



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

31 October 2021

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**With St Paul of the
Cross we pray ...**

For the sick

Leonor Delgado

Noel Nacua

Patricia Stack

Jovito Redaja

Raul Cabrera

Angela Di Donato

Sr Julianne Murphy

Natalina Gallace

Ruth Wilson

Raymond Hudson

Fr Jim Duggan

Pat Allport

Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat

Francheska Bechara

Robyn, Eimy & Helen

Recently Deceased

Death Anniversary

Hani Khouri

Teresa de Jesus

Ivone Goncalves

For the Souls

Salim & Mariam Sammoun

Carmelo & Antonio Zerbi

Fortunato Stillitano

Gaetano & Francesco Bernardi

Natuzza Evoli

Pasquale & Annamaria Nicolai

Pasquale Stillitano

Melba Abaleta

Louie Tolentino

Isabelo Corpus

Anday Guevarra

All forgotten Souls and Holy

Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Leah Tillam

Manuel Jacinto de Silva

Living "the first of all the commandments"

Fences decorated with cobwebs, skeletons and grinning pumpkins remind us that Halloween is here. This American custom with its roots in Irish folklore, especially its commercial expression, is becoming increasingly popular in Australia. 'Halloween' however is the evening vigil of 'All Hallows' (All Saints), a Feast that we will celebrate on Monday followed by the Feast of All Souls. The Feast of All Saints honours the lives of all the known and unknown saints who "loved God with all (their) heart...soul...mind and strength and loved their neighbour as themselves." Their lives are what we "believe in" when we acknowledge "the communion of saints" in the Creed.

In her memoir **My Sisters the Saints**, Colleen Campbell describes how particular saints have inspired and helped her at significant moments in her life. As a young woman growing up in 1980's America, she experienced an increasing tension between her Catholic upbringing and a desire to be considered a 'party girl', someone who was successful, attractive and fun to be around. At the same time, she was unhappy with a way of life that to her seemed shallow and empty.

Stuck at home from university during a particularly cold Christmas holiday, she reluctantly started reading her father's copy of the autobiography of St Teresa of Avila, the great Sixteenth Century spiritual writer and reformer. Reading it, she said, "I saw the kind of woman I might become if ever I took God seriously enough to try. Here was a friend I could turn to in prayer when I needed help overcoming the temptations of superficiality and sensuality that Teresa knew so well."

Later in the book, she recalls certain saints who accompanied her and assisted her during some of the darker moments of her life. When her gifted and much loved father developed Alzheimer's and became increasingly difficult to be with, she found St Therese of Lisieux's reflection on her own father's experience of dementia an unexpected source of inspiration. Previously she had dismissed her spiritual writings as "pious and sentimental." Now, reading these same reflections in the context of their shared experience of someone they loved suffering from dementia, she realised that, "our culture has it exactly backward when treating such people as expendable... there are souls hidden in all sorts of places where the world sees only disability, decay and despair." This insight was particularly significant to her as she was then working with highly successful and powerful people as a speechwriter for President George W Bush.

She would later experience her own 'dark night' when, after a number of years of marriage, she believed that she was unable to have a baby. Insensitive comments and endless medical tests only made her feel worse. Prayer itself seemed to provide no help, "God gave me no answers. When I prayed, I felt as if I were talking to a wall." Here, again quite unexpectedly, she found the experience of another Therese, in this case Mother Teresa, a powerful source of help and inspiration.

Mother Teresa was internationally famous for her trust in God as she worked among the poorest people in the world, someone Colleen believed was "impossibly holy". Reading her biography however, she discovered that for much of her life Mother Teresa lived with what she herself described as "a terrible darkness as if there is no God." This was not a form of depression but a share in the suffering of Christ on the cross. Colleen would eventually have a baby (twins in fact!) but that experience taught her about the meaning of authentic faith in God. It is "showing up to pray when you feel nothing; continuing to confide in God when he answers you with silence; loving and serving him even after you accept that he may never give you what you so desperately want."

The saints whose lives we honour when we pray "I believe in the communion of saints...", are joined to our own lives through the life of Christ that we all share, "I am the vine you are the branches...without me you can do nothing." They speak to God on our behalf and inspire us on that same road to God that they have completed and that we are still on.

Reference: Colleen Carroll Campbell **My Sisters the Saints: a spiritual memoir**
Doubleday Image Books New York 2012

Deacon Louis

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 6th and 7th November 2021

Readers:	5:30pm	R Lazarus P Allport	10:00am	B Yammine C Alam
	8:00am	J Peters G Turnbull		

Covid-19 Update

Please wear a mask in Church out of consideration for others.

First Holy Communion

Enrolment and first lesson: Saturday 30 Oct

4:30pm or Sunday 31 Oct 9:00am

Second lesson: Saturday 6 Nov 4:30pm or Sunday 7 Nov 9:00am

Third lesson: Saturday 13 Nov 4:30pm or Sunday 14 Nov 9:00am

Fourth lesson: Saturday 20 Nov 4:30pm or Sunday 21 Nov 9:00am

First Communion Mass:

Friday 26 November 2021 6:30pm

Saturday 4 December 2021 10:00am

Write to your NSW MP ahead of euthanasia vote

NSW Independent MP Alex Greenwich is tabling his euthanasia bill in parliament this week. It is more critical than ever for parishioners to act now and voice their opposition to the proposed bill. The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House. The tool is available here: https://www.noeuthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw

Next weekend 6 & 7 November 2021 our parish will be holding an annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal.



St Joseph's Enfield Healing Mass Friday 5th November 2021

Celebrant: Father Hugh Thomas Csr

Rosary: 7:00pm Reconciliation: 7:00-8:00pm

Prayer and Praise: 7:30pm Mass: 8:00pm

Exposition (after Mass) & Prayer Ministry

St Joseph's Catholic Church

126 Liverpool Rd., Enfield

Parking at rear of church. Enter from Baker St.

E-mail: rosetwymansydney@gmail.com

Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (1 - 6 Nov 2021)

Mon	1/11	All Saints
Tue	2/11	The Commemoration of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)
Wed	3/11	St Martin de Porres, religious
Thu	4/11	St Charles Borromeo, bishop

All Saints' Day, also known as Feast of All Saints, or Solemnity of All Saints, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints.



All Souls' Day

"Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."



St Martin de Porres

Born in Lima Peru, Martin was the son of a Spanish gentleman and his mother an Indian woman from Panama. Entering the Dominican friary as a lay brother, Martin nursed the sick and befriended the poor. St Martin's love was all embracing, shown equally to humans and animals, and he maintained a cats' and dogs' hospital.



St Charles Borromeo

The most imposing and influential figure of the Counter-Reformation in Italy, Charles did not receive priestly or episcopal orders until after his uncle Pope Pius IV appointed him archbishop of Milan. Charles was a model bishop, organising relief efforts to alleviate famine and plague and exhausting himself in personally feeding famine victims. He also authored the final decrees at the Council of Trent.



Choir Practice on Monday at 7pm in the Church every fortnight. Next choir rehearsal on the **1st November 2021.**

Now that the Church has reopened, please tell us if you wish to receive the bulletin by email.



Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal 2021

On behalf of this parish, we thank you for supporting **Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal**. Through your gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for our growing number of sick and retired priests in the Archdiocese of Sydney. If you missed the special collection you can still donate visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf or scan the QR Code.

Parish Office

Maria - Mondays

Cecilia - Wed-Friday

9.30am - 2:30pm

Parish & Hall enquiries

9558 3257

Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sun: 8am & 10am

Mon to Fri: 9:00am

Sat: 9:30am

Family Mass with

Children's Liturgy

3rd Sunday of the

Month 10am Mass

Family Rosary & Morning

Tea - 2nd Sunday of the

Month after 10am Mass in

the Church Hall

Filipino Mass

1st Sun 11:30am

Sacraments

Confession

Sat 8:30-9:20am, 4:45pm

or any time by

appointment

Baptism

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th

Sunday 11.15am

Marriage

At least 6 months notice

required

Anointing of the Sick

Any time on call

Devotions

Holy Hour & Rosary

Sunday - Friday

before morning mass

Rosary & Benediction

Sat 8:30-9:30am

Novena to Our Lady of

Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm

