SUNDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER 2026
ALL SAINTS

PLEASE TAKE ME HOME

Parish of The Holy Spirit and St. Francis

St Mary's | Immaculate Heart of Mary | Sacred Heart

Dear Parishioners,



As people begin to celebrate Halloween tonight (for tomorrow's masses it was yesterday) we are also preparing to celebrate the great feast days of All Saints and All Souls days. All Saints' Day celebrates all the saints, who through the relationship with their faith, their trust in God even though they suffer and their outward witness to God's love in the world by helping others, now share in the glory of heaven. While All Souls' Day is a time to pray for the faithful departed who are still being purified on their journey to heaven. We pray for those we have loved and known and have left us in the physical sense.They have kept the faith in their own unique way, ran the race of life, and left a legacy which we can remember and thank God for.



Together, these days remind us of the Communion of Saints, the spiritual bond that unites the Church in heaven, the souls being purified, and the faithful on earth, all journeying together in Christ towards eternal life. Our world today, like the world before us, challenges our faith, our witness and our encounter with Christ. As we commemorate these two days this week I invite you to an evening mass at Sacred Heart Church at 7pm on the 2nd November to prayer for, remember and celebrate the lives of those who have left us physically, but remain with us in spirit, prayer and in memories.

Last week more than fifteen parishioners gathered for a reflective and encouraging evening focused on the important ministry of Readers within our parish community. The evening began with an opportunity for everyone to reflect on why they currently serve as readers at Mass and what first called them to this ministry. It was particularly enriching to welcome several newcomers, who shared their reasons for accepting the invitation to become readers and the ways they felt drawn to serve their faith community through this role.



A key theme of the evening was the reminder that the ministry of Reader is far more than simply fulfilling a task during Mass. Readers have the unique privilege and responsibility of proclaiming the Word of God to the assembled community. Through their voices, the Scriptures are brought to life, allowing God's message to be heard, received and reflected upon by others. This sacred responsibility is both a gift and a calling.

Our discussion also highlighted that, like any important role within the Church and society, the ministry of Reader is a public ministry that deserves careful preparation and commitment. Proclaiming the Scriptures effectively requires prayerful reflection, practice, understanding of the text, and an appreciation of the significance of the role. By preparing well, readers help ensure that the Word of God is communicated clearly and reverently. The evening concluded with heartfelt gratitude for those currently serving on the reading roster and for those who have recently accepted the challenge and gift of becoming readers. Their willingness to share their time, talents and faith enriches our liturgical celebrations and strengthens our parish community. May all who serve in this ministry continue to grow in confidence, faith and appreciation of the privilege of proclaiming God's Word to His people.

Have a great week.
Fr Martin and Sir Richard.

Sir Richard is growing up fast and has started puppy school. He made a new friend and focused 99% of the time.





WE PRAY FOR...

ILLNESS:
Rosa Nistico, Elizabeth Kiernikowski, Maria Reilly, Nancy Camera, Lucy Finnegan, Ebony McDonald, Teresa Stynes, Oliver & James Mendis, Mary Ryan, Sunny & Hunter Drew, Joseph Galekovic, Clive O'Connor, Rita Spinella, Kerstin Thomas, Marie Northey, Shane Cowie, Melita Lambiris, Malcom Keys, Carmel Finley , M.S., Barry Martin, Vera Molloy, Claire Lawrence, Tom Fischer, Joan Tranter, Stella Noal, Peter Teasdale, Paul Kennedy, Antonio Salas, Prue Turner, Colin Lewin, Peter Robertson, Mag, Joe, Vlad, Charles, Emomali, Nikol, Johnny, Seamus, Anna

ANNIVERSARIES:
Kevin Burgess, Vitaresi Domenica Rubino, Eileen Parker, Eileen McCarthy, Joseph Dwyer, Alan Hooppell, Elside Ruby Walker, Aileen Hurst, Eliza Grimmer, Kathleen Walsh, Tony Perriam, Judy Eade, Joseph Derrick

RECENTLY DECEASED :
Josephine Valerie Van Dort (Marina) Funeral: 11 Nov.@11 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

BAPTISM :
Louis & Elle Dynon

SACRAMENTS 2026



FIRST RECONCILIATION

TERM 4
Tues 10, 17 & 24 Nov 5:30 pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Semester 1: 2027

CONFIRMATION
Thu 3 Sept to 19 Nov 5 pm
Information & bookings at
sandringham@cam.org.au

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS – MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

9:15 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hampton East
07:00 pm at Sacred Heart, Sandringham .

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

November Mass offering envelopes for the Holy Souls are available at the back of the churches for those wishing to offer mass for their deceased loved ones.

ANOINTING MASS: Wed. 18th Nov 9:15 am Sacred Heart

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 104:3-4

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

First Reading Revelation 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.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial 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 John 3:1-3

A reading from 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.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 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 Matthew 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

PLEASE TAKE ME HOME FOR FURTHER REFLECTION.

Communion Antiphon Matthew 5:8-10

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.



POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH

That wealth will be used properly, not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, and always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

6 pm St Mary's
59 Holyrood St, Hampton

Sunday Morning

9 am Sunday - Sacred Heart
13 Fernhill Rd, Sandringham
10:30 am Immaculate Heart
441 Bluff Rd, Hampton East

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 9:15 am	*Immaculate Heart*
Tue 9:15am	*Sacred Heart*
Wed 9:15am	*Sacred Heart*
Thur 9:15am	*St Mary's*

CONFESSION TIMES

Sat. 5:45 pm	*St Mary's*
Sun. 8:45 am	*Sacred Heart*

PRAYER & ADORATION

All are welcome!

Rosary & Prayers

Sun, 10 am Immaculate Heart
Mon, 8:50 & 9:50 am Immaculate Heart
*Tue, **8:45 a**m Sacred Heart* *New Time!!*
Wed, 8:20 am Sacred Heart
*Thu, **8:45** am St Mary's* *New Time!!*

Adoration

Wed, 8:45-9:10am Sacred Heart

EMERGENCIES

For annointing of the sick please call 7036 9381 and dial 3

BITE SIZE THOUGHTS BY GREG SUNTER

Scriptural context – Kingdom Attitudes

Unlike the Ten Commandments, which describe the rules for life on earth for the ancient Jews, the Beatitudes describe the character or attitudes of people of the Kingdom of God. Like the many Kingdom parables that appear later in this gospel (esp. chapter 13), the Beatitudes present an image of what the Kingdom is like without an explicit explanation of the Kingdom. By praising and honouring the attitudes of the Kingdom, Jesus paints a picture of what life could be and should be like if we choose to live in the Kingdom of God.

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS – LEARN TOGETHER OVER A CUPPA! ☕ Wednesday 25 November 2 to 3 pm at Sacred Heart

All parish volunteers are warmly invited to join us for a friendly Safeguarding Essentials training session at Sacred Heart.

We'll learn together in a relaxed and welcoming environment, with an opportunity to ask questions, share experiences and enjoy a cuppa with fellow parishioners. No computer involve

This is a great opportunity to strengthen our commitment to keeping our parish a safe place for everyone.

We hope you can join us! Please let us know if you can make it at sandringham @cam.org.au or 7036 9381

PARISH MONTHLY DINNER – EVERYONE WELCOME!

Come along and join us for our Parish Monthly Dinner on Sat 7 November, after the 6:00 pm Mass at Hampton RSL!

It's a lovely opportunity to enjoy good food, great company and a fun evening together. Bring your family and friends – everyone is welcome!

For bookings please Contact Michele: 0427 508 003.

BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT

We are pleased to inform you that our Trivia Night raised **$7,946** for the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project. We thank all our players and donors for their support. A good night was enjoyed by all. We thank particularly the Saint Mary's Community Foundation for their generous donation. They have encouraged and supported us for many years. We hope to keep running the Online Trivia Nights in May and October 2027. If you haven't taken part yet and would like to know more about the format visit or click here https://cohdig.au/trivia

CHRISTMAS IS COMING, (SO ARE THE BARGAINS) AT VINNIES!



Looking for Christmas decorations without spending a fortune? Visit Vinnies St Vincent de Paul Shop, 501 Hampton Street, Hampton, where you'll find a wonderful variety of Christmas decorations in excellent condition at very reasonable prices.

Save money, shop sustainably and support a good cause! ♻ Every purchase helps make a difference in the community.

We also have a good selection of Hats and Facinators for Melbourne Cup Parties.



Community Cuppa	Sundays After 9:00 am Mass, Sacred Heart. Sundays After 10:30 am Mass, Immaculate Heart. Wednesdays After 9:15 am Mass, Sacred Heart.
Monthly Dinner	1st Saturday of the month after 6 pm Mass. Contact Michele: 0427 508 003.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

COLLECTIONS

Please note that at our Masses there are two collections:

- *The First collection is for priest and retired priests*
- *The Second collection helps support the day-to-day expenses of the parish.*

If you would prefer to give by card, tap machines are available in the foyers of the churches.

DIRECT DEBIT

Parish of The Holy Spirit & St Francis
BSB: 083 347
Acc. Num: 646745079

Presbytery Account
BSB: 083 347
Acc. Num: 646741705

ON LINE DONATIONS

at our website or using your phone to read our QR code

Thank you for your generosity to help us continue our ministry.

Donations to Social Justice Group

Sacred Heart Parish SJG East Timor Project
BSB: 083347
Acc: 250540755

Return-It Vic!

Return your bottles & cans to donate the refund to our Parish Social Justice Group! Use the CDS Vic East refund points and enter our Parish Partner ID: C2000075764.

Unwanted Foreign Currency

Collection boxes will be in each church foyer and will be collected weekly

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