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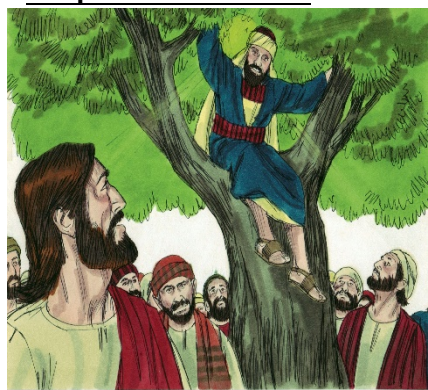
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The Gospels make explicit God's Word to us, through the teachings of Jesus Christ.
We are disciples of Jesus!

Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10



Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.'

And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

Summary

Jesus' journey to Jerusalem is almost complete. Jericho is the last town before the steep ascent to Jerusalem.

The tax collector in his undignified climbing of the tree, is prepared to make himself look silly in order to know Jesus. **He has humbled himself, just as the tax collector humbled himself in the temple in last week's gospel.** Zacchaeus repented his past wrongs and committed to make amends; and Jesus forgave him and said: **"Today salvation has come to this house."** This same journey of salvation is available to the

baptised (repentance and forgiveness). **With repentance comes God's forgiveness and our communion with God. Within the Church, this is offered through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

Three Days of Hallowtide

Hallowtide – is a Triduum of the dead, initiated by Pope Gregory III and consists of Hallow's Eve, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day.

Monday 31st October is Hallow's Eve. It falls on 31st October each year. **It is the day before All Hallow's Day, also known as All Saints' Day, in the Christian calendar.** The Church traditionally held a vigil on Hallow's Eve, when worshippers would prepare themselves with prayers and fasting, as well as, there are cultural celebrations to honour the departed, prior to All Saints' Day. The name derives from the Old English word 'hallowed' meaning holy or sanctified, unfortunately, Hallow's Eve, has been convoluted and commercialised into Halloween.



Tuesday 01st November is the Solemnity of All Saints'. All Saints' Day is a feast day which celebrates those in heaven. **"They are those who have died in a state of perfect grace and communion with God and are perfectly purified," CCC 1023.**

All Saints' Day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, the countless holy men, women and children (including those whom may have walked with us, or held our hand) who are now saints in heaven. Although, there may be millions, or, even billions of saints, All Saints' Day tends to focus on known saints --that is, those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on 13th May 609. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints.

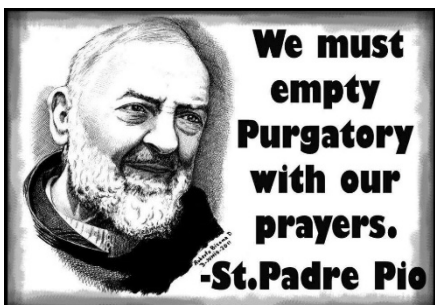


Wednesday 02nd November is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed - All Souls' Day

All Souls' Day remembers those in purgatory. **"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven," CCC 1030.**

On the Feast of All Souls, we pray for the souls of all the faithful who have died. This day reminds us of our belief in the resurrection of the dead and Jesus' promise of eternal life. In His death and resurrection, Jesus has conquered death for all who believe in Him. **We believe in eternal life and we continue to share a relationship with those who have passed on. When we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, we are praying for those whose souls are journeying through purgatory and being prepared for eternal life in heaven (those in purgatory are closer to the Kingdom of Heaven than we are).** Our prayers for them will help and fortify them on their journey to eternal life with God in heaven. In our parish, we devote this day and the month of November, to pray for the souls of our loved ones and for all the faithful departed. *Please pray St Gertrude's Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory in November. Thanks Cliff.*

In the Month of November, We Pray for the Souls in Purgatory



There is a longstanding tradition in the Catholic Church to pray for the souls in purgatory during the month of November. The souls of these individuals have not yet been completely purified of their sins and must undergo purification after death - **God's mercy does not stop at the moment of death!** Instead, divine mercy continues even after death to prepare a soul to receive God's loving embrace in heaven.

Prayer of St Gertrude the Great for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

(a prayer which releases many souls from Purgatory each time it is recited)

"O Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere – for sinners in the Universal Church, for those in my own home and for those within my family." Amen.

Note.

1. *St Gertrude the Great was a Benedictine nun and mystic who lived in the 13th Century. She died in 1302. Her feast day is 16th November.*
2. *Also, the Chaplet of the Holy Souls can be prayed on a set of normal rosary beads.*
3. **"Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin." 2 Maccabees 12:26 and 12:32**

Let us pray for all the souls in Purgatory, especially, for the souls in purgatory, who do not have friends and loved ones to pray for them. Our prayers will comfort and help them, on their journey to God's Kingdom.

"Pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory" cards are available at our Marian Chapel. Thanks Cliff.

Parish Worship Schedule

A parish is a community of disciples of Jesus, who gather to celebrate the Mass and to "live the Gospel." **We are a community of Jesus' disciples and our church is here for our collective and individual worship and prayers.** We welcome the faithful to our Mass, or, to light a candle at our Marian chapel, or, to just pray in silence; and to grow spiritually.

Mass Times	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri	8.00 am (the Rosary after)
Mass Time	Saturday	6.00 pm
Mass Time	Sunday	9.30 am
Reconciliation	Saturday night	5.15 – 5.45 pm
Anointing of the Sick	Liaise with Fr Greg	
Baptisms, marriages and funerals	Liaise with Fr Greg	

Our Prayers of the Faithful

The Church expects that each parish community would prepare their own prayers so that all the community can join in the sacred intercessory prayer (Prayers of the Faithful) at Mass. In our parish prayers of the faithful, we pray to the Lord, to help and comfort our sick and suffering. We also pray for the souls of our recently departed, as well as, for those whose anniversaries, we remember at Mass today.

Prayers for Our Sick and Suffering

Antoinette De Silva, Tony Galvez, Jenny Cassin, Betsy De Wass, Frank De Luis, Nigel, Christina Sim, Maria Marshall, Claire Webster, Ivan Fletcher, Fabian Edmunds, Celia, Crowley family, Joe Sundaram, Thilak, Diana Scully, Bluey Thompson, Celeste Vicensoni, Carla, Annette, Joe Gibson, Georgina and Ronnie Ghosh, Gemma Altieri, Fred Kara, Reg Brown, Mary & Derrick Jansen, Marie Webster Viola, Gerry and Maisie Prendergast, James Rydqvist, Annie Magdalena Rydqvist, Anne Rydqvist, Dr Andrew Chilufya Snr, Robbie Illiffe, Donna Green, Horatio Hill, Ilean Wright, Cathy and Peter Ghouse, Jimmy Olivero, Kaye McIntyre, Jeff and Tony Francis, Fr Andre, Sheila Vanwiering, CD Joseph, Marina Lim, Wendy Price, Julie Pinto, Christopher Jaffer, Bonnie Sullivan, Joslyn De Sylva and Philomena Rodrigues.

Prayers for our Recently Deceased

Bertha Lyddy.

"God blesses those people who grieve. They will find comfort" (Matthew 5:4).

Anniversaries of our Beloved Departed

Alma Stone (27 Oct), Amaro Castelino (27 Oct), Evelyn D'Souza (27 Oct), James Brown (31 Oct), Rthel Jones (01 Nov), Ena Aeria (01 Nov), Veronica Poulouse (02 Nov) and all our departed relatives and friends.

Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies" (John 11: 25-26).

Note: Parishioners may email Cliff at: cliffordgerard@bigpond.com, for any additions (or deletions) to our lists of sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, whom you wish to be included in our "Prayers of the Faithful."

Everyone has a name, and if we are to pray for them, we should say their name.

Our Next Parish St Vincent de Paul Donations is 05th/06th November

For parishioners who may wish to contribute to this worthy program, any non-perishable food in tins, packets or boxes will do (but no glass please). In addition to a food hamper, a \$30 Woolworths voucher is usually provided to enable the purchase of essentials like; fresh fruit and vegetables, baby food and more. **Cash donations may be deposited in our SVDP/poor donation box at the entrance of the church**, to enable the purchase of cash vouchers.

Parishioners who may need a "helping hand," may contact the SVDP Society for assistance, or speak with our local SVDP representatives: **Bruno George (mobile: 0470571041)** at Wilson Parish, or, **Sister Charla (telephone: 93545083)** at Riverton Parish. **The names of those requesting and receiving assistance is always confidential.**

