

OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am; 12:10pm & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wednesday 12:45pm - 6:00pm; Sat.10:45am -12noon; Sun. 4pm-5.45pm

CONFESSION: Saturday after 10:30-11:30am; 6pm and at call. **ROSARY:** 11.30am (Monday—Friday)

PARISH SURGERY: Every Tuesday and Friday: 9:00am to 12:30pm and 2:00pm to 4:30pm

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

31ST OCTOBER 2021

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

HYMN: FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints, who from their labours rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might; Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!

- William Walsham Hove 1823-1897

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God. Lamb of God. Son of the Father. you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

First reading Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 23(24):1-6

R. Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

R.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R.

Second reading 1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us.

by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit;

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily The Creed

I believe in one God. the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. he suffered death and was buried. and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

HYMN: ADORAMUS TE, DOMINE

Refrain: Adoramus te, Domine.

With the angels and archangels:
With the patriarchs and prophets:
With the Virgin Mary mother of God:
With the Apostles and evangelists:
With all the martyrs of Christ:
With all who witness to the Gospel of the Lord:
With all your people of the Church throughout the world:

- Jacques Berthier

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

HYMN: FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark, Were still in heart and conscience free; And blest would be their children's fate, If they, like them should die for thee: Faith of our fathers! holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, Mary's prayers shall win our country back to thee; and through the truth that comes from God we all shall then indeed be free Faith of our fathers! holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

- Frederick William Faber 1814-1863

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Canon Richard Hearn, Marie Josephine Silvia Sanassee, Joseph Mensah, Timothy McCarthy, Nadia Ghawi, Annunziata Dabrowski, Ellen Haris, Maria Rajopoopaphy, John Smith, May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and become instruments of your love and grace. Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. May those called hear your voice and respond wholeheartedly to become the person you created them to be.

Heavenly Father, form us all in the like ness of your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son, the Eternal High Priest, **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN: O WHEN THE SAINTS

Oh when the saints go marching in (2x) I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.

- 2. Oh when the drums begin to bang . . .
- 3. Oh when the stars fall from the sky . . .
- 4. Oh when the moon turns into blood . . .
- 5. Oh when the sun turns into blood . . .
- 6. Oh when the fires begin to blaze . . .
- 7. Oh when the Lord calls out the names . . .

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

14th November: ARCHBISHOP'S FUND FOR DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATION

21st November: CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2022:

Forms are out for booking a place in the first Communion and Confirmation programme for 2022. Fill and return your forms by 30th November. Meeting with candidates and their parents will be held on 14th & 15th January 2022. Application forms are available online and in the parish office.

MAINTENANCE WORKS IN THE PARISH

Fr Patrick asks for your understanding as we carry out some important maintenance work in the parish in the coming days.

COMING PARISH EVENTS: NOVEMBER VISIT TO THE CEMETRY:

We shall be visiting the two cemeteries within our parish next Saturday 6th of November at 11:00am to pray for and bless the graves of our departed parishioners to obtain plenary indulgence applicable to the holy souls. All are invited. Saturday adoration will not hold because of this Christian duty that we owe our departed brothers and sisters.

PARISH MEMORIAL MASS FOR ALL WHO DIED DURING THE PANDEMIC will be held on Saturday 13th of November at 11:30am. Submit the name(s) of your relative, friend, sibling or parent you want us to pray for and remember in a special way at that Mass to the parish office between now and 10th of November.

NOVEMBER DECEASED LIST: In the month of November we remember especially our departed brothers and sisters, friends and relatives. There are Holy souls envelopes at the entrance of the church. Enclose the list of names in an envelope together with your offering and

place in the Holy Souls box in the sanctuary. We shall place all the listed names on the Altar and say at least one Mass a day for those souls in the month of November and once a week throughout next year.

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES: 8am, 10am, 12:10pm and 6:45pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMA-

TION DAYS: Saturday 20th November and Saturday 4th of December at 3:00pm, and Bishop Paul Hendricks shall visit our parish on Saturday 27th November to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our candidates.

MISSIO, CAFOD, AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED CHARITIES: Malcolm Fernandes, the representative of the above Church charities in our parish is organizing sale of raffle tickets to raise funds for the

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PARISH SURGERY DAYS: For signing of school forms, registration for Marriages, enquiry about Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, visit the parish office on Tuesdays and Fridays between 9am and 12:30pm, and from 2pm to 4:30pm.

A DAY WITH MARY monthly devotion shall hold in our parish on Saturday 11th December from 9:30am.

OUR LADY OF MADHU: Special novena in honour of Our Lady of Madhu in thanksgiving to God for Our Lady's Maternal help will hold from the 29th November to 7th December after the 6:45pm Mass. All are invited.

SYNOD on SYNODALITY TIMELINE FOR SYNOD MEETINGS IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday **31st October** 1: Open House Meeting in the Parish Hall after each Mass. Teas & Coffees will be served.

Monday 1st November 2021: Meeting with Elderly Parishioners in the Hall after 10:00am Mass.

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th November:

Distribution and collection of Questionnaires at the 6:45pm Mass

Friday 12th November @7:30pm: Meeting with Altar Servers and their Parents in the church. Sunday 14th November @ 1:30pm: Meeting in the Hall with invited parishioners. Wednesday 17th November @8pm: ZOOM Meeting (ID 836 8671 5720) Passcode: Synod