

## Sunday Readings

Year B

### First Reading - Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

#### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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.'

### Second Reading - 1 Jn 3:1-3

#### A reading from the first letter of St John

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 - Mt 5:1-12

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.'

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*A house of welcome to all and a place of service to all*

31st Sunday (ALL SAINTS), Year B

November 1, 2015

## Facing our God

Faces fascinate us. They tell us so much; whether people are happy or sad, in good health or ill, confident or distressed, relaxed or searching. Faces are so important that we are checking them all the time, almost unconsciously, from the first thing in the morning until we go to bed at night.

We see how important our faces are for our babies who respond instinctively to our smiles. We know they need lots of happy faces from parents and loved ones and our faces communicate the love and care necessary for their wellbeing. It is not just food and shelter they require. Without lots of hugs and laughter, smiling eyes and genuine affection, babies' brains may fail to fully develop.

As we celebrate All Saints Day, we hope to one day be called to see God face to face. While this is our great hope, at the same time it is slightly intimidating. We dare to cling to this hope because Jesus insisted that this is God's promise to us, of being caught up together in love and astonishing intimacy with God.

Yet the thought of facing up to God is more than a little frightening. How will we look to God? How can we wash our faces, as it were, and look presentable? Will we look good enough? Jesus kept reiterating that faith finally means entrusting our lives into

### Weekly Mass Times:

Monday: 7.00 am      Tuesday: 5.30 pm      Wednesday: 8.00 am

Thursday: 7.00 am      Friday: 5.30 pm      Saturday: 8.30 am

**Saturday:** Vigil 6.30 pm (Novena 6.00 pm)

**Sunday:** 8.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am & 6.00 pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 11.00am - 12.00 noon and 5.00pm - 6.00pm





Fr. Phong Nguyen  
Parish Priest



Fr. Jeronimo  
Assistant Priest



Fr. Cyprian Shikokoti  
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce  
Parish Deacon

Each individual is a unique creation formed in the very image of God: how our maker must delight in accompanying us through life! Yet, the feast of All Saints reminds us that another life awaits, when we will be caught up in the embrace of God, and healed of the setbacks and wounds that we have suffered in our lifetimes.

The mystery of it all is how much God delights in us. Far from expecting a scolding from God sitting on a high throne, Jesus taught us to think of our Father in heaven running to greet us, his face beaming with joy as He welcome us into his home.

And not just us, but all our friends and relatives and the countless people who have gone before us. The gospels tell us that God loves us all without exception; so much so as to give his life in the person of Jesus, that we might truly believe in his total commitment to our eternal wellbeing. God has put a love song in our hearts.

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#### Baptisms:

We welcome Harper Ricciardi, Ellis Tareq Zabaneh, Nolan Timotheo Jayalaksana into our Parish Community.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

##### Deaths:

Please pray for Mona D' Costa (mother of Lorraine Rego) who passed away recently.

##### Anniversaries:

Please pray for Hilda Clinton, Des Humphreys, Rachel Sarah Mann, Sue Ivy Seed, Zenaida G Irisary, Irine Mascarenhas whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## for 8th NOVEMBER

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Angela Watts				
Flowers :	Geneveve Comejo				
Counter:	1. A Vinci	2. C Iannello	3. P Murray		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	A Mourad R Oetomo	B Martin L Montague	E Mo G Dunsford	N Mourad E Tweed	E Connolly B D'Mello
Acolytes	D Ng	B King	M Braganza	M Tloczek	M Humble
Altar Servers	G Wan R Ye K Zaccheus	T Blechynde M Roach	S Ng P Nikolic G Paltridge	R James R James N Andrews	J Teixeira A Gan K Tanr
Special Minister	V Marshall L Morzenti A Mourad V Ng R Oetomo L Rego C reutens A Ruban	B Auret M Banasik B Bydder B Bydder C Cox A Gabriel D Gabriel L Gabriel	A Sudjana G Sudjana F Sukmono C Sumich J Tan S Teo S Wong B Bucat P Chiu	G Tedjakunt R Varen R Wong L Yeo R Yeo W Cox R D'Annunzi O D' Mello	Youth Special Ministers
Catechists	(Yrs 1-4) M Sequeira (Yrs 5-6) K Phua		(Yrs 1-4) J Coleman (Yrs 5-6) C Plottke		
Readers	A De Souza M Doray	M Woolford M Banasik	E Orr L Papineau	A Gunawan C Italiano	R Thomas D Tomizzi
Piety stall	Francis	Mary	Pat	Iris	Ayenis

Readers' Coordinator:

Michele Doray 9310 4051

### MORE CARE

*Do you need help or know someone who does?*

† Geraldine 9332 8795 (Visiting)  
 † Monica 9364 9358 (Meals)  
 † Caroline 9313 5452 (Transport)  
 † Juliana 9310 1747 (General-office hrs)

Rose Garden  
November 2015

Section A  
Francis Chai

Section B  
Mike Kelly



## Youth

### Parish Events

#### STRONGER YOUTH GROUP

After an amazing camp at the start of the month and a great youth night at the "Why Be Catholic" youth night, we hope to see you again. **THIS FRIDAY NIGHT** for our next Stronger Youth Night on the 6th of November!! Come down and keep learning about our faith and have lots of fun together. We hope to see you there!

### Community Events

#### CYM HOLY HOUR & SPRING SPEAKER SERIES

Holy Hour hosted by Catholic Youth Ministry Perth is held every Wednesday at the Office situated at 40A Mary Street, Highgate. Mass will be at 5.30pm, followed by adoration from 6.30-7.30pm, with fellowship and dinner after for a \$5 donation.

Every Wednesday starting 7th of October and ending the 11th of November, due to popular demand CYM are bringing back our Spring Speaker Series after Holy Hour. It will see topics relevant to young adults that will surely tickle and stimulate both emotions and intellect.

**Topic for 4th November:** How to share your faith without losing your friends

**Speaker:** CYM Youth Worker, Eliza McKay

To find out about other topics head to: <http://cym.com.au/events/cym-spring-speaker-series-2015/>

#### FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT FOR EMBRACE THE GRACE (7TH NOVEMBER)

Put your trivia hats on because the Fundraising Quiz Night for Embrace the Grace is back! Held at the Disciples of Jesus Auditorium, (67 Howe St, Osborne Park) Catholic Youth Ministry and Respect Life Office invites you to join us for a night of trivia, entertainment and the chance to win great prizes! Get your friends together and register a table of eight for a great night out in support of a great cause. Individual tickets are also available. Tickets are only \$20 a person. RSVP by Friday, 30 October to [admin@cym.com.au](mailto:admin@cym.com.au) or 9422 7912. Proceeds will subsidize registration fees to enable young people to attend Embrace the Grace Youth Conference.

#### EMBRACE THE GRACE YOUTH CONFERENCE - 9-13TH DECEMBER

Each summer, for the past 11 years, teenagers and young adults come to the beautiful town of New Norcia to attend Embrace the Grace. For over a decade, Embrace the Grace has transformed the lives of young Catholics and we invite you be part of this year's amazing youth conference. At Embrace the Grace you will hear from passionate and dynamic speakers Explore faith, life issues and our culture today through talks, workshops, music, drama and prayer. Freely engage with your faith and life's greatest questions! Register now at [www.cym.com.au/embracethegrace](http://www.cym.com.au/embracethegrace). For general enquires contact Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM): [admin@cym.com.au](mailto:admin@cym.com.au) or 9422 7912.

## Parish News

#### ALL SOULS' DAY—MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

There will be two Masses on Monday 2nd November for ALL SOULS DAY. The usual Mass at 7.00am and an evening Mass at 7.30pm in the Church.

#### NOVEMBER ENVELOPES

During the month of November, all the Masses will be offered for the Deceased. A book will be placed in the foyer for you to write the names of the deceased that you want to offer Masses for. The November envelopes can be placed into the collection baskets. All these envelopes will be placed in a box at the foot of the altar for the whole month.

#### SENIORS MORNING MASS & COFFEE— THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Our next Seniors Morning Mass and Coffee will take place on Thursday 19th November at 10.00am in the church followed by morning coffee in the meeting room. Please register on the list in the church foyer.



#### CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY

This powerful, prayerful, sung devotion is held in our Church on the second Wednesday of each month. The next devotion will be held on Wednesday 11th November 2015 commencing at 7.30 pm. It will be accompanied by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and followed by Benediction and Anointing.

If you have not attended previously, why don't you come along and participate in this uplifting experience?

Enquiries to George Lopez on 9310 9493(h)/ 6242 0702(w)



#### THANK YOU!

Our recent Parish Faith Conference "Why Be Catholic", which was led by our speaker, Tim Staples was truly enlightening and fruitful for all. Those who attended the Conference certainly have been enriched by Tim's talks on what it means to be a faithful member of the Catholic Church. We were encouraged to rediscover our rich Catholic tradition and to place our hope in Christ and His Church. We thank Tim for his wealth of knowledge of the Bible, the teachings of Church, and personal experiences of his faith journey, which he shared with us in his talks. We are truly grateful for the members of our Adult Faith Formation Team led by Michael Chong, who have dedicated their time and energy in organizing for this Faith Conference. We would like to thank all those who have prayed and given their assistance in one way or another in preparation for this parish event, and all the support we have received during the conference. May God bless us all!

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you



### REFLECTION WEEKEND FOR WOMEN—FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Theme: Mary's 'Yes' opened the door to Salvation! What are we saying yes to in our world, Community and our family today? Mary's yes changed the world forever. Because she was willing to surrender herself into the hands of God and trust that God would provide a way.

Mary, in her selflessness, was already open to the angel's visit. She recognized who was speaking. She listened, received and responded. In so doing, she shows us the way to respond to the Lord's call in our own lives.

**When:** Friday November 20th. 4pm- Sunday 22nd. 1-00pm, 2015

**Where:** St. John of God Retreat Centre, 47 Gloucester Crescent, Shoalwater

**Enquiries:** Sr. Ann 0418 130 200 or email [annsja@gmail.com](mailto:annsja@gmail.com)

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE 2015

A warm welcome is extended to all young people to attend a Mass on this "Year of Consecrated life" to pray that the young will be open to the action of the Holy Spirit in their lives and consider the possibility of a vocation to the religious life or priesthood.

**Date:** All Saints Day, Sunday 1st November

**Time:** 6pm

**Where:** The Redemptorist Monastery, 190 Vincent St, North Perth

**Theme:** Vocations to Religious life and Priesthood.

You are invited to supper following the Mass.

### ST TERESA OF AVILA—MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

United in Prayer—we Save our Children

St. Teresa of Avila Mothers' Prayer Group invites all mothers and grandmothers to a Thanksgiving Mass.

**Date:** Saturday 14 November 2015

**Time:** 8.30 am

**Venue:** St Thomas More Church

Please bring a plate for fellowship after Mass. For more information contact:

Carolyn : 0432855605 / Su : 0413560033

### FAITH ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We grow and mature in many areas of our lives, but is our understanding of our faith left behind? The Centre for Faith Enrichment (formerly Maranatha) is the adult faith education agency of the Archdiocese of Perth. The CFE offers short daytime, evening and weekend courses at various locations throughout Perth and even online.

Upcoming course topics include the Pope's new encyclical, an introduction to the Old Testament, the Trinity, Church history and much more! Best of all, there are no exams or assignments! For more information, visit [www.cfe.org.au](http://www.cfe.org.au) or call 9241 5221 for a brochure

### IMAGINATIVE MEDITATION ON GOSPEL SCENES & THE BENEFITS ACCORDING TO NEUROSCIENCE

Presented by Norma Woodcock

Science says that our thoughts & choices impact our physical brain & body, our mental health & our spiritual development.

**Dates:** Wednesdays, November 4th, 11th, 18th

**Times:** 7.30pm—8.30pm

**Venue:** St Benedict's Church Cnr Canning Highway & Ardross St Applecross

**Cost:** collection

**Enq:** 94871772, [norma@normawoodcock.com](mailto:norma@normawoodcock.com) [www.normawoodcock.com](http://www.normawoodcock.com)

### ST THOMAS MORE DISCOVERY

Come with Monsignor Michael Keating to Ireland and England, 27 May—9 June 2016. Pilgrimage places in Ireland include Dublin, Mercy Convent Baggot St, Clonmacnoise, Our Lady of Knock, Croagh Patrick, Book of Kells etc.

Pilgrimage places in England include London, Bath, Glastonbury, Canterbury, Our Lady of Walsingham, St Thomas More's room, Tower of London, his tomb and other places in his life story.

Travelling Eithad Airways—Single Twin/ Double Room—\$6,990 only!

Contact Northline Travel—Sally Seward 93286100 or Monsignor Michael Keating 92231356 for an Itinerary.

### CLASS OF 1995 REUNION— IONA PRESENTATION COLLEGE

Past pupils from the class of 1995 are warmly invited to their 20 year reunion.

**Date:** Saturday 7 November 2015

**Time:** 5:00pm—7:00pm

**Where:** Iona Sports Centre, Lochee St entrance

**Cost:** \$20 including drinks & canapes

**RSVP:** Friday 30 October 2015 (Note inclusion in the Reunion Booklet also closes on this date)

Bookings are essential at:

<http://www.iona.wa.edu.au/community/past-pupils>

For further information, please contact Mrs Karen Canalini—[kcanalini@iona.wa.edu.au](mailto:kcanalini@iona.wa.edu.au)

