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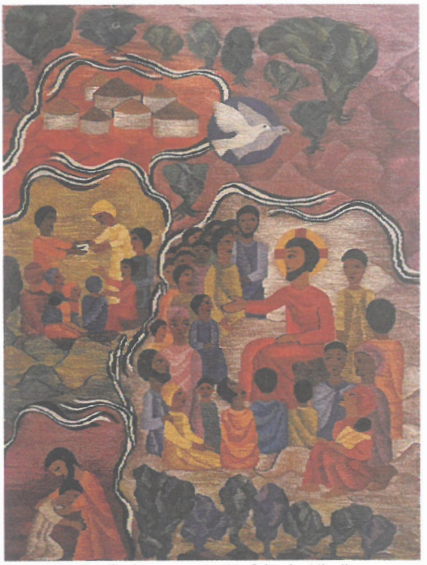
SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT AND WATCHFUL FAITH

Solemnity of All Saints • Year A

Divine Office: Week III • 1 November 2026

# All Saints

The Feast of All Saints today is a celebration of the Church's universality in the communion of all holy people, known and unknown, who have lived good lives. Vatican II includes those whose only light was their conscience. It is a day to honour those whose merit lies not in spectacular miracles or public triumphs, but in steadfast devotion, compassion, and fidelity to God's voice. The feast invites believers to contemplate the mystery of sainthood as a shared vocation, extended beyond time, culture, and circumstance. Historically, All Saints Day evolved from the early Christian practice of commemorating martyrs. By the 4th century, the commemoration broadened to include all who had attained the heavenly reward, not only those martyred for the faith.



The Beatitudes, woven by Mrs Sylvester Mbatha, Ndonyane Weaving Centre. Photo: Fr L. Mettler

The first universally celebrated Feast of All Saints began in the early 7th Century, precisely as a *triumphal* feast in contradistinction to All Souls Day on November 2 as a *penitential* day when we pray for the dead. In 1955, Pope Pius XII reaffirmed today's significance by providing it with its own liturgy. In 2002, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized the Communion of Saints as an article of faith, one that connects the "Pilgrim" Church on earth with the Church "Triumphant" in heaven and added the Church "Suffering" in purgatory. Sanctification is not the privilege of a few but the universal destiny of all, both Christians and those who have been true to their consciences.

The Gospel reading for the feast is usually the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. The liturgy reflects the rich diversity of saints: those canonised by the Church, those venerated by local communities, and countless people whose lives bore witness to the command to Love in ordinary circumstances: parents, teachers, missionaries, workers, healthcare professionals, monks and nuns alike. United in the broadest meaning of Communion of Saints, believers ask the saints to intercede for them for multiple intentions. How relevant, true to our theme, to call on the example of those whose "watchful faith" was sensitive to the times in which they lived, times like ours flooded with competing voices and schools of thought!

Today's feast is a reminder that the Church has produced a "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). Saints – both well-known and obscure – show the power of grace to transform human weakness into virtues like courage amid persecution, charity toward the poor, patience amid suffering, and humility before God. Their stories encourage us, still living on earth, to discern God's will in daily life and to pursue the path of holiness with courage and perseverance. All Saints Day is a challenge to practical discipleship: generosity to the marginalized, fidelity to prayer and the sacraments, and a renewed commitment to living out the Gospel in concrete acts of love.

"I believe in the Communion of Saints", we proclaim in the Creed. The prayers of the saints in heaven sustain the Church's mission to heal a broken world. All Saints Day is not merely a memory of good and holy people who lived in the past. It is a Gospel call to us to participate in the holiness of God, to honour the exemplary lives of the saints, and to strive, with God's grace, to be saints in our own time.

# SUNDAY MASS

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**
*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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 24.

**RESPONSE:**
*These are the people who seek your face, O Lord.*

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
   the world, and all who dwell in it.
   It is he who set it on the seas;
   on the rivers he made it firm. ℟
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
   Who shall stand in his holy place?
   The clean of hands and pure of heart,
   whose soul is not set on vain things. ℟
3. Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
   and right reward from the God who saves him.
   Such are the people who seek him,
   who seek the face of the God of Jacob. ℟

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 3:1-3.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

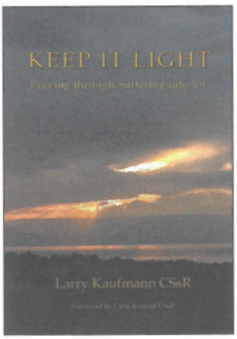
*Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:1-12.

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


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THE WEEK AHEAD

# Live the Word

**Mon 2 Nov ALL SOULS**

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 27; Matthew 11:25-30

"O Lord Jesus Christ, by your bitter passion and the sorrows of your Blessed Mother, have pity on the holy souls in purgatory. Let the blood and water flowing from your sacred side wash them clean." – St Alphonsus Liguori

**Tue 3 Nov** (St Martin de Porres, R)

Philippians 2:5-11; Psalm 22; Luke 14:15-24

"Everything, even sweeping, scraping vegetables, weeding a garden and waiting on the sick, could be a prayer, if it were offered to God." – St Martin de Porres

**Wed 4 Nov** St Charles Borromeo, B

Philippians 2:12-18; Psalm 27; Luke 14:25-33

"Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head." – St Charles

**Thu 5 Nov** Liturgy of the Day

Philippians 3:3-8; Psalm 105; Luke 15:1-10

It is so easy to fall into the trap of judging others whom we think are not as good as we are. We do it all the time. The fact is that we are all part of sinful humanity. We are no better than anyone else.

**Fri 6 Nov** All Saints of Africa

Philippians 3:17–4:1; Psalm 122; Luke 16:1-8

"Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new: late have I loved you! For behold you were within me and I outside, and I sought outside, and … fell upon those lovely things that you have made…" – St Augustine

**Sat 7 Nov** Liturgy of the Day

Philippians 4:10-19; Psalm 112; Luke 16:9-15

When times are lean, most of us are inclined to hoard our time, money and talents, but this is exactly the time when God calls us to stretch ourselves and share the little that we have, allowing providence to work in our lives.

**Sun 8 Nov 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63; Matthew 25:1-13

"If God is a God of justice and not of power, then God can still be on our side when bad things happen to us. Bad things do happen to good people, but it is not God who wills it…." – Rabbi Harold Kushner

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## MASS INTENTIONS NOV 2026

| | | | |
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| 31 | Sat | 17h00 | In thanksgiving for a blessed life - Felicity |
| 01 | Sun | 08h00 | RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho<br>RIP Maria dos Reis & Jose Ferreira<br>In thanksgiving for safe delivery of Baby<br>Aborted babies<br>Vocation discernment |
| | | 10h00 | RIP Clementina de Nobrega<br>In thanksgiving for a special intention Elizabeth |
| | | 17h00 | |
| 02 | Mon | 06h00<br>08h00<br>12h00<br>18h00 | **All Souls Day** |
| 03 | Tues | 18h00 | |
| 04 | Wed | 18h00 | |
| 05 | Thu | 18h00 | |
| 06 | Fri | 18h00 | **First Friday Healing Mass**<br>Special intention for Riaan<br>Special intention for Candice |

## *SICK LIST*

**We pray for the sick, the housebound and their caregivers.**



Shammy Naidoo, Dave Steyn, Kevin Demmer, Harold de Jongh, Gordon Milburn, Veronica Wheater, Leonardo, Ken Walters, Wendy Elliott, Margaret de Wet, Genevieve van der Merwe, Gideon Wathen, Nadine Botha, Enita Davies, Michael Serrao, Vincent S, Helouise Steenkamp and Pat Vosloo

# PARISH NOTICES

**ALL SOULS MASS**

There will be Mass at 06h00, 08h00 (school mass) 12h00 and 18h00 on Monday the 2nd of November for All Souls Day. All are invited to attend.

**MONTH OF THE DEAD**

The envelopes for the month of the dead are at the front of the church please take one and place the names of your family and friends in the box on the altar.

**BAPTISMS**

Our next baptism will be on the **6th of December** after the 10am Mass. All parents wanting to baptise their children must contact the parish office to make an appointment with Fr Daniel.

**PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA – PORTUGAL 2027**

Fr Daniel has been given permission to lead a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal from the 7th of October to the 15th of October 2027. The cost per person will be R44 995.00. This price is based on 2026 prices and subject to change. For more information,
please contact Michelle Jardim at michelle@micasatours.co.za

**1000 HAIL MARY'S**

Thank you to all who attended the 1000 Hail Mary's. May the spirit of Our Lady continue to work in your lives.

**SOUTHERN CROSS AND WORLDWIDE MAGAZINE**

If you have subscribed to these two magazines and they are delivered to the parish, please collect them from security at the end of each month.

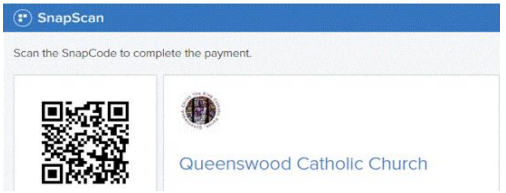
**60 YEARS OF FAITH 2027- CHRIST THE KING QUEENSWOOD DIAMOND JUBILEE**

The Social Committee invites all parishioners to share their ideas and suggestions on how we can make this celebration a great success and a memorable occasion for our entire parish community.

**Please share your ideas by Sunday, 29 November 2026**, with Lato on **084 764 4205**

# PARISH FINANCES

***TITHING*:**
All parishioners who are tithing can find the record of payments made on the noticeboard. Please check that your payment is registered. If you would like to, please fill in the form in the box.
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# NEWS

**Gently Used Children's Clothing Needed**
We are collecting gently used children's clothing and toys for our outreach program. We are looking for gently used, wearable clothing in all children's sizes to support families in need within our community.
Items needed:

- Baby clothing
- Toddler clothing
- Children's shirts, pants, dresses, and skirts
- Jackets and sweaters
- Shoes in good condition
- Blankets and other children's essentials

All donated items should be clean and in good condition. Your generosity will help bring comfort and dignity to children and families who need support.
For donation drop-off information, please contact the parish office.
Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of local families.

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# CARITAS

CHRIST THE KING OUTREACH PROGRAMME




We provide various food parcels, baby and adult clothing, all household items and toys to the less fortunate. We support various homes for both adults and children. Should you have items that you wish to donate these can be dropped off at the parish office during the week or left in the baskets at the back of the church over the weekends. We continue to assist many families in our parish with everyday necessities thanks to your generous donations. Should you wish to donate to this worthy cause our banking details are:
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**"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)**