



Gospel Mt 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
 Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
 Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
 Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
 Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
 Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
 Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.

There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

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The Living Word

All Saints

1 November 2020

First Reading Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

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

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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Next Week: 32nd Ordinary (A) Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

Fr Stan writes ...

This week we celebrate two significant feasts in the life of the Church – **All Saints Day** (1 Nov) and **All Souls Day** (2 Nov). On All Saints Day the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. On the Feast of All Souls, we pray for the souls of all those who have died. When we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, we are praying for those whose souls are journeying through purgatory, being prepared for eternal life in heaven. Envelopes for November Mass offerings are on the table in the church foyer.

This year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the Annual All Souls Mass at Macquarie Park Cemetery & Crematorium will not take place. A virtual Mass will be offered from the Rose Chapel at the cemetery and will be available on our parish website on Monday 2nd November. www.holyspiritnorthryde.org.au

Mass on Monday 2nd November – All Souls' Day

7:00am; 8:30am & 7:00pm



First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Holy Mass this coming Friday 6th November at 8:00pm.

With the 4sq mtr distancing rule, 120 are now permitted in the church.

Will also be live-streamed www.holyspiritnorthryde.org.au

Our Flame Gift Shop is OPEN! Check out the great selection of cards and gifts for all occasions. Come in and visit us and see our range of sacramental and general gifts. **Christmas gifts now available too!** There is something for everyone. All proceeds benefit our parish!



PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Barbara Kortynski, Dorota Gorzkowski.

PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF: Francis Varkey Munjanat, Oscar Zepeda, Tobia Zappia, Leticia Benedicto, Panaela Halapua, Margaret Buchanan recently deceased.

Also, the Escalante & Venal families, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Ignazio (Jim) Torrasi, Walter Gaspari, Charlie & Melina Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Vincenzo & Caterina Cincotta, Mary & Sam Bietola, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale Papandrea, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Angelo Fazzolari & Fazzolari family, Fortunato & Rosa Galluzzo & Galluzzo family, Rosina, Giuseppe, Salvatore & Bruno Panetta, Luigi, Rosina, Pasquale & Santa Genova, Mario & Dirce Gualdi, Antonino & Tindara Caravello, Alberto Tanzini, Angelina & Antonino Rando, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose Pupo, Emmanuela Delia, Denise Stamboulie, Zofia Machnio, Anzelm & Janina Maciejczyk, Anna D'Silva, Rita & Melville Rodrigues, Denis Wonderley, Marie & Jim Hyde, Leticia & Lorenzo Benedicto, Newton De Alwis.

We welcome into our Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism
Athena Rose Teale and Kyro Xavier Leadbitter and congratulate their families.

Go Make Disciples- Prayer for Renewal Campaign

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be launching a new Archdiocesan Mission Plan **Go Make Disciples** on 12 December, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Star of the New Evangelisation. The new plan is aimed at renewing our parishes as places of encounter with the living Christ and centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. In the weeks and months ahead we hope you will join us in an Archdiocesan-wide prayer campaign beginning on the Feast of All Saints (1 November), calling on the Holy Spirit, to prepare the hearts of each of us and of all our parishes and Eucharistic communities to receive anew the fire of God's love and the desire to be ever more faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ. The Prayer of Renewal will be prayed at end of Mass.

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