THE SAVING WORD

ALL SAINTS / A — 1 NOVEMBER 2026

FIRST READING

Apoc 7: 2-4, 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23: 1-6. R. cf. 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

A reading from the first letter of John

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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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!

GOSPEL

Mt 5: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

BLESSED ARE YOU

Today's Feast of All Saints beautifully recognises our communion with all who have died and gone before us in faith. As we gather around the Eucharist, and as the Presider gives thanks to God over the bread and wine, we remember those whose lives continue to touch and shape us. They remain part of the Communion of Saints, a rich and enduring tradition in Catholic theology.

The Gospel presents Jesus' familiar teaching on the Beatitudes, highlighting the source of their holiness—and ours. The Beatitudes recognise people who struggle with the realities of life and, rather than relying solely on themselves, look beyond their circumstances trusting God's action. The Beatitudes address those who are poor in spirit, whose lives are not controlled by what they possess; the gentle, who choose compassion rather than aggression; those who mourn and grieve the sadness and tragedy of life; those who hunger and thirst for justice amid injustice; those who are 'pure of heart', living with authenticity and integrity; those who seek to build communion and peace; and those who endure persecution because of their faith and discipleship. Matthew's account adds a final, ninth Beatitude, reflecting the experience of Jesus' followers in Matthew's day who were themselves facing persecution.

One final distinction is important. Some translations begin each Beatitude with 'happy', but the more faithful translation is 'blessed'. Happiness is something we seek and experience, but it can come and go. Blessedness is different. It is God's gift and action within us, whether we are feeling happy or not, orienting our lives towards holiness. And that is lasting.

Fr Michael Trainor

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Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil – **6.00pm** @ Sacred Heart

Sunday – **7.30am** @ Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow
– **9.30am** @ Sacred Heart

Weekday Masses:
Monday 9.00am All Souls
Tuesday 8.30am
Wednesday 8.00am
Thursday 8.30am + 10am Funeral Mass
7.00pm Men's prayer group
1st & 3rd wk of the month
Friday 8.30am
9.00am Adoration, Confession
Saturday 8.30am
9.00am Rosary & Cenacle

Reconciliation:
Friday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)
Saturday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)
1st Wednesday of the month 12-1.00pm (Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow)
Or any time by request

Parish Cuppa:
Mundaring: 1st Weekend of the Month
Chidlow: Following each Sunday morning Mass ALL WELCOME!

For information about Baptism or other sacraments please visit our website,

Upcoming Weekday Mass Feasts:

Saturday	**All Saints Vigil** + Parish function
Sunday	**Solemnity of All Saints**
Sunday	**3pm Blessing of Graves** (and Rosary) at **Mundaring Cemetery** Meet at Carpark or Columbarian, seats available there.
Monday	9am Mass of **All Souls**
Wednesday	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop p2261
Thursday	10am Funeral Mass Sally Biddle
Saturday	Votive Mass BVM p2224

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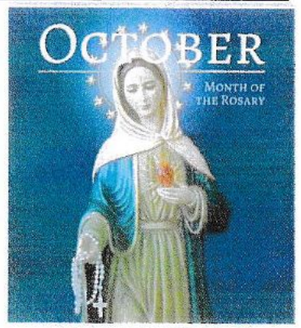
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✝ Prayer Intentions for the sick

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Helen Ball
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Andrew Azzaro
Tess Howden
Bill Makely



Take up the Rosary!

NEWS, EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

NOVEMBER MASSES

Names to be remembered at Masses through the **month of November** can be placed in the box by the statue of Our Lady. While its not always practical to read out every single name or intention, Fr Stephen will be praying for them at the altar in Masses in November.

UPDATE - TREVOR CLARK

Trevor passed away peacefully on Wednesday 28th last week. He was very active in the parish over such a long period and contributed a lot to bless this community. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Waverley, his immediate and extended family, and friends. Funeral arrangements will be in the bulletin when they come to hand.

FUNERAL MASS FOR SALLY BIDDLE THURS 10AM

Sally was very generous in assisting in the parish community, including as a catechist and with the gardens. You are welcome to come join for the Mass and the burial at Mundaring cemetery 1130am.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink

will be held next weekend on 7/8 November 2026.

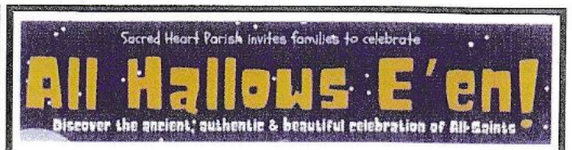
Please collect a copy of the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass this weekend, read his message and give generously to support the valuable work of the Church's welfare agencies in this Archdiocese.

You may choose to mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided OR return your envelope and donation for a Special Collection which will be held at Masses next weekend.

You may also donate (securely) online at

www.LifeLink.com.au





All parishioners are invited to stay on for dinner and a bit of inspiration around this great vigil.

WHAT'S ON?

7pm A substantial dinner, a **short 15min movie** on the life of St Therese of Lisieux. **Dessert** will be served. A chance to chat about the movie, the feast of All Saints, and be inspired by the surprising and beautiful Christian origins of many traditions right under our noses for this feast! We will start to pack up around **815ish**, but before heading home, there are some *Saint-themed* loot bags for the kids. Each treat reminding us of a different saint!

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Holy Mother Church encourages us to remember the Holy Souls, and from the All Hallows Eve to Nov 8, offer's a plenary indulgence to those who visit a cemetery to pray for the dead, with the usual conditions of recent Confession, Holy Communion and prayers for the Holy Father.

Come join **3pm Sunday at Mundaring Cemetery** as we bless the graves and pray for their eternal rest. Finishes 340ish.

ST BENEDICTS MEDAL



While some people use Halloween as an opportunity to glamorise evil, it can be a reminder to strengthen our faith in God. St Benedicts medals are specially blessed, to ask God's protection and the intercession of this holy monk against evil. His prayers to God protected him and have popularly been called on by Christians ever since. I have made a number of blessed medals available in the foyer and have some more on the way.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION gathering at 1045, after the 930am Sunday Mass:

Come learn about how the 7th and 10th commandment are linked, and the more subtle moral implications and virtues involved in Christian life in this area. Next week will be the last of the teachings before a time of prayer and rehearsal, and several becoming Catholic on Nov 23rd, Feast of Christ the King.