

THE SAVING WORD

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY) / C

2 NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

Isa 25: 6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord will destroy Death for ever.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 26: 1, 4, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1 Alt. R. v. 3

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom
shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my
life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, / for
this I long, / to live in the house of the Lord, /
all the days of my life, / to savour the sweetness
of the Lord, / to behold his temple. **R.**

3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have
mercy and answer. / It is your face, O Lord,
that I seek; / hide not your face. **R.**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness /
in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold
firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 5: 5-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans.

*Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved
from God's anger through him.*

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God
has been poured into our hearts by the Holy
Spirit which has been given to us. We were still
helpless when at his appointed moment Christ
died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even
for a good man – though of course for someone
really worthy, a man might be prepared to die –
but what proves that God loves us is that Christ
died for us while we were still sinners. Having
died to make us righteous, is it likely that he
would now fail to save us from God's anger?
When we were reconciled to God by the death
of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we
have been reconciled, surely we may count on
being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely
because we have been reconciled but because
we are filled with joyful trust in God, through
our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have
already gained our reconciliation.

■ The word of the Lord.



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ST JOSEPH'S, ELSTERNWICK

71 Orrong Road, Elsternwick 3185

Mass

Friday 10:00am, Saturday 6:30pm and Sunday 10:30am

Reconciliation

Friday after Mass, Saturday 6:00pm

HOLY CROSS, CAULFIELD SOUTH

707 Glen Huntly Road, Caulfield South 3162

Mass

Thursday 10:00am and Sunday 9:00am

Reconciliation

Thursday after Mass

ST ANTHONY'S, GLEN HUNTLY

74, Grange Road, Glen Huntly 3163

In Residence: Fr Pat Jackson SAC, Br Lindsay Rust SAC

Mass

Monday - Saturday 9:15am

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Reconciliation

30-mins before all Masses & Saturday 9:45-10:10am

Thanksgiving & Special Collections

Church: \$895.50 Presbytery: \$925.50

Special Collection: -



Thanksgiving

Next Week's Roster

Lectors:

Saturday 6:30pm R Rodrigues

Sunday 9:00am S McMillan 10:30am La Bonne family

Counters: M Beaumont & B Leong

Upcoming Week's Liturgical Calendar

Tue 4 Nov: St Charles Borromeo

Sun 9 Nov: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

All Souls Day - Sunday 2 November

Today we ask God to welcome all the souls who have departed into paradise where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with his Son and the Holy Spirit forever and forever. Praying for the souls in Purgatory is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

A book has been placed on the altar rail or table closest to Our Lady's statue. Please write the names of your deceased family and friends to be prayed for on All Souls' Day. You may also offer Masses by placing your own envelopes with names of the faithful departed, into the weekend collections.

No Masses from 3 - 6 November

There will be Communion Services on 3 - 6 November instead of Masses at the usual times (St Anthony's, Holy Cross and St Joseph's) as Fr Leenus and Fr Pat will be attending a Pallottine Assembly.

We pray for the success of the Assembly.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (cf. 1 The 4:14, 1 Cor 15:22)

Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (cf. Jn 11:25-26)

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill*: **Tony Messina, Paulette Dobbin, Carol Burgess, Pam O'Reilly**

* Names will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested.

Recently Deceased: -

Death Anniversary: -

Cake Stall after 9am Mass at Holy Cross Church



Ten Pilgrims from St Joseph's and Holy Cross have registered with our Parish for the ACYF 2025 which kicks off on 30 November.

This Sunday, they are holding another Cake Stall at Holy Cross to raise funds for the group's expenses at the event. Please support their efforts.

We invite everyone to also keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the Festival.



St Vincent de Paul Society
CAULFIELD SOUTH & ELSTERNWICK *good works*

Columban Calendars and Vinnies Christmas Cards will be on sale starting November after weekend Masses.

Calendars \$10.00 each

Christmas Cards \$5.00 per pack of 5 cards

The Origins of All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day commemorates all the saints in heaven. The feast dates back to the early Church, when communities would gather and celebrate the anniversary of the martyr's death. During the persecution under the emperor Diocletian at the beginning of the fourth century the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each saint, so the Church established a common feast day for all the martyrs.

The first mention of this feast came during the pontificate of Pope Gregory III (731-741). On 1 Nov., 732, Pope Gregory consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St Peter dedicated to honour all the saints.

The choice of day may have been also intended to co-opt the Ancient Roman 'Feast of the Lemures,' on which Romans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead. A century later, Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the celebration on 1 November to the universal Church.

The feast took on such importance in the life of the Church that from the beginning it was celebrated with a vigil and, from the time of Pope Sixtus IV (1471-84), with an octave.

The liturgical celebration on the day before the feast became known as hallowed evening or Hallowe'en. All Saints Day represents the desire of the faithful to commemorate all saints, 'great multitude which no man could number' (Revelation 7:9), especially those who have no proper feast day of their own. ~ Melbourne Catholic ~



Christ is Our King

St Patrick's Cathedral Mass at on Sunday 23 November 2025 with **Cardinal Mykola Bychok** and **Archbishop Peter Comensoli**, starting 2:00pm followed by a special Eucharistic Procession, Benediction, and Consecration to Our King.

Our Lord promised:

He who declares Himself for me, I will declare myself for Him!

Please be an apostle of Our King, and invite your family members, the youth, parishioners, and every community to be part of this wonderful celebration.

A unique event organized by The Combined Societies of Mary



PFC and PPC Meeting held on 28 October 2025

Summary of our Pastoral and Finance Committee meeting:

1. Finance Report

2025 Quarter 3 Financial Statements prepared. Thanksgiving Campaign scheduled for 2026.

2. Upcoming Events

- Volunteers' Thanksgiving Mass & Fellowship proposed to be held on Friday, 21 November at St Joseph's. Further details to be confirmed.
 - Carols by Candlelight on Sunday, 14 December, after 5pm Mass at St Anthony's Parish Hall.
- ### 3. Proposed Renovations for St Joseph's Presbytery
- Repairs required for ornate ceiling and window frames.
 - Parish Hall for the use of our Parish Community and potential hire to external parties. To consult with CAM Property for further planning.
 - To consider outdoor picnic benches on church lawns to encourage more attendees for a cuppa after Mass.
 - Enquiries received from external parties for use of Presbytery. Matter to be further discussed once official proposal is received.

4. ACYF 2025

Information and Formation Sessions are being organised for the Pilgrims in preparation for the Festival. Another Cake Stall has been organized to raise funds at Holy Cross on Sunday 2 November after 9am Mass.

5. Small Group Discipleship

Meetings and training have been deferred to the start of 2026.

All Souls Day

Praying for the Dead and Gaining Indulgences During November *(Extract from Catholic Culture)*

"November 2nd is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls Day, a day set aside to pray for all the dead. All Souls Day shifts the Church's focus on praying for the Faithful Departed throughout November. The need and duty of prayer for the dead has been acknowledged by the Church. It is recommended in the Scriptures of the Old Testament: "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins" (2 Macc. 12: 46). This duty is expressed in public and private prayers but especially in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of souls.

The prayers are particularly directed for the souls who are being purified in Purgatory, waiting for the day when they will join the saints in heaven. The celebration of Mass is the highest means the Church can provide for charity for the dead, but we can also relieve their sufferings through our prayers, sufferings and penances. We can particularly help the Poor Souls by doing acts and prayers that have indulgences attached to them.



There are many indulgences, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, that can be obtained during the month of November. (From the fourth edition of the Enchiridion of Indulgences, 1999)

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who, (1) on any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed; (2) on All Souls' Day (or, according to the judgment of the Bishop of the Diocese) on the Sunday preceding or following it, or on the solemnity of All Saints), devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed.

A partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who, (1) devoutly visit a cemetery and at least mentally pray for the dead; (2) devoutly recite lauds or vespers from the Office of the Dead or the prayer Requiem aeternam (Eternal rest).

The "Eternal Rest" prayer gains a partial indulgence and can be prayed all year. Passing a cemetery and praying the "Eternal Rest" can help out the souls in need."

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Plant Sale at St Anthony's - 9th November

Only 2 weeks away. PLANTS STILL NEEDED!!!

Bring your plants to St Anthony's Parish House on Friday October 31st and November 7th between 8:30am and 2:00pm, or ring Veronica via the Parish House if you need them to be collected. Donations of potting mix are still required. Books and collectables also welcome. No clothes or electrical items, thank you. Proceeds go to Tony's Café.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

6:30pm every Thursday at St Joseph's Presbytery.

If you know of anyone interested in journeying towards becoming a Catholic, please have them contact the Parish Office to register.

A married couple were arguing about who should be making the coffee. The wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in "HE-BREWS!"





ST ANTHONY'S PARISH
**FUNDRAISING
DINNER DANCE**

SAT 15 NOVEMBER
6.00 PM ONWARDS

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH HALL,
164-168 NEERIM ROAD, GLEN HUNTLY

DOOR / SPOT PRIZES

RAFFLES

Below 6 yrs: free (no seat) • 6-12 yrs: \$30 • Above 12yrs: \$50
Indian/Italian dinner included • BYO drinks
Dress to impress and enjoy music for a cause by Floyd

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6: 39

Alleluia, alleluia! / This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, / that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, / and that I should raise it up on the last day. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 7: 11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Young man, I say to you, get up.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people'. And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Today we remember our Beloved Dead. We also carry them into today's liturgy, just as the widow's son in today's Gospel is carried into the presence of Jesus. The story begins with Jesus gathering near the gate of Nain with his disciples and others. This happens at the same time as a 'the only son of his mother' is being carried out on a bier for burial. We note two things about the situation: The deceased is an only son and she is widowed. These two facts elevate the story's tragedy. The woman is domestically and economically abandoned; her tears palpable. At the gate of the town, life and death meet.

Jesus, the agent of healing and life, responds to her: 'When the Lord *saw* her he felt sorry for her.' Jesus' *seeing* impels him to act. In an earlier Lukan parable (Lk 10), a Samaritan 'sees' a half-dead robbery victim. Unlike the other characters in the parable who pass by and look sideways, the Samaritan is impelled to act. In today's Gospel, Jesus responds similarly.

The title 'Lord' suggests that this is the act of God's emissary. The translation, 'felt sorry', robs the power of the Greek which literally means, 'felt his innards respond'. This visceral response brings Jesus to restore the young man to life, an act acclaimed as God's 'visitation' of the people. Like the woman, we carry our dead before Jesus today. He responds deeply to our sadness. Through him God also 'visits' us.

Fr Michael Trainor