

HALLOWE'EN IN THE PAST AND MODERN TIME. There is nothing intrinsically wrong with the Church borrowing from practices that have as their source some secular, pagan, or even anti-Catholic belief system, as she has done throughout the centuries with such things as wedding rings, Easter eggs, and the Christmas tree. However, such customs adopted must clearly also be Baptized in the Faith if we wish to retain them without undue influence of the secularism or paganism they originally represented. That is to say, the interior meaning of these customs and traditions must be transformed and conformed to Christ, given new and more profound meanings, and they must assist us on the path toward salvation. It is easy to discern the distinctively Catholic nature and origins of Halloween. The name itself is merely a contraction of the term, "All Hallows Evening," or Hallowe'en, and refers to the Vigil of All Hallows Day (more generally known as All Saints Day). All Saints Day, a feast commonly celebrated in the early Church, was mentioned by St. Ephrem the Syrian during a homily in the fourth century. Much later, during the eight century, Pope Saint Gregory III consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to all the saints, fixing the anniversary as November 1st. Pope Gregory IV later extended this feast to the entire Church. The Vigil we call Halloween, then, is clearly Catholic, perhaps peculiarly so. Only the Catholic Church lays claim to divinely revealed knowledge of specific individuals who have "won the race" and are in heaven. Only the Church celebrates their victory in Christ with such reverence and rejoicing. Furthermore, only the Church recognizes that there are souls continuing the process of purification and sanctification in the temporary suffering we call Purgatory – but this recognition and associated doctrine has little to do with the Vigil of the Feast of All Saints, a fact that is often overlooked by those who argue for a full participation in the modern secular Halloween observances.

LET'S HELP THE BUSHFIRE VICTIMS IN NSW

"The Word of God (for) 2014" will be available soon. We are invited to offer, with dedication, 1 book for the church and 1 for your home for the price of \$20 (for 2 books). **ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO THE BUSHFIRE VICTIMS APPEAL (through SVdP).**

If you would like to make your own donations, please visit St Vincent de Paul website www.vinnies.org.au/nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw or ring 13 18 12.



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27th Oct 2013 (C)

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1ST READING: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

2ND READING: Paul 4:6-8. 16-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

We will rejoice at the victory of God and make our boast in his great name.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Apts)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm

Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME & WEDDINGS:

By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

100% tax deductible. Please join by

contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat Vigil: †Nitsa Farid Hallack
Sun 8am: †Pat Sunnens
Sun 9:30am: Pro Populo
Sun 5pm: †John Eves
Mon 7:30am: †Martin Clara
Tue 7:30am: †Theresa Wong Kam Choo
Wed 6pm: †Giovanna Tesoreiro

MASS INTENTIONS – ALL SOULS (NOVEMBER)

Please note that from 1 Nov to 15 Nov, *no individual Mass intentions* will be offered. Instead Masses will be offered for the souls of all our dearly departed relatives and friends.

OUR SICK: Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Alan Sargeant. Josephine Helback, Carmella Ciccari Joy Williams, Moira Butler and Domenico Cirillo...

Accommodation still available in Foley Gardens. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 and you will be referred for further details to Mr. Robert O’Shea, the manager.

Happy Birthday to: **Angela Ong (31st)** and **Lenny Tjoe (1st)**

We welcome **Natalia Teresa Rose Porter** and her family to her Baptism this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.

Congratulations to Chandra Tjioe and Fifi Puspitasari who will celebrate their Sacrament of Matrimony this Sun (27 Oct) in our Parish.

- ★ **Parish School News:** 1) Class Mass: Fri 8 Nov: Yr; 4; Fri 15 Nov: Yr 6. 2) **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** a) Parents’ Info. meeting: Thur 31 Oct at 6:30pm in the school library. b) 1st lesson & Rite of Commitment Mass: Sat 2 Nov. *Children in parish school, please see your class teacher; children in Daceyville Public School, please see your Scripture teacher.*
- ★ **Catholic Mission Appeal:** Thank you to all who donated to this Appeal. Total collection will be sent to Catholic Mission shortly.
- ★ **Parish Visitations:** If anyone knows of a parishioner who is either sick or housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion each Sunday, would you please contact Gennie on 9663 3657.

Upcoming Events: 1) **WYD2016 Bingo & Lunch-Sun 24 Nov;** 2) **Parish Christmas Party-Sat 14 Dec;** 3) **Christmas Penitential Service-Wed 18 Dec.** Details to follow.

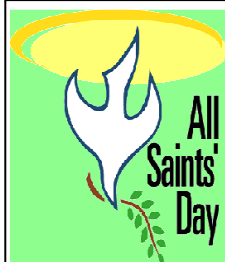
This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) F Doherty, Volunteer (C) G Guerrero (M)
8:00am: J Heaney (A) P Tjugito, A Burke (R) A Burke, Sr Betty (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) E Widjaja, H Widjaja (R) C Findlay (C) A Burton (M)
5.00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers **Counter:** G Hogan

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9:30am: Volunteer I Lie, J Lie (R) M Tjokrowidjaja (C) A Burton (M)
5.00pm: R Yang (A), Volunteers please **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris

Reminders: ☛ **CFW: November Appeal** will be held next weekend (2/3 Nov). Specially printed envelopes will soon be available for your donations. *Your support is important in helping the Archdiocese fund the 6 agencies of the CFW. Through your donations, the Archdiocese will be able to continue our Church’s mission, which is to provide pastoral and charitable support to those most in need in our community – so please give generously. Donations over \$2 are 100% tax-deductible. Thank you.*

☛ **Volunteers in the Readers Ministry** are invited to take a copy of the “Proclamation workshop” leaflets (in the church foyer) for your reading and practice. This practical guide is an extension of Fr. Anthony Simari’s workshops held recently.

☛ **“Great Adventure” – Bible Study (8th Seminar): Sun 10 Nov from 3:30-4:30pm** in the presbytery.



All Saints’ Day (Fri 1st Nov): **MASSES** will be celebrated at **9:15am (school Mass) and 7:00pm.**



Masses will be celebrated at: **9:15am** (at Sthn Cross Apts) and **11am** (in church) (also 1st Sat).

November Memorial Masses: Envelopes are now available in the pews for your Mass intentions. Please place these envelopes in the special box near the altar.

Other Notices: ★ The **CAEC** will present ‘Theology of the Body’ in intensive module at Lidcombe from 25-26 Nov. For more info., ring Matthew Leslie on 9646 9010 or visit www.caec.com.au/courses. ★ **Healing after abortion.** Rachel’s Vineyard ministries offer support and spiritual healing through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion. The next retreat is **22-24 Nov.** Call the confidential voicemail: 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelvineyard.org.au. ★ **Sisters of the Good Samaritan** – An invitation to young women to join the Sisters for a weekend of prayer, reflection and conversation. **Fri 29 Nov-Sun 1 Dec.** For more details, visit www.goodsams.org.au. ★ **St Vincent’s Private Hospital, Darlinghurst Volunteers Required** for several departments for 3hrs per week, Monday to Friday. Please ring Slavica on 8382 6449 or email skochovska@stvincents.com.au for more info. ★ **SmartLoving Marriage Seminar** will be held in **Pennant Hills** from **9-10Nov.** \$80 per couple (meals included). For more details, visit www.smatloving.org or ring 9319 6280. ★ **St Aloysius’ College** is an independent Catholic School for boys in Yrs 3-12 conducted by the Jesuits. **Applications for Yrs 3 & 5 in 2015 and for Yr 7 in 2016** are now open. Bursaries are also available. For more info., visit www.stalloysius.nsw.edu.au or ring 9936 5535. ★ **Marist Laity Australia Reflection Day: Sat 9 Nov from 10am to 3pm at St Pat’s Church Hill.** For more info and to RSVP, email info@maristlaityaustralia.com or ring Margaret Woods on 0417 682 822.