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*"Come to worship
Go to proclaim"*

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29th October, 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Wed 1st Nov All Saint's Day 9.15am (School)
& 7.00pm**

Thur 2nd Nov All Souls Day 7.30am

FIRST READING:

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

Exodus 22:20-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2

SECOND READING:

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

Thesalonians 1:5-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.*

Alleluia.

Jn 14:23

GOSPEL:

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

Matthew 22:34-40

St. Michael's Parish Notice

Sick: Joseph Haggar, Vince Buchan, Sylvia Newman, David Low,
Jimmy Chandra, Emasi Hivapeaulu, Terry Killalea

Mass Intentions Sat 5pm †Lucy Chong
Sun 8am †Robert Fazzari & †Peter D'arcy

Collection w/e 22/10/23

1st Collection: \$503.75 2nd Collection: \$235.80 Planned Giving \$375.00

Thank You for your generous support

November Memorial Masses:

Envelopes are now available for your Mass intentions. Please place these envelopes in the special box at the altar. Individual Mass intentions will be published in the bulletin.

All November Masses will also be offered for the souls of our dearly departed friends and relatives. Names of souls will be displayed on noticeboard at the front of the Church.

The traditional conditions to attain a Plenary indulgence

A plenary indulgence can be gained only one per day. The faithful must be in the state of grace and these three conditions must accompany the prescribed act.

1. The faithful must receive the sacrament of confession , either eight days before or after the pious act is performed,
2. Receive Holy Communion on that day.
3. and recite prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father and one Hail Mary is the minimum, but any other additional prayers may be added).

Scams

Dear Parishioners,

There have been reports of SMS message scams targeting individuals and parishes in the Archdiocese. These scams impersonate the members of our parish, including myself, asking for urgent help and often requesting gift card purchases for those in need. Rest assured that neither I nor any member of our parish staff would ever ask for such assistance through SMS or any other unsolicited means. If you receive suspicious messages, contact us directly via phone or in person.

Electronic Donations

If anyone wishes to donate electronically, please click on the QR code and you will be directed to our donation page on our website.

THANK YOU for your generous support.

It is very much appreciated.



The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

Child sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Or contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial integrity office at (02) 9390-5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org

*Please observe silence in God's house.
Please turn your mobile off or put it on silent.*



World Teacher's Day –27th October, 2023

Let us pray for our wonderful Teachers at St Michael's Daceyville and for the Teachers in our State School and around the world.

**God of wisdom, greatest Teacher of all,
look with love and kindness on teachers everywhere.**

Give them the strength of body, largeness of hearts and soundness of mind so that they may perform their task with competence, compassion and patience. Help them to be committed to their mission to shape the tender minds of the young in the knowledge of the truth, the love for your creation and the value of peace in this world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Indulgenced Acts for the Poor Souls:

One can gain a plenary indulgence by visiting a cemetery each day between November 1 to November 8. These indulgences are only applicable to the Souls in Purgatory.

A plenary indulgence, again only applicable to the Souls in Purgatory, is also granted when the faithful piously visit a church or a public oratory on November 2. In visiting the church or oratory, it is required that one our Father and the Creed be recited.

A partial indulgence (the person does not meet the requirements above or still influenced by venial sin) can be obtained by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed, even if the prayer is only mental during the year but especially during the month of November.

History of All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day

All Hallows' Eve, or Halloween as it is commonly referred, is a global celebration on October 31. All Hallow's Eve dates back to Celtic celebrations in Ireland. This likely originated as the harvest festival known as Samhain. Samhain, was, a festival celebrating the changing of the seasons from light to dark (summer to winter). This would usually take place around November 1. During Samhain, the "bridge" between the living and the dead was opened. This was a day when the departed were thought to wander the land of the living. Traditionally, a bonfire would be lit, sweets would be prepared, and costumes would be worn to ward off evil spirits. Early Christian officials tried to impose their own holiday in an effort to stop their converts from practicing non-Christian festivals. Pope Gregory III deemed November 1, All Saints' Day, a celebration of Christian martyrs and saints both known and unknown who have attained heaven, and November 2 became All Souls Day, a day for remembering the souls of the dead. All Saints' Day later became known as All Hallows' Day, and the previous day, October 31, became known as All Hallows' Eve, then later, Halloween. Pope Boniface IV formally started what would later be known as All Saints Day on May 13 in 609 AD when he dedicated the Pantheon in Rome as a church in honour of the Virgin Mary and all martyrs. "All Hallows" in Old English means "the feast of the saints." To hallow is "to make holy or sacred, to sanctify or consecrate, to venerate." The adjective "hallowed", that is mentioned in "The Lord's Prayer", means "holy, consecrated, sacred, or revered." Despite the best efforts of the church, people still continued to celebrate Halloween with traditional bonfires, costumes, treats, and a focus on spirits of the dead. In North and South America, All Saints' Day referred to by its Spanish name, *Dia de Los Santos*, is one of the biggest annual holidays in Latin America. It's celebrated in America and Canada, but mostly within Catholic or Hispanic communities. In Latin America, families visit the gravesites of their deceased relatives on *Dia de los Muertos*, or Day of the Dead. They usually bring food and flowers with them. This is one of the most well known Mexican Funeral Traditions but it's popular across all of Latin America.

Mass Times: **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm
 Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am
Weekday: **Monday:**
 Tuesday: 7:30am
 Wednesday: 7:00pm
 Thursday: 7:30am
 Friday: 9:15am

Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:15pm – 6:45pm
Saturday: 4:15pm – 4:45pm



Contact The Presbytery

Parish Office Hours: Thurs & Fri 9:00am to 2:30pm

Holy Hour: Wednesday, 6:00pm

Baptisms & Weddings: by appointment.

Baptisms: Sundays after the 10am Mass

Volunteers Roster:

This weekend— 29th October, 2023 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Vigil:</u> (A) Hartanto, A Yap	(R) G Metternicht, Br Robert	(M) Thomas W
<u>8am:</u> (A) Andy H	(R) Justine, G Guerrero	(M) Thomas W
<u>10am:</u> (A) N Jenner	(R) D Sarmiento, Jordan	(M) M Sarmiento

Piety Stall: (Vigil) C Lan Kam (Sun, 8am) I K oeswanto (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

Next weekend - 5th November, 2023 31st Ordinary Sunday

<u>Vigil:</u> (A) Hartanto, A Yap	(R) F Hogan, M Vassallo	(M) Thomas W
<u>8am:</u> (A) Andy H	(R) G Guerrero, Volunteer	(M) Thomas W
<u>10am:</u> (A) N Jenner	(R) K Wong, Volunteer	(M) M Sarmiento

Piety Stall: (Vigil) F Wu (Sun, 8am) I Koeswanto (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

Parishioners wishing to apply for any of the Ministries, please contact the Parish Office.
Thank you!