

1st November 2026

Remembering Our Loved Ones

All Saints' and All Souls' Day



Loving God, we give thanks for all your saints and for those we have loved who now rest in your eternal care. Help us to follow their example and live with humble, merciful and courageous hearts. Amen.

Weekly Pastoral Reflection

On All Saints and All Souls Day, we remember that the Christian story is much bigger than our own lives. Revelation gives us a vision of people from every nation gathered around God's throne. The saints are not perfect superheroes; they are ordinary people who allowed God's grace to shape their lives. Jesus calls blessed those who are humble, merciful, compassionate, peacemaking and faithful, even when life is difficult. Today we also remember those we have loved and lost. Their lives remain part of our story, and their love continues to shape us. As we remember the saints and our loved ones, may we ask not only, "Who have we lost?" but also, **"What kind of people are we becoming?"** May their faith inspire ours.

Sentence & Prayer of the Day

Sentence: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5.10

Prayer of the Day: Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love: grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

First Reading from Revelation 7.9-17

⁹After this 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' ¹¹And 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 worshipped God, ¹²singing, 'Amen!

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the centre 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.

Biblical background: John sees a vast multitude from every nation standing before God and the Lamb. They have come through suffering and now share in God's presence, where hunger, thirst, tears and pain are no more.

Meaning and relevance today: God's salvation embraces people from every nation and culture. The vision reminds us that suffering does not have the final word. God gathers his people and promises comfort, restoration and life.

Reflection question: *Where do I need to trust God's promise that suffering and death do not have the final word?*

Psalm 34.1-10; 34.22

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.

Second Reading from 1 John 3.1-3

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hear the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Biblical background: John celebrates the extraordinary love of God in making us God's children. He acknowledges that we do not yet see fully what we will become, but we have the hope of becoming like Christ.

Meaning and relevance today: Our deepest identity is not found in our achievements, possessions or failures, but in being loved as children of God. Christian hope looks towards the person God is forming us to become.

Reflection question: *How might my life change if I truly lived from the knowledge that I am a beloved child of God?*

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5.1-12

GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

For the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

Biblical background: Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount by describing who is blessed in God's kingdom: the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers and those who suffer for righteousness.

Meaning and relevance today: Jesus turns ordinary ideas of success upside down. God's blessing is found not simply in wealth, power or achievement, but in humility, mercy, justice, compassion and faithfulness.

Reflection question: *Which of Jesus' Beatitudes most challenges the way I understand what it means to live a blessed life?*

News & Notices

BAPTISM FAMILY: We warmly welcome parents Jesse and Anita, along with Priya and baby Holly, to St Peter's. Holly will be baptised in the company of St Peter's congregation on Sunday, 15th November.

ANGLICAN & CATHOLIC EVENING PRAYER: We've been invited to join St Pat's for evening prayer **Mon 30th Nov. at 5:30 pm in St Patrick's Church.** Wine and cheese will follow.

PARISH PANTRY: Donations of non-perishable food supplies, such as: Tinned soups, veggies, fish etc; Snack food; porridge; long life milk; packets of cereal; pasta; packet meals etc. Thank you for your continued donations of non-perishable food supplies for our community assistance pantry.

THIS WEEK: Sun: 8.30 am & 5.30 pm Gympie; 9.30 am Rainbow Beach | **Mon:** 9.30 am Mainly Music | **Tue:** 5.00 pm Meditation | **Wed:** 12.00 noon Service. |

Thurs: 1 pm Bible Study.

Sunday's 5.30 pm ZOOM Link: Zoom information is the same each week

Web address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7246788483> **Meeting ID: 724 678 8483**

Prayers for those in need

Jim Alford; David Arthur; Azzrah; Nicholas Barrett; Pam Dorman; Jill, Holly & Alby; Christian Ford; Joyce Gall; Allan Gall; Peter Gall; Glennys; Daphne Horne's family; Jenny; Lillian Lochel; Val McClurg; Daniel Saunders; Shirley Summerville; Graham and Beris Trainer; Robyn Vagg; Melodie Zylstra.

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE



- ♥ Mike Newby ♥ Edith Ivy Newby ♥ Max Weller,
♥ Jean Willis ♥ Ian Lewis ♥ Dennis Manger,
♥ Doug Vuletic ♥ June Vuletic ♥ Kevin Vuletic
♥ Isabella Robinson ♥ Ron McDougall ♥ Elma Nial
♥ Stan & Muriel James ♥ Marie & Bill Muir ♥ Reginald Lewis
♥ Lynn Lewis ♥ Gladys Lewis ♥ Jasmine Steer
♥ John Wesley ♥ Immanuel ♥ Bill Power
♥ John Nash ♥ David Pinchbeck ♥ Gordon Suthers
♥ Errol Doyle ♥ Tony Doyle ♥ Randall Brown
♥ Terry Nipperess ♥ Colin Nipperess ♥ Ruth Hann
♥ Michael Hunt ♥ Alan Silverwood
♥ Matthew & Timothy Bezer
♥ Rose Walker ♥ Jean Wildey ♥ Heather Tweed
♥ Ellis Wildey ♥ Glenn Wildey ♥ Susan Joy Cobb
♥ Lorraine Cook ♥ Trevor Sauer ♥ Del West
♥ Queenie ♥ Harry ♥ Minnie
♥ Ken ♥ Ella ♥ Hannah



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