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Sunday Masses: 9:00am and 10:30am (Sung Mass)

Daily Mass: **Mon:** 7:30am; **Tue - Sat:** 10:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: **Tues – Thurs: 5 – 6:00pm**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction: **Fri:** 5 – 6pm

Confessions: **Fri:** 5:00pm – 5:45pm; **Sat:** 9:30am – 10:00am

Holy Rosary: Daily before Mass

Feast Days – Ordinary Time Week 31 (Year C/2)

Tues 1Nov All Saints Day

Wed 2 Nov All Souls Day

Thu 3 Nov Saint Martin de Porres

Fri 4 Nov Saint Charles Borromeo

We Pray For:

Our sick and injured: Bernadette Hailwood, Catherine Murphy, Adi Soediartha, Barbara Blewden, Gerry Cassar, Makram Nammour, Camilla Pascoe, Josephine Finneran, Ana Teresa Rodrigues, Mafalda Triolo, Aimi McEwen, Louise McCann, Marija Barclay, Dan Southee.

Our deceased: Ron Molyneux (Grace's grandfather 27/10), Antonio Chidiac, Jeanne Mcpherson, Doris Micallef, Joan Westhoff, John Foley, Luisa Medina Sanches, Joanna and Tadeusz Wolski, Arthur Horder, Phillip Camilleri, Marie LaBrooy (Geneviève's mum), Julian Ciappara (28/1), Henrietta Pham, Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood and Margaret D Hailwood.

Our house bound elderly: Newton McMahon, Robert Pearce, Joyce Regoski, June Holt, Shirley Kennedy, Anna Maria, Patricia Wells.

If you would like to add names to the 'We pray for our deceased' list, please contact the office. Please note that any names added for an anniversary to the pray for the deceased will remain for 4 weeks.

Partaking in the Eucharist commits us to others, especially the poor, teaching us to pass from the flesh of Christ to the flesh of our brothers and sisters, in whom he waits to be recognised, served, honoured and loved by us.

Pope Francis

Catechesis on the Mass 2018

Glorify God on All Saints Day (Feast day 1 Nov) with this prayer.

Philip Kosloski - published on 11/01/21



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Give praise to God, through Mary, on this day she celebrates the saints in Heaven.

All Saints Day is meant to be a great celebration in the Church, giving glory to God for all the holy men and women united with him for all eternity. It is a designation we hope to share one day, glorying God in Heaven. Here is a short prayer from St. John Paul II, uniting ourselves with Mary to give glory to God.

We exult, O Mary Assumed into Heaven, as we contemplate you who have been glorified and, in the risen Christ, have become the co-worker of the Holy Spirit in communicating divine life to mankind. In you we see the goal of holiness to which God calls all the Church's members. In your life we recognize the clear sign of the path to spiritual maturity and Christian holiness. With you and with all the saints we glorify God the Trinity, who sustains our earthly pilgrimage and lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

All Souls' Day: A Feast to Remember (Feast day 2 Nov)

prepared for Aleteia by Canonry of St. Leopold - published on 10/31/14

We're not ready to stand fully in the glory of the Presence of the Bridegroom. Shame at our own unpreparedness and unworthiness as well as the fact that only the Holy can exist in the presence of the All Holy, keeps us from entering; the pain of being unclean in His sight would be unbearable, quite literally.

Purgatory is the gift of the bath of God's love which washes us clean (and, actually, removes the rumpled clothing, restoring instead the dignity of the garment of our human flesh, which is, after all, what the Bridegroom has chosen for Himself), so that we might enter.

Could there be suffering in this? Is the hot water painful that washes away the grime and stain that mars our beauty? Is the pulling off of the scab of selfishness that covers over our true self painful? Is birth painful? Is it also beautiful?

And so we are made new, completely new. Even though we did not always completely accept the many (and perhaps sometimes gentler) means offered us to "get dressed for the Feast" here

on earth, the Lord washes us – briskly but lovingly – so that we may be born fully into the glory of His presence. That is Purgatory. That is a Gift. That is a reason to celebrate.

Even when we have not left behind all that is not worthy of Heaven, God finds a way to make us ready. Of course, if we choose not to go with Him, not to accept the Invitation – something which is within our terrible power of freedom – then He will not force us into His Feast. This we must never forget. Though we should not be afraid, we should be always aware that we could choose to say No, and in His love for us, He will bind Himself to let us go away.

The other miracle of Purgatory and of which All Souls reminds us is that we – the living, the



**Merciful Father,
hear our prayer and console us.
As we renew our faith in Your Son,
whom You raised from the dead,
strengthen our hope
that all our departed
brothers and sisters
will share in His resurrection,
who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen**

**Lets Get Together and Pray
for the departed souls
On this All SOULS DAY**

Church Militant, the Church fighting not against the world as enemies but fighting for our friends, fighting to set them free – have the ability to help those in Purgatory, those who still need to experience the renewing bath of God's mercy beyond death.

We do this by our prayers. I think it somewhat indelicate to ask how this works – it is a mystery of God's own, the workings of which we may one day be allowed to see – but for the moment, it is enough to know that our assistance to them, our reaching out to embrace them in love through our prayers, our sacrifices, even our sufferings here, is real and effective. It buoys them through the waters of God's love which will carry them, clean and new, home.

We are not left simply to mourn the dead though – together with Jesus who wept at the death of His friend Lazarus – we do that; we are not simply left to remember and cherish them, though that is most fitting. We are able to embrace them in love and aid and even accompany them on their journey home. Pray for the dead every day; this great power has been given to you.

This is (some of) why we call All Souls a Feast.

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine on them.

May they rest in peace.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Saint Charles Borromeo (Feast day 4 Nov)

No age of the Catholic Church's history is without its share of confusion and corruption. Still, even in moments when disorder may seem overwhelming, individuals and movements eventually arise to propose the faith with clarity and demonstrate it in action. St. Charles Borromeo, a central figure in the Council of Trent, is remembered on November 4, as a model of such leadership in difficult times.

The circumstances of Charles' birth, in 1538, could have easily allowed him to join the ranks of corrupt Renaissance-era clergy. He was born into luxury, the son of noble parents, with a guaranteed income comparable to modern "trust funds." Early on, however, the young man signaled his intention

to go against the cultural grain. He announced his desire to serve the Church with sincerity, asking his father to give away the majority of the fund's money to the poor.

Charles could not escape a certain degree of wealth and prestige, which were expected due to his social class, but he insisted on using these forms of leverage to benefit the Church, rather than himself. When he was 22, his opportunity came: the young lawyer and canonist's uncle was elected as Pope Pius IV. Charles soon assumed staggering responsibilities, serving as a papal diplomat and supervisor of major religious orders.

The young man relaxed from these tasks through literature and music, taking no interest in the temptations abounding in Rome during the late Renaissance. He considered renouncing even this temperate lifestyle, for the strict observance of a monastery-- but found himself more urgently needed in the work of concluding the Council of Trent.

The Church's nineteenth Ecumenical Council had begun in late 1545, but experienced many delays. Its twofold mission was to clarify Catholic doctrine against Protestant objections, and reform the Church internally against many longstanding problems. As a papal representative, Charles participated in the council's conclusion in 1563, when he was only 25. He also played a leading role in assembling its comprehensive summary, the Roman Catechism (or Catechism of the Council of Trent).

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DURING
AND AFTER,
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THE PROPHET SAYS:
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I WILL UNDERSTAND."
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WHICH, AFTER ALL,
ARE PART
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IN MEDITATION,
WE FIND
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TO BRING
CHRIST TO BIRTH
IN OURSELVES
AND IN OTHERS.



St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584)

In reward for his labours, Charles received even greater responsibilities. Ordained a priest during the Council, he was named as archbishop and cardinal only months later. He found his diocese of Milan in a state of disintegration, after two generations of virtually no local administration or leadership. The new bishop got straight to work establishing schools, seminaries, and centres for religious life.

His reforms of the diocese, in accordance with the decrees of the council, were dramatic and effective, so much so that a group of disgruntled monks attempted to kill him. His survival was called miraculous.

The new archbishop's efforts for catechesis and the instruction of youth were especially fruitful, initiating the work of the Confraternity for Christian Doctrine and the first "Sunday School" classes. He also gave important pastoral attention to English Catholics who fled to Italy to escape new laws against the Catholic faith.

St. Charles Borromeo's amazing diligence, frequent travel and ascetic living eventually took their toll. The once young prodigy of the Papal Court also died young at the age of 46 on November 3, 1584. He was canonized 26 years later, in 1610.

Benedict XVI: Vatican II was both meaningful and necessary, Vatican News

Pope emeritus Benedict XVI sends a letter to an international symposium on "The Ecclesiology of Joseph Ratzinger" held at the US Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, and upholds the importance and legacy of the Second Vatican Council.

As the Church recently celebrated the 60-year anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, Pope emeritus Benedict XVI said that Vatican II not only was "meaningful" but "necessary."

The Pope Emeritus did so in a letter he sent to Father Dave Pivonka, the president of the Franciscan University in



Photo of Pope Francis with Pope Benedict when new cardinals visited Pope emeritus following August 2022 Consistory (Vatican Media)

Steubenville, Ohio, which just hosted the 10th International Symposium, 20-21 October, on the theme 'The Ecclesiology of Joseph Ratzinger.'

The event at the US university was sponsored by the Joseph Ratzinger-Benedict XVI Vatican Foundation. Fr. Federico Lombardi, President of the Ratzinger Foundation, read the letter at the event.

'A new council proved to be necessary'

In the letter, Benedict said it was "a great honour and joy for me that in the United States of America, at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, an International Symposium is dealing with my ecclesiology, thus placing my thinking and effort in the great stream in which it has moved."

"When I began to study theology in January 1946," he said, "no one thought of an Ecumenical Council. When Pope John XXIII announced it, to everyone's surprise, there were many doubts as

to whether it would be meaningful, indeed whether it would be possible at all, to organize the insights and questions into the whole of a conciliar statement and thus to give the Church a direction for its further journey."

"In reality, a new council proved to be not only meaningful, but necessary."

For the first time, Benedict continued, "the question of a theology of religions had shown itself in its radicality."

The same is true, the Pope emeritus acknowledged, for the relationship between faith and the world of mere reason.

"Both topics had not been foreseen in this way before," Benedict acknowledged.

Working toward a right understanding of the Church

"This explains why Vatican II at first threatened to unsettle and shake the Church more than to give her a new clarity for her mission."

The Pope Emeritus expressed his sincere hope that the International Symposium "will be helpful in the struggle for a right understanding of the Church and the world in our time."

Holy See to UN: 'Why are weapons sold to those who inflict harm?' by Joseph Tulloch

The Holy See's Permanent Observer to the United Nations highlights the dangers of the arms trade, and urges against technological development without responsibility and conscience.

Archbishop Gabriele Giordano Caccia, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, addressed the 77th Session of the United Nations general assembly on Monday.

He spoke of the evils of the arms trade, saying that "shamefully, there are those who accumulate great wealth through trafficking in the instruments of death."

In a second statement, he discussed the dangers of the misuse of communications technology, arguing that "our technical prowess has brought us to a crossroads."

Ending the arms trade

Addressing the Thematic Discussion on Conventional Weapons, Archbishop Caccia reiterated the Holy See's support for various UN initiatives against the small arms trade. Small arms "may be the so-called weapons of limited destruction," he said, but every year they claim "hundreds of thousands of lives around the globe."

The Archbishop also underlined the "deep connection" between peace and integral human development. In 1967, the Archbishop noted, "Pope Paul VI declared that development is the new name for peace", a call echoed in the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which states that "There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development."

He concluded by quoting Pope Francis: "Why are deadly weapons being sold to those who plan to inflict untold suffering on individuals and society? Sadly, the answer, as we all know, is simply for money: money that is drenched in blood, often innocent blood."

Misuse of communications technology

Archbishop Caccia also addressed the Thematic Discussion on Other Disarmament Measures and International Security, choosing the abuse of communications technology as his theme.

While, he said, these technologies have the power to bring us closer together, it is also true that they can be used to do harm.

This misuse, he said, quoting Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, "stems in part from the fact that "our immense technological development has not been accompanied by a development in

human responsibility, values and conscience.” Humanity has thus “entered a new era in which our technical prowess has brought us to a crossroads,” offering us “both great promise and risk.” In view of this, the Archbishop offered three suggestions for states’ conduct in cyberspace. Firstly, he said, they should “respect the inherent dignity found in each human person”, protecting their freedom of expression and privacy, within reasonable limits. Secondly, states should protect the most vulnerable, both by protecting their own critical infrastructure – hospitals, water supply systems, power plants, and so on – and by refraining from intentionally damaging that of other states. Lastly, Archbishop Caccia said, states should be guided by justice, and thus, the “Holy See encourages capacity-building efforts to benefit those States which do not have an equal share in the fruits of the digital revolution.”

Future “Evangelium” Presenters:

This Sunday (30 Oct) Caitlin West on ‘The Power and importance of engaging with secular culture’
Sunday 13 Nov, John O’Brien on The new cathedral in Mount Hagan

Mission Sunday donations for this Sunday collection

You can still make your donations this Sunday. Envelopes for donations in support of Catholic Mission are available on the tables on the side entrance and at the front entrance of the church. Please complete the forms for tax deductible receipts. Thank you for your kind support.



CWF November Parish Appeal

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held the weekend (5th – 6th Nov). The CWF supports a range of charities and ministries, including the Good Shepherd Seminary, CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, Aboriginal Catholic Ministries, and university, hospital and prison Chaplaincies. Appeal envelopes will be provided. For more info check via www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf

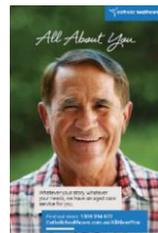


November Masses

Envelopes for November Masses are available on both tables at the front and side entrances of the church.

“It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead,
 That they may be freed from their sins.”
 2 Maccabees 12:46

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Sunday 10.30am Mass Readers' Roster

Sunday: 30 October	John McCaughan and Rebecca Lervre
Sunday 6 November	Susannah McCaughan and Fiorella Vayda
Sunday 13 November	David Larkin and Jessica Gereis
Sunday 20 November	Alex Leech and Alexandra Vella

(If there is a fifth Sunday of the month, readers will be arranged *ad hoc* for that day.)

NB If you are unable to read on your rostered Sunday, and you have been unable to find a replacement, please contact the parish office. Other parishioners are welcome to contact the office if they wish to read at either of the Sunday Masses

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney: Parish Safeguarding volunteer Online Induction Training, working With Children Check & Code of Conduct

The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney advises that any person performing any role in the life of the Parish (e.g., readers, servers, collectors, welcomers) is required to comply with Safeguarding Volunteer Online training as per the details below:



Registration to complete the Online Safeguarding Induction Training via this link <https://forms.gle/9ebT3voEAtfP7P8R9> or you can register to attend a Zoom Safeguarding Induction Training session by emailing safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org for further information and dates.

St Thomas' Willoughby Antioch 40 years reunion – 21 Jan 2023

Maria Dunn is organising the Willoughby Antioch 40 years reunion. If you know of anyone who are past members, please help let them know of this reunion - Willoughby Antioch 40 years Reunion. 21st January 2023 St Thomas' Willoughby. Info: willoughbyantioch@gmail.com