

All Saints (Year A) 1 November 2020



A Countless Multitude. On this feast of All Saints we remember the countless multitude of men, women and children, including many we have known, who are now in heaven. We continue to be inspired by the qualities they revealed in their lives: humility, a concern for justice, gentleness, purity of heart, mercy, and courage. We take comfort in knowing that from their home in heaven they intercede for us still.

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Gospel Acclamation:

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

2020 Sacraments Program

We are very pleased to announce that our Sacrament of First Holy Communion will go ahead. There will be restrictions to ensure the health of our children and their families.

First Holy Communion - Sunday 1, 8 and 15 & 22 November at 11am

Contact the Sacramental Coordinator for further information
sacraments@stambrose.org.au

**All Souls Day – Monday 2 November - Masses 9.00am & 7.30pm
Rosary for the departed at 7pm**



Congratulations to Matilda Mendoza, Isabelle Geary, Frankie Dineen, Leonardo Curcuruto and Aiden O'Flynn who we recently welcomed into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please keep the children and families in your prayers.



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Sunday Masses: Sat Vigil 5pm, Sunday 9.30am & 5pm
Live-streamed Mass: Sat Vigil 5pm. You can participate from your home online & receive the Spiritual Communion.

Weekday Masses: 9am Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri (or Fri 9.15am school Masses)
Tuesday evening 7.30pm

Saturday 8.00am Devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday 9am Mass

Reconciliation: Sat 3.30 – 4.30pm

Adoration: Mon & Fri 6-9pm, Tues 5.45pm – 7.15pm,
Sat 3.30 - 4.30pm, Italian Cenacle: Mon 9.30am

Holy Hour & Cenacle: Wed after 9am Mass, Fri 9.30am

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 11am by appointment.

Weddings: by appointment. Contact Parish Office.

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This is my last official weekend here at St Ambrose. I hope it won't be the last you will see of me. I am moving all the way to Homebush.

Fr Chaminda will be looking after the parish till a new parish priest is appointed. I wish him all the best. He has been a great mate and cheerful partner in ministry.

I've had a great thirteen years among you. I decided earlier this year that it was time to leave. A lot has happened in the thirteen years. I arrived here in 2008. I was pretty angry with the church hierarchy.

Lovely kind parishioners told me to pull my head in. I feel like my stay here has been a healing and a settling down time. I've grown into the life of St Ambrose.

You the parishioners of St Ambrose are blessed people. You are people of kindness, compassion and love. I have delighted to be with you.

Maybe I have liked being here too much. It is easy to get comfortable in a place like this.

I have been thinking lately that the Christian life demands a fighting spirit. I don't mean a violent spirit. The Christian life is a constant struggle with evil. I have tried to name some the things we struggle with.

I don't really intend that retirement will be a long rest. I believe that God still has use for me.

All you have to know now is that I have loved you and have loved being here.

Fr Brian



Please remember in your prayers the following for whom Masses will be offered.




Recently Deceased: Terry Murphy, Yao Yu Lan (Taiwan)

Anniversaries: Anna D'Silva, Joseph William & Mary Catherine Cahill, Norman Klein, Aileen Morris

Others: Fr Kevin McGovern, Patrick & Margaret Egan, Veronica & Anne Gough, Mario Iannacito, Angelo Iannacito, Mabel & Kevin Rice, Peter Waters, Helen Timpanaro, Paul Broderick, Harry O'Hara, Eugene & Aileen Morris, Ted & Laura Merlino, Harriet David, Terry Tully, Michael Culligan, Angelina Camuglia, Dr Leonado Dimaculangan, Jennifer Bast, Doug Kemp, Carmel Cullinan, Francesca Vizzari, Anthony Zovaro, Eric Pewal, Chris Elliott, Paola Pilosio, John Ferranda, Olivero Vendramin, Thomas Murickananickal & Kochappan, Joseph, Anna Nguyen, Gordon Bridges, John Baptist Nguyen, Giuseppe Rubbo, Teofilo Zamora, Paul, Filomena Agostino, Marie Madeleine Danev, Nicola Betro, Margaret Sharpe, Tamam Koloi, Helen Timpanaro, Mario Gemin, John Ryan, John & Gwen Kennedy, Antoinette Constable, Ludivina Green, Agata Rodi, John Baptista Zammit, Catherine and John Manning, Joe and Mary Mangion, Rema Flannery, Margaret Jean Sharpe, John Pomroy, Mary & Ernest Vanzella, Gaetano Patamia, Filomena Agostino, Peter Soosai, Jessie Tan, Lorna Ropchan-Williams, Harry Dadah, Ruby Madera, Fr Chidiac & Family, Toufic Chidiac & Family, Caoile Families, Iannacito, Funaro & Di Iorio Families, Guiseppe & Maria Idiotta, Whiteford Family, Culligan Family, Cootes Family, Zammit Family, Tony & Carmen DeBono Family, Moses Family, Nancy's Family, Dahdah Family, Wheeler & Higgins Families, Morson Family, Abraham, George & Cherote Families, Kennedy and McGovern Families, John White, June Bates, Dorothy Vantwest, Thelma & Stephen Muller & Family, Soloman Family, Merrell, Bourke, Gielis & Shields Families, deceased members of St Vincent de Paul Society, dearly departed souls and all souls in Purgatory.

Please pray for the sick especially:

Joe Abbate, Patricia Christosi, Dalton James Bonnici, Maria Manno, Joseph Borg, Yuan Sheng Ye, Veronica Rutherford, Paul Dovico, David Bagnato, Angela, Rosaria Natalina Patamia, Felice Minutillo, Charlie Rossini, Kelly & Ursula, Giuseppina Algozzino, Viru, John and Betty Gattenhof, Esther Tully, Rosa Mastro, Tanya Greenaway, Gianna, Matthew, Luisa, Zia Pina, Grace Comare, Sean Peters, Elizabeth Esguerra, Juliet Walsh, Barbara Wayne, Marilyn Deguara, Elijah, Adrian Vanzella, Matthew Chan, John Rodrigues, Belinda Nicholls, Nan Peters, Carmela Smigliani, Shinta Widzaza, Alan Borg, Rosa Maria Santos, Bhupinder Tamber, Rebecca Sinclair, Marina Arasaratnam, Teresa Domalewski, Adel Abraham, Anne Vassily, Gloria Clark, Kim Long, Bob & Marion Merrell, Stacey Spencer, Joanne Ford, David, Celia and Gomes Family, Warwick Cook, Louise, James Anthony Manassa, June Corcoran, Rosina Morson, Celina Shaw, Laurence O'Connell, Sam Carroll, Dr Bede Muller, Robert Carey, Mario Bianco, Rochelle Rodrigues, Kevin Desouza, Pat Toohey, Charmaine Yu, Anne Collins, Anna Viteznik, Adrian Walker, Lauren Wedd, Peter Weinfoe, Ivy Ross, Dr Siri Kannangara, Maria Rosa de Angelis, Frank Zappia, Cecily Culligan



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:
CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR NEEDY CHILDREN OVERSEAS:

Thank you once again for your great generosity for the kindnesses you have shown in your loving care in providing 'surprises' for the needy children of our world in time for Christmas. There are another 10 or 12 boxes filled ready to go for preparation for shipping overseas.

In order to allow enough time for processing the boxes ready for shipment, the cut-off date for returning the boxes to the parish is the weekend of 31Oct/1 Nov.



PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY:

Please take note that this Safeguarding Policy introduced by Fr. Brian is a directive of the Archdiocese for the purpose of ensuring that all volunteers in any way connected with our Parish Masses...

namely, acolytes, Eucharistic ministers

who serve at Mass, at home or at hostel, collectors, youth choir ministers and Lectors are required to complete the **FOUR steps outlined in all the literature published in the past eight months in the Parish Bulletin to enable them to continue as **REGISTERED PARISH VOLUNTEERS**. There are **75** volunteers.....only **35** have completed what is necessary to qualify as a Parish Volunteer.**

**ST AMBROSE ROSARY
PILGRIM PRAYER WALK**

Parishioners and Friends

you are invited to join the parents, grandparents and friends
at St Ambrose Catholic Primary School fortnightly,

Thursday afternoon @ 2pm

to participate in our ROSARY PILGRIM PRAYER WALK.

We begin our rosary outside the school gate on STUART STREET
and then walk around the streets surrounding the school and parish
church for approximately 40 minutes.

As we walk we are invited to individually dedicate each decade to
someone or something.

The gathering is a beautiful way to not only gather in prayer to honour
Our Lady, but also to recognise the significance and beauty of this prayer
form in our Catholic prayer life.

The dates are 22 Oct, 5, 19, 26 Nov & 10 Dec.

ALL PARISHIONERS & TODDLERS ARE WELCOME!



Silver Circle Results – Week 7

1st Prize	No. 10	\$20	Marilyn King
2nd Prize	No. 17	\$10	Trish Leckie

The Summer Edition of Australian Catholics is now available. Thank you to our St Vincent de Paul Conference for providing this resource.



Live streaming services at St. Ambrose Church

Share the intimacy of your private church service with family and friends
around the world.

As restrictions continue to curb numbers in churches, live streaming is a
great way to discreetly capture the service while streaming it live.

Viewable on any device, you can easily share the link through
email, text message or any other platform.

Opt in for extras like a web page where viewers from around the world
can send in their messages.

Contact Sean on 04 06339011

COVID-19 Update - The NSW Government has recommended
parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an
additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

New Church history book – St Patrick’s Mortlake

An Enduring Flame, a history of St Patrick’s Parish, Mortlake from 1885 to the present day will be launched by Monsignor John Usher in mid-November.

2020 marks 125 years since construction of St Patrick’s Church, which was built to serve the workers and families of the (now former) Gas Works.

This scholarly 164-page-book carefully examines the parish’s history in a sensitive but transparent manner. The story includes the highs and lows, opportunities and challenges, joys and sorrows of a local Irish-Australian community. It is solidly footnoted to assist family and local historians.

From 1894-1929 Mortlake was part of St Mary’s Burwood (Concord) Parish, then came under (the new) St Ambrose Concord West Parish until 1934, before returning to Concord, and finally, gaining independence in 1943.

Dozens of rare photos assist in bringing to life the people and clergy. The faith, energy and commitment of the early Irish settlers has flourished, and successive generations of people from many different cultures and nationalities have contributed to the wonderfully diverse and vibrant parish community we share today.

Order for the book may be made through the Mortlake Parish Office, 9743 1017 or email: parish@stpatismortlake.org.au.

[Just \\$25 plus postage.](#) **A wonderful Christmas present!**

An Enduring Flame:

St Patrick’s Mortlake 1885-2020

An Irish-Australian working-class community

Dr Damian John Gleeson

November 2020

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or call (02) 9390 5810 or You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Br Julian’s Reflection – All Saints

“Count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or tell lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort, and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens...for though they don’t like it, I do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.” Matthew 5, 1-12

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul made the following, startling statement: “You are God’s chosen race, God’s saints; God loves you” (*Colossians 3, 12*). He then proceeded to describe what those who are so dear to God actually look like: “So, you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it was for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let this message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home in you” (*Colossians 3, 12-16*).

That is surely what living in the spirit of the Beatitudes (today’s gospel-reading from *Matthew*) is all about. The celebration of *All Saints* is an invitation to stop to remind ourselves of all those people, all those *saints*, who, in their efforts to live in the spirit of the Beatitudes, have had an impact for good on us.

As a way of making meaning for ourselves of this celebration of All Saints, I suggest we list all the “saints” in our lives who have helped us to grow into the people we have become. These are the “saints” who are meant to be at the centre of today’s celebration. These are the people who have had an impact for good on us. Some of them have already gone to God; others are still alive. Some, even, have become physically distanced from us because of the circumstances of their lives and of ours. But we remember them with gratitude. So, let’s begin by finding a quiet, reflective space and writing down those saints of ours who come to mind as we look back over our life.

The people whom you and I will list are, for the most part, very ordinary people - our neighbours, those we meet in the supermarket and at our parish gatherings, those who bother politicians by calling them to support the elderly consigned to nursing homes, those who walk our streets visiting the forgotten, the lonely and the shut-ins, those who take the trouble to demonstrate for the rights of refugees and asylum-seekers. They are the ones who reflect Jesus to us as they touch us and our world.

They are people who have learned to see and appreciate that all they have and are has come freely from the boundless love and generosity of God. Because of that, they are able to share their lives, talents, time and possessions, without a second thought, with those whom they encounter, especially those most in need. We have met them, we know them, and we are inspired by them. We are the richer and wiser, the freer and more generous ourselves because their lives have intersected with ours.

So, let's take our lists and quietly thank God for the saints who have found their way to us.

To add to the richness of this experience, might I suggest that we invite those with whom we live and work closely to draw up their lists and to share them. After all, the saints on each one's list are the identifiable markers in the story of God's love for us over a life-time. The sharing we all do has the potential to heighten both our sense of gratitude and to sharpen our sensitivity to all with whom we engage every single day. All this is a very simple way of participating in today's gospel-reading, and re-connecting with the saints we have met.

Enjoy the experience!