



Réquiem
æternam dona
ei (eis) Dómine;
et lux perpétua
lúceat ei (eis).
Requiescat
(Requiescant)
in pace. Amen.



Eternal rest grant unto him/her (them),
O Lord; and let perpetual light shine
upon him/her (them). May he/she
(they) rest in peace. Amen.

The origin of the Feast of All Saints lies in the common commemorations of martyrs who died in groups or whose names were unknown, which were held on various days in different parts of the Church. However, over time these celebrations came to include not only the martyrs but all saints, those persons who lived a holy life faithful to the Gospel. The purpose of the feast is said to be twofold. As the prayer of the Mass states, "the merits of all the saints are venerated in common by this one celebration," because a very large number of martyrs and other saints could not be given special honour since the days of the year would not be sufficient for individual celebrations. The second purpose was given by Pope Urban IV that if there has been any negligence, omission, and irreverence committed in the celebration of the saints feasts throughout the year is to be atoned and due honour is offered to them. This celebration of the feast of all saints reminds us of the fact that they are present, interceding on our behalf as we are surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and are a great role model for us. In the New Testament, sainthood is a status which church members enjoyed because of their consecration to God through Christ's saving work, and through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Later the term was applied to people who, by their character, life, and conduct, showed outstanding expression of their consecration to God and outstanding way of living their life dedicated to God. The names of saints began to be included in the liturgical calendars only in the second century.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15–5:45p: Sat: 4:15–4:45pm;

Sun 4:00–4:30pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &

WEDDINGS: By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER (SAT. &

SUN): 4:00 to 4:25pm

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

80% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm



1st Nov 2015 (B)

All Saints

1ST READING: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

2ND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St Matthew 5:1-12

Internet resources:

"Zenit News", "Catholic on Line";
"Liturgical Year Calendar", "Spirit Daily",
Children's web: Google, EWTNKIDS. "Tim
Staples; Catholic Sacraments, videos";
"Catholic Answers", "Catholica"
www.vocationcentre.org.au
GODGOSSIP

MASS INTENTIONS (Sat 31/10/15 to Fri 6/11/15)

Please note that from 1st Nov. to around 15th Nov., no individual Mass intentions will be offered. Instead Masses will be offered for the souls of our dearly departed relatives and friends.

OUR SICK: Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Alan Sargeant, Pat De La Motte, Richard Swords, Barry Dunn and Southern Cross residents...

Happy Birthdays to: Lenny Tjoe (1st), Giovanni Merillo (3rd), Ryan Williams and Huda Kahwati (6th).

We welcome **Harland Eion Sarmiento** and his family to his Baptism this Sunday.

November Memorial Masses: Envelopes are now available in the pews for your Mass intentions. Please place these envelopes in the special box near the altar.

ALL SOULS DAY: Mon 2nd Nov; Mass times: 7:30am, 11am and 7pm

Parish School News: 1) Class Mass: **Fri 6th Nov: Yr 3; Fri 13th Nov: Yr 4.** 2) Family Mass: **Sat 7th Nov: Yr 5; Sat 14th Nov: Yr 3.**

CWF Appeal will be held next weekend (7th / 8th November). Specially printed envelopes will be available then for your kind donations.



WYD BINGO: SAT 28TH NOV from 1pm to 3pm in Parish Hall. All are welcome! Win prizes for Christmas! Each winning game guaranteed at least 2 prizes.

Melbourne Cup Sweep: \$8, \$6, \$4, \$2 sweeps now in the church foyer. Good luck!

Kincoppal-Rose Bay Spring Fair: Sun 8th Nov at Fernon Family Fields, Vaucluse Rd, Rose Bay.

OLR, Kensington Christmas Fair: Sun 8th Nov from 10am – 3pm at Roma Ave, Kensington.

"For All The Saints"-Pastoral letter from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP to all parishioners. Please take one home to read and pass on to your family and friends....

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs one-bedroom unit is now open for inspection. Please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Manager-Admin) on 9349 1292 for an appointment or for further details.

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggart (A) B Purdon, T Bell(R) J Spora, P Tjugito (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab & Jason (A) A Burke, A Obiano (R) O Sarmiento, V Meyer (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) Volunteer, K Wong (R) N Jenner, L Jenner (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteer (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggart (A) M Butler, V Hage (R) S Kim, S Boen (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab & Jason (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) Volunteer, J Yong(C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) C Goncalves, L Tjoe (C) T Chin (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) J Chandra, D Sarmiento (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** Joe De Andrade

The Holy Year of Mercy will open on 8 December 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This liturgical feast day recalls God's action from the very beginning of the history of mankind. After the sin of Adam and Eve, God did not wish to leave humanity alone in the throes of evil. So he turned his gaze to Mary, holy and immaculate in love (cf. Eph 1:4), choosing her to be the Mother of man's Redeemer. When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy. Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive. I will have the joy of opening the Holy Door on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On that day, the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope.

Halloween is becoming popular. More are getting involved in celebrating Halloween, which originated from the ancient Celtic harvest festival known as Samhain. Halloween is also remembered as **All Hallows' Eve** among the Christian community.

Jubilee Year of Mercy



I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its center the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36). And this especially applies to confessors! So much mercy! This Holy Year will commence on the next Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy.' Pope Francis

On the Third Sunday of Advent, the Holy Door of the Cathedral of Rome – that is, the Basilica of Saint John Lateran – will be opened. In the following weeks, the Holy Doors of the other Papal Basilicas will be opened. On the same Sunday, I will announce that in every local Church, at the cathedral – the mother church of the faithful in any particular area – or, alternatively, at the co-cathedral or another church of special significance, a Door of Mercy will be opened for the duration of the Holy Year. At the discretion of the local ordinary, a similar door may be opened at any Shrine frequented by large groups of pilgrims, since visits to these holy sites are so often grace-filled moments, as people discover a path to conversion. Every Particular Church, therefore, will be directly involved in living out this Holy Year as an extraordinary moment of grace and spiritual renewal. Thus the Jubilee will be celebrated both in Rome and in the Particular Churches as a visible sign of the Church's universal communion.

Misericordia Vultis

(The Face of Mercy)



HOLY DOOR OF MERCY

