



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



ALL SAINTS DAY [Year A] Sunday 01 November 2020

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 – I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face. [Psalm 23]

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 – We shall see God as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation: 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 – Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Feast of All Saints and Holy Souls

Over the last number of weeks I have been “ploughing” through a book titled, “The Eighth Life (for Brilka)”, by Nino Haratischvili. It is translated from the Russian and therefore offers a view of the world that is different from the West. It is an historical novel which traces the life of a particular family from the early days of the Russian revolution to the modern day. Whilst the story is fictional, the historical content follows the history of Georgia and it's many struggles with Russia over this time. The story is told by Niza, who is the seventh life in the story and she is writing for Brilka who is the eighth life. It is a fascinating story of struggle, betrayal, loss, love and pain. When we get to the last chapter, titled “Book VIII ★ Brilka” it is simply blank pages. In other words, after learning of the epic story of the family to which she is inexplicably bound, the future belongs to Brilka and only Brilka can decide what happens next.

These feast days remind us of the foundation of those who have gone before us giving us a viewpoint that helps us to decide how the pages of our future will be written. What is it that we learn from not only the saints but all those who we hold in our heart? Niza writes at the end of her story which is the seventh life, when she finally sees Brilka again for the last time:

“Live through all wars. Cross all borders. To you I dedicate all gods, all rosaries, all burnings, all decapitated hopes, all stories. Break through them. Because you have the means to do it, Brilka. The eight – remember it. All of us will always be interwoven in this number and will always listen to each other, down through the centuries. You can do it. Be everything we were and were not. Be a lieutenant, a tightrope walker, a sailor, an actress, a film-maker, a pianist, a lover, a mother, a nurse, a writer; be red and white, or blue; be chaos and heaven; and be them and me, and don't be any of it. Above all, dance countless pas de deux.”

What a beautiful picture of an invitation from the past into the present and beyond to the future. It speaks powerfully of the stories and lives of those who have gone before us and hidden deep within is an invitation to begin a dialogue as we wake and greet each day and, with the help of God make it our own. Maybe it's time to have a read of a saint's life over this month, to come to an understanding of the challenges of their time and reflect of the learnings for the challenges of our time.

We are reminded on this feast day of the words of Paul VI, which can be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

“We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and the saints is always [attentive] to our prayers” (Paul VI)

Let us remember and pray with all those who have gone before us, as we may have a deep faith in the words from the Funeral Liturgy: *O God, Admit us to the joyful company of your saints, and raise us on the last day to rejoice in your presence forever.*
AMEN. *God's Blessings over the Holy Month of November, Fr. Michael*



Welcome to John Chris Reimers,
who entered into the Catholic Community last weekend.
May he find God's grace where ever life leads him.

We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently: Clare Kearney and those who have died from Covid-19. May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Fred and Selina Betros, Rose-Mary (Jill) Ryan, Fr William McGovern [1956].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Graham McGovern, Madeline Gray, Richard Jones, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and all those in Our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering the effects of Covid-19.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND ADVENT BLUE REFLECTION BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. You will find both these well known resources on the welcoming table. Please place \$10.00 for the Columban Calendar in either the collection box or use the Pay Point Facility. The Blue Advent Reflection Books cost \$5.00 each.

MONTH OF HOLY SOULS: During November you are asked if you wish those who have died to be remembered at the Masses over the month. There will be a book to write the names into, as usual, but with COVID we would prefer the names to be emailed to admin@stpats.org.au and they will be added.

NEW MASS TIME – from 1st November, 2020 - Over the last couple of weeks the Mass numbers have been at capacity. The Mass where most people seem to be turned away appears to be the 7am or 9am. With this in mind, Michael Bermingham, Parish Leader at St. Thomas More's, has agreed to introduce another Mass on Sunday morning **at St. Thomas More's at 7.15am**. This allows time to go from St. Patrick's across to St. Thomas More's should you find the Cathedral at capacity. We hope this assists in your desire to attend Mass.

Cathedral Gardens: There has been some discussion from time to time about the grounds of the Cathedral. This might be a good time for a group to be formed to look at some possibilities. If you would like to assist with your ideas/thoughts/knowledge please contact the parish office on 4637 1500 or email admin@stpats.org.au and give your contact details and we will get together in the coming months for an open discussion around this topic.

Readers Meet & Greet: Liturgy Coordinator John Briffa is providing an opportunity to meet all Cathedral readers to answer any questions about the ministry at this time and to talk about the upcoming Christmas season. Anyone who would like to become a reader is also welcome to attend any of the brief sessions. Sessions will run for 10-15 minutes after each of the weekend Masses on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 November. If you are on the reading roster or would like to be, please come up to the lectern after Mass.

Sunday 01 Nov <i>All Saints Day</i>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am - Live stream available	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 02 Nov <i>All Souls' Day</i>	5.30pm Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 03 Nov	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
Wed 04 Nov <i>Saint Charles Borromeo</i>	7am Mass SPC	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thurs 05 Nov	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 06 Nov	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	ADORATION 7.30am – 8.30am 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 07 Nov	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	11am Baptism of Liliana Pacholke [FM]
Sunday 08 Nov	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am-Live stream available SPC	EXTRA MASS – 7.15am St Thomas More's 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
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