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HOLY FAMILY PARISH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Sunday, 1 November 2020

A very warm welcome to everyone in our parish this weekend.



The Church Triumphant: Those who have gone before us and now share in the glories of Heaven, in the Beatific Vision, are not gone. Sure, we do not see them and we cannot necessarily hear them speak to us in the physical way they did while on Earth. But they are not gone at all. St. Thérèse of Lisieux said it best when she said, “I want to spend my Heaven doing good on Earth.”

The saints in Heaven are in full union with God and make up the Communion of Saints in Heaven, the Church Triumphant! What’s important to note, however, is that even though they are enjoying their eternal reward, they are still very much concerned about us.

The saints in Heaven are entrusted with the important task of intercession. Sure, God already knows all our needs and He could ask us to go directly to Him in our prayers. But the truth is that God wants to use the intercession, and therefore, the mediation of the saints in our lives. He uses them to bring our prayers to Him and, in return, to bring His grace to us. They become powerful intercessors for us and participators in God’s divine action in the world.

Today’s Readings...

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

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Communion Antiphon:

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Why is this the case? Again, why doesn’t God just choose to deal with us directly rather than go through intermediaries? Because God wants all of us to share in His good work and to participate in His divine plan. It would be like a dad who buys a nice necklace for his wife. He shows it to his young children and they are excited about this gift. The mom comes in and the dad asks the children to bring the gift to her. Now the gift is from her husband but she will most likely thank her children first for their participation in giving this gift to her. The father wanted the children to be part of this giving and the mother wanted to make the children a part of her receiving and gratitude. So it is with God! God wants the saints to share in the distribution of His manifold gifts. And this act fills His heart with joy!

The saints also give us a model of holiness. The charity they lived on Earth lives on. The witness of their love and sacrifice was not just a one time act in history. Rather, charity is living and continues to have an effect for the good. Therefore, the charity and witness of the saints lives on and affects our lives. This charity in their lives creates a bond with us, a communion. It enables us to love them, admire them and want to follow their example. It is this, coupled with their continuing intercession, that establishes a powerful bond of love and union with us.

HEALTHY HYGIENE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

Wash your hands regularly
for at least 20 seconds, using
soap & water or alcohol-based gel



Stay home if you are sick
don’t go to work or school
if you have symptoms



**Avoid close contact
with others** try to keep
at least 1.5 metres away



**Cover your mouth/nose
when you cough/sneeze**
using a tissue or flexed elbow



**Avoid shaking hands
or making other unnecessary
physical contact with others**





Our Parish Prayer Intention this week

We pray for our sisters and brothers who are in Victoria and New South Wales and around the world who have been affected because of the Corona Virus Pandemic—those who are sick, for their healing; those who are in isolation and those FRONT-

LINERS (healthcare workers, peacemakers, first responders, volunteers and non-health workers) for their protection from harm; and to all our civil leaders, that they would listen to the voice of the Spirit in every decision that they make. Let us be one with them even in prayer.

Let us also remember in our prayers all those affected because of the missing ship **Gulf Livestock 1** due to the typhoon in Japan, which was carrying 43 seafarers. We still pray for miracles from God that His divine intervention may prevail during the ongoing the search and rescue mission. We, too, remember their families in this most devastating period of their lives.

We pray for the special intentions...

Norma Doyle, Margaret Muller, Jane Shaw, June Higgins, Robert Main, Jane Bell, Bill Parker, Sarah Stevenson, Virgilio Pesigan, Todd Bennett, Carrie Bertola, Maurice Byrne, Julian Letter, Bonita Stevenson, Gary Maxine Fryatt, John Dawson, Lorelie Donkin, Cirila Adams, Jose Vecchio, Tegan Castellaro, India Heslop, Sue Dechow, Lucyna Collins, John and Stefania Kopec, Victor Cruz, Zoe Whittingstall, Comple Family, Chloe Field and her unborn baby, Theresa Macaulay, Halina Van

Anniversary of Death for this month... Nicanor Saminal, Giuseppina Andreotti, Benjamin Golden
Lucrecia Alesna Lawat, Salvatore Daniele and Peter Nguyen Le

Recent Death... Lucas Calogero Baxter

If you have a loved one who wishes to be included or you would like to update our information in our prayer list, please do not hesitate to message or ring us.

ROSARY STATUES:

Pilgrim Statue

Chris Palfrey

Filipino Statue

Adrian & Remy Hetherington

Our PARISH OFFICE is now finally OPEN!!!

Our Parish Office will be opened ONLY on Friday from 9am until 12noon. During all other times, please do not hesitate to contact us either via phone or email.

Phone: (08) 9841 1129

Email: albacath@iinet.net.au

PARISH FINANCE UPDATE

Your donation can make a big difference. If you're interested in extending your help, we suggest a couple of useful options.

OPTION 1: Planned Giving Pledge Forms are now available for 2020-2021. If interested, you may approach the priest after the Mass.

OPTION 2:

ONLINE BANK TRANSFER

Account Name: Albany Catholic Parish

BSB: 086-006 A/C: 84-698-5771

If possible, could you please add a narration such as "NAME for Planned Giving" so we can

identify the money when it comes into the account.

You want to give to the Collection Basket but NO CASH?

It's not a problem anymore. In the foyer of the church, **TAP & PAY** is now also available... This may just be a trial period, but it truly works. Have a go and see, and tell me how did you go.

Once again, thank you very much for your generosity and support. God bless!

- Fr Chris, OSJ

2 November, Monday:

All Souls' Day Masses

Our All Souls' Day Masses will be the following:

9:00am - Allambie Park

241 Lower King Rd, Walmsley

6:00pm - St Joseph's Church

Aberdeen Street (near the town)

If you have any family members or friends who have passed away and would like them to be included in all of our Masses in the whole month of November, please do not hesitate to send us their names. **Envelopes are also available in our church foyers for prayer intention.**



PARISH SACRAMENTAL DATES for 2020

CONFIRMATION

- **Parent/ Child Workshop**

Wednesday, 4 November, SJC UA at 6:30pm

- **Celebration of the Sacrament with Bishop Gerard**

Due to Covid restrictions, we have two sets of celebrations: **14 November (Saturday) at 6pm** and **15 November (Sunday) at 9:30am** both in Holy Family Church. We might add extra Masses on this particular day to accommodate more of our Mass goers, but we will inform you prior to this date.

Parish Pastoral Council AGM 2020

This meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in New Camfield, on **Sunday November 22, the Feast of Christ the King.**

Council Membership. We urge parishioners to consider nominating either themselves or another, as a member of the PPC that can really help our parish community in the decision making pastorally. *Nomination Forms* will be available in both churches, online from our website or from Anne Smith. These are due in to Anne Smith by Monday, November 2.

Annual Report. As an Annual Reports of the Service Groups of the Parish are to be published and placed in each of the churches two weeks prior to the AGM, these reports, as a Word document, are due in to Anne Smith by Monday, October 26.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact **Anne Smith**, Secretary Holy Family Parish PPC (Email: bas61@iinet.net.au, or Mobile: 0478 616 137).

POSITION AVAILABLE

You are invited to consider carefully and prayerfully whether you might be able to accept the role of **Safeguarding Officer** for our parish. Anyone willing to fulfil this ministry, please contact Fr Chris. Parish Safeguarding Officer training will be held on Friday 4 December. It is only when each person plays his or her part in child protection that we can create a safer future for our children.

We are ONLINE!!

Check-out our website to be updated with what's going on in our parish community.

www.albanycatholicparish.org.au

Also, if you want to receive the **Weekly Parish Bulletin** via e-mail, please do not hesitate to contact us.



ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

7/8 November 2020

Saturday 6pm Mass

Holy Family Church

Deacon: Ron Webb

Readers: Jan Fisher, Mark Browning

Sunday 7.30am Mass

St Joseph's Church

Acolyte: John Kelly

Readers: Anne Letter, Mike Trafalski

Sunday 9.30am Mass

Holy Family Church

Deacon: Manuel Navalta

Reader: Colleen Purdon, Ruth Cofey

Sunday 5.00pm Mass

St Joseph's Church

Acolyte: Mike Matusiak

Readers: Ana Pauley, Vicki Byrne

CALL OUT ALL OUR READERS

The current roster is now available, however readers are still required to fill some vacancies. If you are interested in joining this ministry or have not yet received a copy of the roster, please contact **Helen Anderson** on **0427 108 810**.

PARISH CARE AND SUPPORT MINISTRY

(Grief and Bereavement Ministry)

The aim of this ministry is to give support and to serve as a bridge of love to everyone in our parish community especially to those who are suffering from loss, who are sick, homebound, in nursing homes and hospital, or to anyone who just wants to have a chat, feels lonely, overwhelmed, depressed or isolated.

If you are interested or know anyone who would be interested to receive this pastoral care service of our parish regardless of creed, colour and code without judgement or for anything, please do not hesitate to contact us through the parish office and look for **Colleen Purdon** (0417447588), **Mike Trafalski** (0407834913) or **Anne Letter**. We are ready to listen without judgement.

All information will be treated as private and confidential.



UNDERSTANDING THE PARTS OF THE MASS (SERIES) By Fr. Francis J. Hoffman, JCD

LITURGY OF THE WORD – 1ST READING

After the Greeting, Penitential Rite and Gloria are completed, the faithful may be seated and are invited to listen attentively to the Word of God.

As a teacher, I have found the most effective way to communicate a message is with audio and visual aids. For that reason, the faithful are encouraged to read the readings for themselves even before Mass. You may also find it helpful to follow the readings in your Missalette as the reader is proclaiming the Word of God.

On weekdays, we have three readings: the first, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Gospel. On Sundays and Holy Days we have four readings: typically one from the Old Testament, the Responsorial Psalm, one from the New Testament, and then the Gospel.

When we read the Sacred Scriptures we should ask the Holy Spirit for help to understand the meaning as it applies to us today, here, and now.

Q & A Portion... If you have any question about faith, church, sacrament, etc. feel free to message us, and we are happy to answer them and post them here.

We are still on Phase 4!

Dear Parishioners,

Even though a few restrictions have been lifted particularly about number of patrons, we will still keep **Holy Family Church for 100 attendees** and **St Joseph's Church for 65 attendees** while observing the 2 square metre ruling. With this in mind, we are endeavouring to accommodate as many parishioners as possible.

On this regard, although we will have more people in each of the churches, I would like to ask everyone to please still strictly observe the protocols that we have in place.

- **Attendance will be strictly on a 'first come, first serve basis'.**
- **Please sanitise your hands thoroughly.**
- **Once you get a copy of the news bulletin, please bring it home. Do not leave it behind.**
- Observe social distancing. However, if you belong to one household, you may sit together.
- **COMMUNION is to be received by the hand.**
- **Please sit ONLY on the marked seats in the church.**
- Sanitising wipes are available for you to use.
- **FOR THE MASS COLLECTION,** a collector will go around with a basket on a stick to refrain from passing. In **St Joseph**, we will just have one collection. So if you have the Planned Giving Envelopes, you may include them with the first; while, in **Holy Family**, we will still keep the two collection.

OUR TIMETABLES are as follows:

(Due to pandemic, schedules may be subject to change without prior notice.)

DAILY MASSES

In St Joseph's Church ONLY

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Saturday - 9:00AM Mass**

Friday - 12:00 Noon Mass

**First Friday - Healing Mass

Daily Devotions:

Mon, Wed and Thurs (8:30AM) - LAUDS (Morning Prayer)

Tuesday (8:30AM) - ROSARY

Friday (10:00AM) - Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament; Divine Chaplet before the Mass

Saturday (9:45AM - onwards) - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**First Thursday - Holy Hour at 6:00PM

****St Joseph's Church is open for personal prayer and devotion from 9:30am until 5:00pm everyday.**

WEEKEND MASSES

Holy Family Church

6:00PM - Saturday

9:30AM - Sunday

St Joseph's Church

7:30AM and 5:00PM - Sunday

**Stations Masses (Gnowangerup, Bremer Bay and Ongerup) will now resume also.