

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31st October & 1st November 2020

Robinvale and Manangatang Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care. Child Safety Officers: Arthur Cassidy (Robinvale) and Noreen Morris (Manangatang)

Please remember these people in our prayers



Anniversaries:

Pietro Lucca; Maurice Taggart; Maurice O'Connell;
Ronald Jury; Mark Rigoni; David Grant; Jim Telford;
Antonino Violi; Lucille Nolan; Ernie Sinclair; Frank Reedy

Sick: Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Kristin Sparto;
Debbie Nolen; Basilio Alcodia; Gai Trainer; Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa; Sister Basil;

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School News

Colour Run 2020

If you happened to be driving past St Mary's School last Thursday you would have noticed a hive of activity. Our students and teachers participated in a Colour Run. Classes ran around an obstacle course and our Year 8 students threw the non-toxic power onto each class.



Some of our sock creations made by our Prep students for 'Socktober' (Mission Month).

Local News:

Finally, we are able to use our churches again for Mass!

However, we are very restricted by numbers.

This weekend Father Anthony will celebrate Mass at the following times.

6:00pm Saturday in Robinvale

9:00am Sunday in Ouyen

11:00am Sunday in Manangatang.

It is important that you book in on 0438 627 920 for 6pm Mass in Robinvale.

Only 20 people, plus Father Anthony, are permitted to attend.

Behind the scene, a COVID safe plan has been required for each church.

For parishioners who are interested, Father Anthony will have a 10:30 & 5:30

Mass on Monday 2nd November for All Souls Day. Please book in on 0438 627 920

If you would like to be present at either of these Masses.

* If you ever have any local news to share, people to add to our Sick List or Anniversaries, please contact Rosa (0419 953 716) or Mary (0438 627 920).

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Rv 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ~

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

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.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

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.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

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.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

SECOND READING

Jn 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Clergy Appointments

Fr Jim McKay, who is currently Assistant Priest in East Wimmera Parish, will become Assistant Priest in the parishes of Horsham, Nhill, Warracknabeal and Hopetoun from 15 January 2021.



Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it is in a context more different than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever.

Discernment Papers: The six discernment papers have been released and are available to read at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/ead>.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be ‘Blessed’? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be ‘Blessed’? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God. There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth’s resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are ‘saints’ who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace. The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church’s calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge. We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

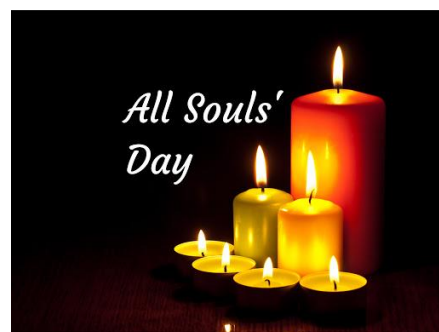
All Saints’ Day

All Saints’ Day also called All Hallows’ Day, Halloween, or Feast of All Saints, in the Christian church, a day commemorating all the saints of the church, both known and unknown, who have attained heaven. It is celebrated on November 1 in the Western churches. In Roman Catholicism, the feast was once a holy day of obligation.



ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honouring the dead. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church, but it is also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Church and a few other denominations of Christianity.



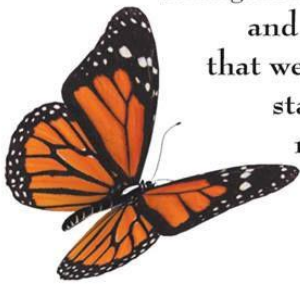
All Souls' Day

November 2

Jesus, dear Savior,
on this day we prayerfully remember
all our loved ones who have died.
Please give them comfort and hope
and may they be at peace,
knowing that they will
rest in God's arms eternally.
Thank You for our memories of them
and for the good times we shared.

We ask You, please,
through their intercession,
to deepen our faith,
strengthen our hope
and increase our love
that we, too, may someday
stand before You,
ready to enter Your
Holy Kingdom.

Amen.



COVID safe Rules - from 27th October 11.59pm.

Masses: Gathering of 20 people plus Father Anthony

Funerals: up to 20 people gathered plus those required to conduct the funeral (the celebrant and funeral directors)

Baptisms: Gathering of 20 people plus Fr Anthony

Weddings: Gathering of 10 people this includes the bride, groom, two witnesses and one faith leader.

Reminder

Reminder if you are sick or unwell please do not attend and get tested.

Baptism

Congratulations to Laura Lazzara on her baptism. Laura was accompanied by her parents, Elena and Josef Lazzara and godparents Joanne and Anthony Gervasi. Please keep them all in your prayers as she begins her Sacramental life in the church.



All Saints Day

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St. Maximilian
St Clare
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St Gabriel
St. Lambert
St. Anne
StXavier
StMatthias

St. Rose
StChristopher
StJoseph
stbartholomew
OurLadyoftheRosary

Holy Family
St, Bernadette
St Teresa
stvivian
St, James