Romero de las Americas*” by the faithful of El Salvador since his assassination in 1980—a martyr *in odium fidei*, that is, he had been murdered out of hatred of his faith. This led to his beatification in the same year and his canonization by Pope Francis in 2018. I visited his tomb in 1985, and there were already hundreds of notes stuck on the wall, all grateful for *el milagro*—the miracle. Saints of God, pray for us. ●

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OFFERTORY: A LIVING FAITH (No. 677)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

HOLY (No. 263)

PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

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 (No. 387)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

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 (No. 390)

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 LIVE (No. 945)

FINAL: SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY (No. 539) PLEASE STAND

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Sunday, 1 November 2026

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

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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 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 prayers;
you are seated at 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

R. Lord, this is the peo - ple that longs to see your face.

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 first 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 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 Gospel 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:
“Lord, gather us with all your saints.”

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