GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11: 28

Alleluia, alleluia! / Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, / and I will give you rest, says the Lord. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

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.

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Breaking Open the Word

BLESSED ARE YOU

Today's Feast of All Saints beautifully recognises our communion with all who have died and gone before us in faith. As we gather around the Eucharist, and as the Presider gives thanks to God over the bread and wine, we remember those whose lives continue to touch and shape us. They remain part of the Communion of Saints, a rich and enduring tradition in Catholic theology.

The Gospel presents Jesus' familiar teaching on the Beatitudes, highlighting the source of their holiness—and ours. The Beatitudes recognise people who struggle with the realities of life and, rather than relying solely on themselves, look beyond their circumstances trusting God's action. The Beatitudes address those who are poor in spirit, whose lives are not controlled by what they possess; the gentle, who choose compassion rather than aggression; those who mourn and grieve the sadness and tragedy of life; those who hunger and thirst for justice amid injustice; those who are 'pure of heart', living with authenticity and integrity; those who seek to build communion and peace; and those who endure persecution because of their faith and discipleship. Matthew's account adds a final, ninth Beatitude, reflecting the experience of Jesus' followers in Matthew's day who were themselves facing persecution.

One final distinction is important. Some translations begin each Beatitude with 'happy', but the more faithful translation is 'blessed'. Happiness is something we seek and experience, but it can come and go. Blessedness is different. It is God's gift and action within us, whether we are feeling happy or not, orienting our lives towards holiness. And that is lasting.

Fr Michael Trainor

The Saving Word

All Saints / A — 1 November 2026

FIRST READING

Apoc 7: 2-4, 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

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: 1-6. R. cf. v. 6

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. 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.



2. 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.
3. 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 Jn 3: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of John

We shall see God as he really is.

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.

1 November 2026
All Saints - Yr A

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH



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WEEKEND MASSES **Sat:** 10am & 5.30pm **Sun:** 9am & 5pm (All Saints Day)

WEEKDAY MASSES **Mon:** 9am All Soul's Day **Tues:** 9am **Wed:** 12pm (Charles Borromeon) **Thurs:** 9am **Fri:** 12pm

CONFESSIONS
*** Sat: 4.30-5.00pm Before weekly Mass**
*** By appointment**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON ALL THOSE ASKED TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr James Bernard Flood, Fr Barry Leech, Jacinta Bentley, Victoria Cassar, Peter Maloney, William O'Connor.

ANNIVERSARIES: Warren Doherty (6/10) , Bill Teo (29/10) Mary McInnes (6/11).

DECEASED: **We pray for our loved ones now in God's care**: Fr Bernard Frize, Nev Michell, Fr Michael Mullane, William Smith, Jeanette Whale, Jean Wellwood, Julie Michell, Pat Jones, Paul Karam.

SICK: Ethel Paraika –Murray, Gerard White, John Bamford, Sienna Baker, May Press, John Betts, Norma O'Brien, Elaine Murray, Shane Davidson, Lisa Bond, Sr Cecilia Pistacchio, Judy Murphy, Monica Austin, Brian Rodway, Yvonne Tarrant, Barry McNamara, Bill Dennis, Carmel Koppman, Eileen Hudson, Julie Moran, Ruby New, Elizabeth Coroneos, Elizabeth William, Michael Jones, Veronica Frost, Mary Gallaher, Beryl Flood, Enid Wright, Doalis Fester, Michelle Asbury, Maureen Harrison, Joel Porter, Rose Pace and retired Diocesan Clergy.

COMING EVENTS:

1 Nov: All Saints Day **2 Nov:** All Souls Day
4 Nov: 12 pm Mass for the sick
6 Nov: Adoration & Exposition and Benediction
8 Nov: Family Mass & Parish Morning tea
(after **9am** mass all are welcome)
14 Nov: 10am Mass for our lady



Remember, Our Lady of La Salette,

True Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember, also, the care you have always taken to keep me faithful to Christ your son. After having done so much for your child, you will not now abandon me.

Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet, in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life, that I may one day see you in Heaven.

Amen

Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of sinners,
Pray without ceasing

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

WELCOME TO ALL THOSE JOINING US AT ST PATRCKS.

ALL SAINTS DAY 1ST NOVEMBER: All Saints' Day is a special day when we honour all the saints, both those recognised by the Church and the many holy people known only to God. It reminds us of the call to holiness and the example of faith, love and service shown by the saints. On this day, we celebrate the communion of saints and are encouraged to follow their example as we journey towards eternal life with God. May their witness inspire us to live our faith with courage, kindness and love each day. A prayer is below.

"Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps , and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to your image, seeking your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do , to your glory, and to the service of my neighbours. Amen

ALL SOUL'S DAY 2ND NOVEMBER: All Souls' Day is a day when we remember and pray for all the faithful departed. It is a time to honour the memory of our loved ones who have died and to entrust them to God's loving mercy. Through our prayers, we express our hope in the promise of eternal life and the resurrection. As we remember those who have gone before us, may we find comfort in our faith and trust in the love of God, who holds all souls in His care.

NOVEMBER MASSES: There are envelopes available at the back of the church to make requests for November Masses to be said for deceased members of your family / friends. Please write very clearly as names will be printed and displayed at the front of the church, next to Our Lady's Altar.

SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH THANKSGIVING MASS: On Saturday 14 November 2026 a Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered for the Sisters of Saint Joseph, who at the end of this year will no longer have a presence in formal ministry in the Diocese.Mary MacKillop responded to the request of Bishop Torregiani and the first Sisters arrived in 1880. Since then 590 Sisters have ministered firstly in schools then, motor mission, parish and spiritually. Many students, parishioners and families and clergy have been touched by their commitment to God's Mission.Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church West Tamworth at 11am followed by a light lunch.**For catering purpose please RSVP to Kim McKenzie via email: Kim.McKenzie@sosj.org.au or phone: 02 8741 2311 by Tuesday 3 November 2026**

CENTACARE CHRISTMAS HAMPER'S: Centacare NENW is collecting non-perishable food items to create Christmas hampers for local families who are experiencing hardship and whom Centacare NENW staff encounter through their work each week. We will have a basket at the back of the Church each weekend from 1 November to 29 November to collect donations. Centacare NENW staff will collect the donations, make up the hampers and distribute them during Advent.

COLLECTIONS: BSB: 082-105 (For electronic bank transfer) [Pious Goods pay to Church Acc)
West Tamworth Presbytery: (To Armidale Diocese - **1st Coll'n**) BSB: 082 105 Acct. 001023642
West Tamworth Catholic Church: (To St Patricks - **2nd Coll'n)** BSB: 082 105 Acct. 001041198

ROSTER: 1/11/2026

Vigil:	**R:** N Pullman, P Bamford	Gifts:	S. Shulze, V. Griffiths
9am Sun:	**R:** S Brown, R. Paull	Gifts:	A & S Vueti
5.00pm Sun:	**R:** Volunteer	Gifts:	
Counting Team:	G & M Thrift	Altar Linen:	E. Smyth
Fri Cleaning	V. Griffiths, S. Karam		

ROSTER: 8/11/2026

Vigil:	**R:** J. Woodbridge, D. Bolitho	Gifts:	J & P Bamford
9am Sun:	**R:** S Nichols, S Brown	Gifts:	B. Schipp, C. Grima
5.00pm Sun:	**R:** Volunteer	Gifts:	
Counting Team:	P. Sheils, S. Brown	Altar Linen:	H. Reid
Fri Cleaning	***No cleaning this week***	**Morning Tea**	Rozanne Paull