

SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE 1st November 2026
All Saints Day
Let us sit and watch Songs of Praise together on the ABC and then set the table for our Parish meal.

Prayerful and intentional preparation for a meal

Sometimes we eat, in front of the TV either together or alone; we eat on the run; we eat out in in restaurants or even in our car; but today we sit at a table that we have set for our Sunday lunch meal. It is our everyday altar of life-giving food.

As we worship at home today let us define the occasion by adding something special to our table. Give some thought to the presentation of our meal as a meditation on the importance of the time we are setting aside for worship. If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that **God Is With You.**





As we reflect on All Saints, and indeed All Souls which follows the day after, we should remember that God's saints are not just those we have heard of, those immense spiritual giants, prominent people, significant Christian thinkers and doers, theologians, teachers, writers, priests; all those who already have some degree of light shed on their lives. God is very inclusive when it comes to Saints, He counts us all in, no matter who we are or what we've done. All who come to Christ, those who are filled, are part of that Kingdom of Heaven. Those we remember, and those we sometimes overlook.

Be still and silent. Visualise in your mind, those whom you invited to share with you. Pray:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Here, and throughout the world,
We adore you O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Amen
Bless this food, both physical and spiritual.
Bless all who gather at your table, both seen and unseen, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Let us read and reflect on our cycle of readings.

A reading from the Book of Revelation 7:9-17



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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and

thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 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. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 — A.P.B.A. Page 254

1 I will bless the Lord continually:
his praise shall be always in my mouth.
2 Let my soul boast of the Lord:
the humble shall hear it and rejoice.
3 O praise the Lord with me:
let us exalt his name together.
4 For I sought the Lord's help and he answered:
and he freed me from all my fears.
5 Look towards him and be bright with joy:
your faces shall not be ashamed.
6 Here is a wretch who cried and the Lord heard me:
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him:
and delivers them in their need.
8 O taste and see that the Lord is good:
happy are they that hide in him!
9 Fear the Lord all you his holy ones:
for those who fear him never lack.
10 Lions may suffer want and go hungry:
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.
22 The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants:
and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

A reading from the First Letter of John 3:1-3



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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:1-12
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sentence Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:10

Let us now engage in some quiet reflection, or conversation and sharing, responding to the passages of scripture. We may like to write down some key thoughts for further reflection.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace' *(Num. 6 v 23b - 26)*

This manner and structure of speaking by Jesus in the Beatitudes is a model with which we're familiar. It's a model where Jesus takes something which would be recognisable to His hearers and transforms it into something better than could ever be expected. He brings the words and actions to fulfilment by giving them a new and it deeper meaning as He instils them with His own life and light.
When we ask for someone to be blessed, we are asking for the fullness of God's richness, grace and favour to be on them, asking God Himself to look favourably on them.

prayer-time This Sunday is All Saints Day and we remember all those saints, both famous and unknown, who have guided our footsteps along the way and been an inspiration to us all.
We pray for family; for members of the parish and wider community, for the life and ministry of the Church, for encouragement in our journey of faith.
We give thanks for the life work and witness of Ann Wilson, St Nicholas, we pray for Georgia Sunara and the rest of the family as they grieve, May Ann rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.
We continue to pray alongside those in our parish asking for prayer: pray for Nicholas and his two daughters, for Chris G , Bob and family, Lyn H Joy I, Cathy M, Sue Mack, Peter G, Morgan, Rev Beck and family, Trish, Suzi, Nicole, Richard and family, Rachel, David B, Lorraine, Margaret P, Kay & Chris DeVries Jean T, , Stephen, Anne, Ken, Neville B, Lisa W, Jan Y, Michael, Andrew, Pratibha K, Jeanette B, Barbara A, Jo M, Griselda, Patrusca, Rachel, Steve, Ebony, Nicole, David, Takoohi , Glenda, Margaret, Wendy, Gweneth, Jo and Ginne , Matthew, Kathryn and Keiran, Ruth, Jean N, Georgia, Pat V, Brenda, Joanie, Jan, Jac B; Eileen, Ursula P, Nicholas & Ben; Sue & Frank G, Emily

and her family; Christina and any others we wish to remember, either silently or aloud. .***Let us say the Lord's Prayer Together.***

Our Father ……

Prayer of the Day

We praise you, heavenly Father
that you have knit together your chosen ones
in one communion and fellowship
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord:
give us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.



Conclude the meal with the following prayer together.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be amongst us
and remain with us always.
Amen.

intentional connection beyond your home

After the Table Service, take the time to contact other people you know, especially those on their own, who maybe unwell, or recovering. Ask how they are or see if they would appreciate a visit. Let the Holy Spirit guide you to the person or persons with whom you should connect. Pray for them. Contact them. Start a conversation. How have you been keeping, what about this lovely spring weather, are you OK, or hope you are keeping well, was just thinking of you and decided to call. …….

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