

Glancing Thoughts - **Glory, Glory Hallelujah**

In the Gospel Reading, James and John ask Jesus if they can sit on his right and on his left in his glory. The other ten apostles are indignant when they learn of it.

In response to the apostles' indignation, Jesus gives them a lesson in glory. On worldly views, the great ones are the rulers. On Jesus' view, the servants are the truly great ones. Real glory doesn't come from lording it over others, but from serving others. Jesus is most glorious in his crucifixion, when he has lost everything but love.

So Jesus' response to the indignation of the apostles shows us that they were thinking of glory as kingship. And they were indignant with James and John, because they thought that kind of kingship was what James and John were asking Jesus for.

But notice that Jesus does not respond to James and John by explaining to them what true glory is. What Jesus says to James and John shows us what those two apostles were thinking, just as Jesus' response to the others shows us what they were indignant about.

To James and John, Jesus says, "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" This is the cup that Jesus prayed might pass from him. It is his crucifixion. So James and John have the right idea of glory. They are not asking for thrones in heaven, as the other apostles think they are. They are asking whether they might be crucified with Jesus, on either side of him.

And here is the most powerful thing to notice in this story. Jesus does not rebuke James and John for their request. He grants it. They *will* drink his cup with him.

But Jesus denies them their request to be beside him in his glory. That gift is already prepared by God for others, Jesus says. And which others? Well, for those two thieves, crucified on either side of Jesus. Who else?

God gave that great gift that James and John wanted, not to any of the apostles, but to two unknown, low-down, petty criminals.

And what happened?

One of those thieves wasted the gift. The other one was glorious, wasn't he?



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"Be eager in your desires but humbly patient in their accomplishment"

(St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)



Monday, 18th October - **Feast of St Luke the Evangelist**
Friday, 22nd October - **Memorial of Pope St John Paul II**
Sunday, 24th October - **World Mission Day (Holy See)**

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Bulletin

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Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00 pm, Sunday 8.00 am and 9.30 am
Weekday Mass: Tuesday - Saturday 9.30 am

Rosary & Devotions: Tuesday - Saturday 9.00 am
Adoration, Rosary & Chapelet: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month, 7.30 - 8.30 pm
Intercession & Adoration: None until further notice

Baptisms: 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month - 10.30am and by appointment
Reconciliation: By request
Weddings: By appointment - restricted numbers
Funerals: By appointment - restricted numbers



We will advise as soon as possible when Masses will resume.



Let us never forget to pray for each other. Prayer is our greatest strength.

Pope Francis

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Can you drink the cup that I drink? ... Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant.

Can we drink of your cup?

Can we recognize the sacredness of every human life? – the immigrant, marginalised, trafficked, abandoned?

Can we serve others? Certainly, not on our own.

But through you, with you, in you?

Yes, with your grace.

Grant us to drink the cup with you, and become people for others.

Anne Osdieck

Today's Readings: *Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45*

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22*

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



Sick: Evelyn Robinson, Lisa Vaughan, Susie Ziino, James Wallace, Mischa Damaguc and family, Margaret Day, Adam McCully, Christopher Coombs, Kate Moore, Luca Hurley **and all Private Intentions.**

Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the express permission of the immediate family. Thank you.

Parish and Local Community News

THE GLOBAL FOUNDATION ROAD TO ASSISI ROUNDTABLE: You are invited to The Global Foundation's upcoming 'Road to Assisi' Roundtable, which will be held online on Thursday 21st October from 5pm to 7pm. Hosted by Fr Frank Brennan SJ, the roundtable will speak on climate change and will focus on practical actions which may be undertaken by those taking part. For more information, and to register by 11th October, please contact sg@globalfoundation.org.au

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: Inter-religious Dialogue Course Information Session - The Catholic Theological College is offering a six-week intensive course on "Christian Faith and World Religions: Inter-religious dialogue in Australia" over Zoom in Semester 2 2022. The College is hosting an information session on Wednesday 20th October from 7pm to 7.30pm AEDT, with registration essential at https://divinity.zoom.us/join/register/tZEpFuyorzsiGtGBjOis8utrIDbWvjMe_fWR. Contact the Academic Records Office for enrolment information and appointments on (03) 9412 3333 or registrar@ctc.edu.au

ST THOMAS AQUINAS RECORDED MASS: Fr Paul would be honoured if you could join him each week - Every week since March 2020, Fr Paul has recorded Mass at Lawson and it is uploaded onto our Website and Facebook pages every Saturday morning. You are able to view at any time. Web: www.stchurchspringwood.org.au or Facebook: St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community Springwood.

2022 JOSEPHITE CALENDARS: Inspiration for daily life from the writings of St Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods with attractive coloured photos taken by the Sisters and Associates Dates to Remember... + Key events in the life of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods + Significant dates in Josephite history + Liturgical Calendar and Feasts of the Catholic Church + Public Holidays + School term dates for Australia + Phases of the Moon + Pull out Yearly Planner 2022, which may also be suitable for recording rainfall. \$8.00 along with a contribution to postage. Sisters of St Joseph NSW Locked Bag 3031 BURWOOD NSW 1805, Phone (b/h) 02 8741 2333, josephitecalendar@sosj.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ROSALIE RENDU FORUM: 21 OCTOBER - You are invited to the St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Rosalie Rendu Forum, which will be held online on Thursday 21 October from 6pm to 7.30pm. This year's Forum will explore the intersections between gender, poverty and domestic and family violence, as there are rising concerns of a shadow pandemic of domestic and family violence. Bookings are essential and early RSVP is recommended. Register by Monday 18 October by visiting <https://bit.ly/RosalieRendu2021>

WITH YOU: "I am with you always" - Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

JRS / HoW DONATIONS: Due to the current lockdown, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and the House of Welcome (HoW) cannot receive physical food and toiletry donations. However, many Refugee families are still relying on their foodbanks or the provision of food vouchers. In this difficult time, please support JRS and HoW with a cash donation if you can. Please go to our Parish Website on: <https://stchurchspringwood.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/HoW-Cash-donations-during-lockdown.pdf>.

VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN NEED: St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in Blacktown on (02) 8861 9777, Harris Park on (02) 8861 9757 and Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>.

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME: Many people who are isolated, in hospital or do not have the internet, rely on Mass For You at Home. The Catholic Mass is broadcast free-to-air each Sunday morning on Channel 10 and WIN at 6.00am. Find some familiar faces from the Diocese of Parramatta celebrating Mass over the coming weeks. Find out more at www.massforyou.com.au.

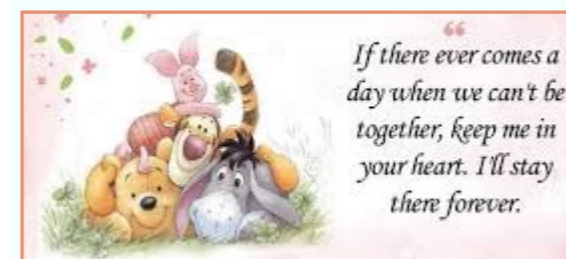
November – Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month that we remember family and friends that have gone before us in faith.

On the 1st November we celebrate **All Saints Day**.

The **Feast of All Saints** should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth, lives like our own. They were baptised, marked with the sign of faith and were faithful to Christ's teaching.

On this day we remember them, pray with them and appreciate them. There are so many and we are invited on this day to not only remember them, but to imitate them.



The 2nd November is the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)**.

All Souls' Day is an intensely personal celebration.

This day calls to mind the members of our own families and our friends who have died.

It is also an important day for reflecting on society. **All Souls' Day** reminds us that each human being, no matter how insignificant, is precious in God's sight – valued and loved so much that the Son of God died with and for them. As we remember the people on whose lives our own have rested, we affirm their value. The respect we show to them encourages us to show equal respect to people still living.

All Souls' Day asserts that the value of human beings is not cancelled in their death, and that the value of the living cannot be measured by their wealth or success, but by their simple humanity.

Respect for people who have gone before us encourages us to see our world as a gift that is entrusted to us to nurture, and not something simply to be used, exploited and altered as we please. The memory of the dead leads us to gratitude for the way in which they have shaped our lives and possibilities. It also encourages gratitude for the world in which we are part of. This gives depth to the way in which we live.

Part of the above are excerpts from the Catholic Outlook, 2020

Further information on how names can be included into the Book of Prayer will be available soon.

For Our Gardeners out there....

EXTRA GREEN BIN COLLECTIONS THIS NOVEMBER

The Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC) be providing two extra green bin collections per household in November as a gesture of goodwill to our community following a difficult year.

The two extra green bin services are in addition to the usual once-a-fortnight green bin collection. So from Monday, 1st November to Friday, 26th November - BMCC will collect the green bin every week!

The red garbage bin will be collected weekly and the yellow recycling bin fortnightly, as normal, in November.

Read the Media Release: <https://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/media-centre/go-green-extra-green-bin-collections-november>

Thank you Blue Mountains City Council

