

Prayer Points

Thanksgiving

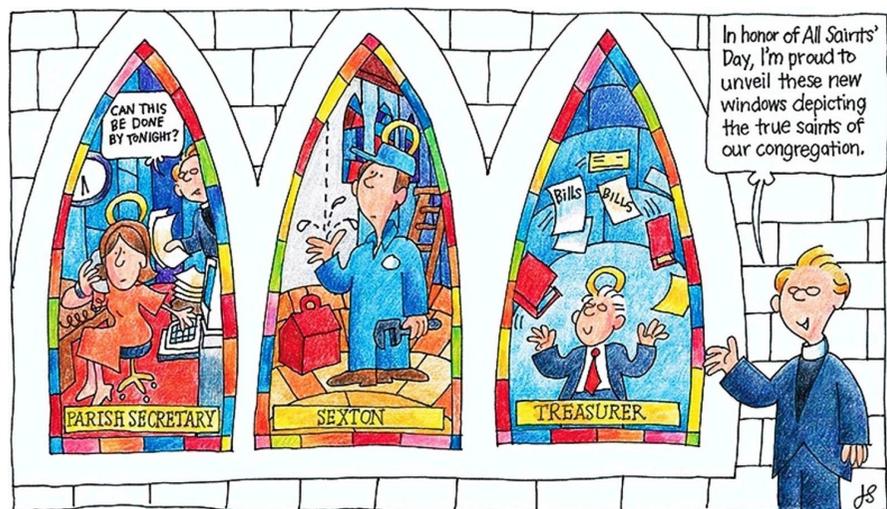
- For God's love and healing graces.
- For the relaxation of restrictions in Victoria and that we can meet together for worship again.

Petitions

- Peter, Summer, Sylvia, Helen, Lorna, Debbie, Kaye, Chris, Rita, Julia & John, Bernie, Max, Jean and their families.
- Those affected by COVID 19
- For our Federal & State leaders and healthcare professionals
- For those affected by recent natural disasters.



The Lighter Side of Life



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Anglican Parish of the Otways

All Saints Day

1st November, 2020

Priest in Charge -

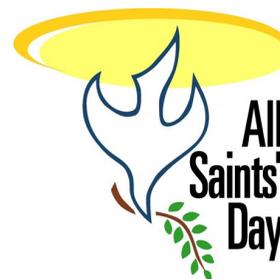
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Welcome to worship today.

Thankyou for adhering to our COVID restrictions:

- Use of Hand sanitiser
 - Keeping 1.5 m apart
 - Wearing a mask
 - Not mingling in porch
- Your co-operation is appreciated

Regular Services

St Aidan's Apollo Bay:

10am Sunday

10am Wednesday

Christ Church Carlisle River

1pm-1st & 3rd Sundays

St Anselm Beech Forest

1pm-2nd Sundays

St James Forrest

4pm-2nd & 4th Sundays

Please notify Jenny prior to attending any service as numbers are limited.

Direct Deposit Details

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Greetings in the name of Jesus.

What joy is ours as restrictions are lifted and we can again meet together for worship. I do look forward to catching up and worshipping with you all again. This week has been a real joy for me as I have been able to begin to visit parishioners again.

Services in all centres will resume at normal times except for Apollo Bay. At this stage the Saturday Service will be suspended. Please see the front of the news sheet for confirmation of service times and remember that you must let me know if you wish to attend a service. If you have made a "permanent" booking, you must let me know if you cannot attend as it will allow me include someone else. Masks are mandatory.

A big Happy Birthday to Gladys for this week. We hope you had a lovely day.

Did your team win on Grand Final weekend? I know we have some happy and not so happy parishioners! Richard and I were very pleased to see Melbourne Storm win on Sunday, although they almost gave us a heart attack in the closing minutes of the game! Role on cricket season!

May the Lord bless you with peace and joy.
Jenny



Prayer of the Week

We praise you, heavenly Father, that you have knit together your chosen ones in one communion and fellowship in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we, with all the faithful departed, may come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Reading. **Matthew 5:1-12**

Reflection

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one with another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death.

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Universal Church has seen the grace of God powerfully at work, people like St Paul, The Martyrs of New Guinea, St Aidan, etc. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity grows in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, all Souls Day, celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate focus. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

Our Gospel today reminds us that God's grace is active, transforming our lives from sorrow to joy, despair to hope, from sinner to redeemed, from lost soul to beloved sons and daughters. It reminds us that there is a spiritual component to a life of contentment that cannot be overlooked.

And this truth has never been more important as we have all struggled with the issues faced this year. What many people have learnt is that none of us can fill the emptiness and the discontent that manifests itself as unhappiness. That void is God's place to fill, and we can't fill it with anything else. We can't generate lasting happiness nor can we find it in some outside circumstance. We must acknowledge that the Creator is the source of all good things and go to Him.

And so we come to him today, with thanksgiving for his love and redemption, for the example of the Saints, without whose faithfulness we ourselves would not have learnt the faith. And we thank him for the assurance and comfort he so freely gives when we think of those loved ones who have gone before us.

The Lord be with you.



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