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Office Hours: MON, WED, THURS, FRI 10:00am-1:30pm.

The office will be closed on Tuesday.

Reflection for All Saints Day

The Solemnity of All Saints Day is a reminder to us all the lives that were lived by the ordinary people of whom we now call saints. It is a wonderful recognition to commemorate those brave Christians who have lived heroically throughout the history of the church and to leave a legacy that were firmly grounded in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. One of my favourite saints of the 20 th Century that I can still remember as a child was St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. A humble sister who devoted her entire religious calling to the apostolic service of charity to the poor. Not only did she establish a congregation of followers who would carry on the mission to bring the light of Christ to the poverty of Calcutta. She had become a modern sensation who caught the attention of all peoples around the world of her holiness in this charitable service. We are called to become saints of our time, not to simply be the Christians that we profess. We are reminded of our calling that to be a Christian is more than to follow, but to be an active participant who lives heroically to bring the light of Christ in their own lives.

Fr Jeremy Santoso OSPPE

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Mon, Wed, Fri **8am** & Thurs **9.30am.**

St. Paul's Int. College (Sat) **8am**

Confessions: 1st Friday of each month following morning 8am Mass. Every Saturday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm.

St Paul's Moss Vale
Saturday Vigil - 6.00pm
Sunday - 10am

St Brigid's Bundanoon
Sunday: 2nd & 4th - 8am
Sunday: 1st, 3rd & 5th - 5pm

St Peter's Burrawang
Sunday: 1st, 3rd & 5th – 8am
Sunday: 2nd & 4th — 5pm

Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park
Sunday - 8 am, 9.30am, 11am, Weekday 11am

St Francis Xavier, Berrima
1st Sunday of the Month –12noon

St Patrick's, Sutton Forest

ALL SAINTS DAY YEAR A 1 November 2026

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
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 Psalm 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 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.**

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.

Feasts and Memorials
Monday 2: The Commemoration of ALL the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)
Wednesday 3: St Charles Borromeo, bishop. Memorial.

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PARISH NEWS .....

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to all those parishioners who assisted with the working bee at the parish on Saturday in preparation for the upcoming painting works. Your time, hard work and generosity are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your willingness to lend a hand and help care for our parish community.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Classes will be held at 8.30am on the following Sundays: Sunday 1 Nov, 8 Nov and 15 Nov. Attendance at Mass is compulsory.

Confirmation will be held on **Tuesday 24 November** at 6.00pm.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

Monday 2 November at St Patrick's Church, Sutton Forest at 6pm.

Parish Pastoral Council - PPC AGM and BBQ 8 November

The PPC is pleased to invite everyone to the **Annual General Meeting and BBQ** after the 10AM Mass on **Sunday 8th November**.

Please call the office on 4868 1931if you plan to attend by Wednesday 4 November so that we have an idea of numbers and prepare for how much BBQ meat we will need. Please bring a salad or sweet to share. See you there!

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Sunday 8 November: St Peter's Burrawang at following 5pm Mass.
Sunday 15 November: St Paul's Moss Vale following 10am Mass.
Sunday 15 November: St Brigid's Bundanoon following 5pm Mass.

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Saints play an important role in the devotional life of many Catholic people, but it is a role that causes some confusion for other traditions. Whilst all prayer is directed to God, sometimes that prayer may be directed through one of the Saints or a Saint is called upon to pray on behalf of the petitioner.

Images of people kneeling before statues of Saints has led to a misconception that Catholics pray to Saints, rather than to God through the Saint. The Litany of the Saints, with its 'Pray for us' response, calls on the Saints to intercede for us.

MASS INTENTION

Deceased—Ron Lee

NOVEMBER CALENDAR DATES: ***THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER***

Sunday 1: Morning Tea after Mass at Burrawang
Wednesday 4: Warrigal Nursing home Mass at 1.30pm
Wednesday 11: Harbison Nursing home Mass at 1.30pm
Wednesday 25: PPC Meeting