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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday	No Service	St Charles Borromeo
Tuesday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Wednesday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Thursday	9.15 AM	Mass; Rosary;
Friday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Saturday		The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Saturday	6.30 PM	Mass;
Sunday	9.00 AM	Rosary;
	9.30 AM	Mass;
	5.30 PM	Mass;
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	30 minutes prior to all masses.	

Last Fortnight's Collection	
Thanksgiving Offering	\$2302.40
Presbytery Offering	\$ 1258.85
<b>Thank you for your commitment and support</b>	

Next Week's Reading	
<b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B</b>	
<b>First Reading</b>	<b>1 Kings 17: 10—16</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Hebrews 9: 24—28</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Mark 12: 38—44</b>
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BAPTISMS <i>(Baptism requires a months' notice)</i>	
<b>Upcoming baptism:</b>	
Laundry October	
Church Cleaning	<b>9 November — Clement</b> <b>23 November - Matilda</b>

Week's Roster				
	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	<b>Commentator</b>	Chatarina Pereira	Belinda Liew	Volunteer
	<b>Reader</b>	Kate Robinson	Belinda Liew	Volunteer
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Kate Robinson	Volunteer	Volunteer
NEXT WEEK	<b>Commentator</b>	Sarah P	Janine Phillips	Wilson Fernandez
	<b>Reader</b>	Chatarina Pereira	Hannah Chua	Peter Liptai
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Volunteer	Janine Phillips	Roman Siriwardene

**Please pray for...**

Those who are baptised:

**In November we pray for the souls who are dear to us:** Nguyen Family; Bolano Family: Felimon, Ador, Julie; Boquiren Family: Rose, Romula, Regino, AJ Clememson; Bernard & Ruth O'Dath, Cyril & Joyce Jordan, Mary Ashton, The Jordan Family, Relatives and Friends.

Those whose memories are sacred to us:



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**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B** **3 NOVEMBER 2024**

**First Reading Dt 6:2-6**  
*Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*  
Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.  
To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.



**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**  
Jesus does not command us to love 'God' in the abstract. Teaching Jew to Jew he says: 'You shall love the Lord your God' – the Lord who had rescued the Jewish people from slavery. So, commanding a love which responds to an initiative of Divine Love.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23**  
*Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!*  
**Gospel Mk 12:28-34**  
*This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.*  
One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**Ps 17. 2-4.47. 51. R. v.2**  
**(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.**  
1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**  
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be to the God that saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Why wouldn't one respond 'heart, mind, strength, soul' in gratitude for the gift of life itself, for some particular person or incident, for the beauty and grandeur of nature, for rescue from some situation which seemed to engulf us? And if the Lord God loved you in such a way, why wouldn't you love yourself? Then you can properly 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is nothing sentimental in his teaching from Leviticus 19:18 and the preceding verses. Jesus was pointing to the system of social justice which looked after the poor and which did not exploit workers. It is up to us as global citizens of the 21st century to recognise as 'neighbours' those beyond our borders and to love them in the practical 'Levitical' way. Fulfilling the Dual Command, we guard against the extremes of religious piety or social activism and become Christian humanists loving God and neighbour. We might pause a moment to pray in responsive gratitude to the Lord God, and to commit ourselves to loving our neighbour, hoping to hear the words of Jesus Christ: 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.'

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# THIRTY—FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE"**

**GATHERING SONG SATURDAY 6.30 pm**

- Holy God, we praise Thy name No 129; Page 308

**PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG**

- Our blessing cup No 7; Page 10

**COMMUNION SONG**

- I love you Lord and I lift my voice Text attached

**FINAL SONG**

- Blest are they No 55; Page 55

**I LOVE YOU LORD AND I LIFT MY VOICE**

1. I love You Lord  
And I lift my voice  
To worship You  
Oh my soul rejoice  
Take joy my King  
In what You hear

2. I praise You Lord  
And I lift my heart  
To honour You  
Oh my soul rejoice  
Take joy my King  
In what You hear  
May it be a sweet  
sweet sound  
In Your ear.

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**HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE"**

**GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 9.30 am**

- All people that on earth do dwell No 25; Page 28

**PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG**

- All I ask of you No 150; Page 150

**COMMUNION SONG**

- I'll be always loving you No 82; Page 83

**FINAL SONG**

- And the father will dance No 113; Page 111

**HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE"**

**GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 5.30 pm**

- I'll be always loving you No 82; Page 83

**PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG**

- I have love you No 126; Page 125

**COMMUNION SONG**

- Bread of life No 164; Page 163

**FINAL SONG**

- Strong and Constant No 110; Page 108

**AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE (ANS)**



The Australian Nativity Scene (ANS) display will be open to the public from Monday, 9th December, until Friday, 10th January 2025. The display will feature a weekly story as outlined below:

- Week 1:** Introduction to daily life in Bethlehem and its surrounding villages | The journey to Bethlehem (Mary on a donkey with Joseph).
- Week 2:** Joseph pays the tax and searches for lodging | The inn is full, but a kind innkeeper offers a stable | Joseph prepares the stable.
- Week 3:** The birth of Jesus | An angel appears to the **shepherds.**
- Week 4:** The shepherds visit | The three kings are seen afar, following the star.
- Week 5:** The three kings visit the palace before heading to the manger (Feast of Epiphany) | They part ways | The holy family flees to Egypt, concluding the ANS display.

**Note:** Viewing is recommended before or after mass. Other visits must be by appointment only.

This year, the Nativity Scene will feature new figurines and materials. If you would like to sponsor any figurines or materials for the nativity scene, please provide your details on the ANS Figurine List. Your generous support has contributed significantly to the growth and improvement of this event over the years.

Thank you!

**PARISH FORUM 2024**

The Parish Forum meeting will be held on Tuesday, **November 12th, at 6:30 p.m.** in the school library. Representatives from all our Church groups are invited to attend and participate in discussions. We welcome all parishioners who would like to attend.

# PARISH NOTICES

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday 8.45am - 12.45pm  
 Wednesday 11.30am - 3.30pm  
 Thursday 8.45am - 12.45pm  
 Friday 11.30am - 3.30pm

**2024 PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY**

**WHEN: Sunday, 10 November; Pastoral Care Appeal**

**L E A V E I N C O N**

This appeal supports the vital work of our Catholic prison chaplains, who support thousands of Victorians every year in prisons across Victoria. Our prison chaplains provide a listening ear, a compassionate presence, along with assistance to cope with emotional pain and loneliness.

**E T I O N**

We support this great cause in our parish by leaving collection.

You can also donate using envelopes provided in the church foyer.

**GOD AND BEER**

**WHEN: Monday, 11 November, from 6.30 pm**

**TOPIC: Pro-Life Witness and Spiritual Warfare**

**TIME: 7.30 pm talk begins**

**SPEAKER: Kathy Clubb**

She is a well-known leader in the pro-life movement, recognized for her tireless work in advocating for the unborn. She courageously challenged the Victorian government's draconian ban on peaceful pro-life witness outside abortion mills.

**Registration: [Godandbeer.com.au](http://Godandbeer.com.au)**

**COST: Free (donations welcome)**

**WHERE: The Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), Notting Hill, 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd.**

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**BIBLE VERSES FOR NOVEMBER**

As November rolls in, it's the perfect time for gratitude, reflection, and getting ready for the season ahead.

**Gratitude & Thanks**  
 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

**Harvest & Provision**  
 Psalm 65:11: "You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance."

**Guidance & Wisdom**  
 Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

**Comfort & Strength**  
 Isaiah 40:31: "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

**Reflection & Growth**  
 Lamentations 3:22-23: "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

**Love & Unity**  
 Colossians 3:14: "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

**Protection & Safety**  
 Psalm 91:1-2: "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'"

**Hope & Joy**  
 Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

**Endurance & Perseverance**  
 James 1:4: "Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

**Preparation & Readiness**  
 Ephesians 6:13: "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."

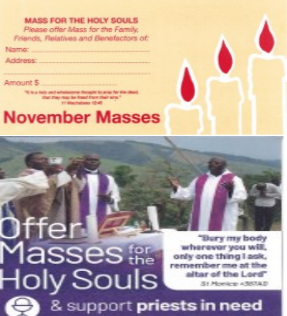
*Prayers for November with Bible Verses*

**NOVEMBER—PRAYING FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins"**  
*11 Machabees 12:46*

November is the Month of All Souls. We pray for the souls of all the faithful departed in purgatory. It makes sense for us to reflect on the doctrine of purgatory and its roots — and of our need to pray for the departed.

**There are various ways of offering masses for those we knew and loved or for souls for whom nobody prayed.**



You can offer Mass by filling out our parish November Masses envelopes, which are available for you in the church foyer. You can also offer masses for the Holy Soules and support priests in need. Mass offering Forms provided by **Aid to the Church in Need**, the only international Catholic Charity dedicated to serving suffering Christians, are also accessible in the church foyer.