WHITSUNDAY CATHOLIC PARISH

St Catherine's - St Martin's - Whitsunday Islands

ALL SAINTS DAY — 01 November 2026

GOD'S WORD

Revelation 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.'

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

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

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.)

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.

Matthew 11:28

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

Matthew 5:1-12

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.'



REFLECTION

by Dianne BergantLitugyHelp

Today we celebrate the memory of all the baptised who have gone before us and whose lives were virtuous. The saints of God are all those who have been baptised into Christ, who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We all know people whose lives were steeped in genuine holiness. The life of every one of us has been blessed by their goodness. This is a day for us to remember and to celebrate their holiness. We celebrate the lives of all those who have been marked with the sign of faith, those who have been canonised by the church, those whom we have known personally as well as those whose names we do not know.
In the beatitudes listed in today's gospel we are given examples of what it means to live lives of holiness. This gospel really does not present a blueprint for holiness. Rather, it offers a series of snapshots that demonstrate the holiness that is ours by virtue of our baptism. Those who have gone before us lived such lives. Today, as we remember them, we hold up their lives as examples of holiness and models for our imitation. The sentiments that are expressed and the commitment that it illustrated in the beatitudes clearly stand in opposition to the standards of the world. Their radicality may be more than some can understand, but they are traits that are recognisable by those who belong to the family of God, for they are genuine godly traits.

Welcome to Visitors and New Parishioners

A warm welcome to all of you! Our community is built on faith, love, and service, and we are excited to have you with us. We would love to connect with you. Please feel free to visit us in the office during office hours.

Diocesan Notices

Beyond the Wedding Threshold: A survey for Catholics in the first decade of marriage

The Australian Catholic Bishops are funding a study into the experience of married Catholics. The results will help inform the development of pastoral responses and resources. If you married in the last 10 years and at least one spouse is Catholic, they'd love to hear from you. Can you provide valuable insights to their work by completing this short survey about your marriage? https://thepmrc.org/survey

Christian Initiation in Our Diocese

Bishop Tim has promulgated a Christian Initiation Policy for all parishes in the Diocese of Townsville. It guides preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, helping people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and participate in the life of the Church. Preparation is centred in the parish, with families, schools and diocesan agencies working together. The policy recognises that people come with different circumstances and needs, and calls for thoughtful pastoral care, including appropriate support for people with disability. The policy will be rolled out over several years, with parishes focussing on the baptism of young children next year.
The policy can be found here: http://tsvcath.au/initiationpolicy

Living Our Mission with Integrity

All Church personnel exercising pastoral ministry have a responsibility to conduct themselves with professionalism and integrity. Our life in Christ is both a gift and a responsibility. Integrity in our Common Mission is a national code of conduct for all those exercising pastoral ministry across the Catholic Church of Australia. This code can be accessed by asking your Parish Priest/ Administrator or visiting: acsltd.org.au/our-common-mission/

To report a concern about abuse or misconduct concerning church personnel: contact the Diocese of Townsville directly P: 4726 3264 or E: diocese@tsv.catholic.org.au; or make a disclosure to the Professional Standards Office Queensland (PSOQ) by downloading a disclosure form at psoqld.catholic.net.au and send to PO Box 3264 Brisbane Q 4001 or E: psoqld@catholic.net.au. Alternatively,contact PSOQ on 3324 3070 or 1800 337 928 (free call).

Life Messages

We can take the short cuts practiced by three Teresas: St. Teresa of Avila: Recharge your spiritual batteries every day by prayer, namely, listening to God and talking to Him ii) St. Therese of Lisieux: Convert every action into prayer by offering it to God for His glory and for the salvation of souls and by doing God's will out of love for Him to the best of one's ability. iii) St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa): Do ordinary things with great love. 3) We need to walk the walk: On the feast of All Saints, the Church invites and challenges us to walk the walk of the Saints, not just talk the talk: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in Heaven" (Mt 7:21).

ALL SAINTS DAY

(Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a)

All Saints Day is intended to honour the memory of countless unknown and uncanonised saints who have no feast days. This feast is observed in order to teach us to honour the saints, both by imitating their lives and by seeking their intercession for us before Christ, the only mediator between God and man (I Tm 2:5). The Church reminds us today that God's call for holiness is universal, that all of us are called to live in His love and to make His love real in the lives of those around us. Holiness is related to the word wholesomeness. We grow in holiness when we live wholesome lives of integrity, truth, justice, charity, mercy, and compassion, sharing our blessings with others.

Reasons why we honour the saints:
1- The saints put their trust in Christ and lived heroic lives of Faith. St. Paul asks us to serve and honour such noble souls. In his Epistles to the Corinthians, to the Philippians, and to Timothy, Paul advises Christians to welcome, serve, and honour those who have put their trust in Jesus. The saints enjoy Heavenly bliss as a reward for their Faith in Jesus. Hence, they deserve our veneration.
2- The saints are our role models. They teach us by their lives that Christ's holy life of love, mercy, and unconditional forgiveness can, with the grace of God, be lived by ordinary people from all walks of life and at all times.
3- The saints are our Heavenly mediators who intercede for us before Jesus, the only mediator between God and us. (Jas 5:16-18, Ex 32:13, Jer 15:1, Rv 8:3-4,).
4- The saints are the instruments that God uses to work miracles at present, just as He used the staff of Moses (Ex), the bones of the prophet Elisha (2Kgs 13:21), the towel of Paul (Acts 19:12) and the shadow of Peter (Acts 5:15) to work miracles.

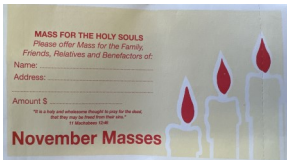
ALL SOULS' DAY

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40

All Souls Day is a day specially set apart that we may remember and pray for our dear ones who have gone to their eternal reward, and who are currently in a state or process of ongoing purification. In fact, the Church remembers the faithful departed not just on this special day and all the days of November, but on every single day of the year, at every Mass celebrated anywhere in this world. As a part of our annual celebration of the Christian doctrine of the Communion of Saints y, we celebrated All Saints Day, the Thanksgiving feast of the Church Triumphant. Today we commemorate All Souls Day, our Thanksgiving Feast for the Church Suffering, and tomorrow should be our day of prayer and Thanksgiving for All of Us, the Church Militant, thus completing the Communion of Saints.

Parish Notices

November Mass Offerings & Book of Remembrance



November Mass envelopes and the Book of Names of the Dead. will be available at all Parish Churches' entrance table. We invite you to write the names of your departed loved ones, so we can include them in our prayers throughout the month of November.

All Souls Day Service at the Cemetery

We warmly invite the Whitsunday community to please join us for an All Souls' Day Prayer Service led by Fr Emmanuel.

Monday, November 02
7am — Proserpine Cemetery (Liturgy)
8am —St Catherine's Church (Mass)
12:30pm —St Catherine's Church (Mass)
6pm —St Martin's Church (Mass)

We come together in prayer to honour their lives, give thanks for the love and memories they have left behind, and entrust their souls to the loving mercy of God.

2-Day Training for Altar Servers

The 2-day training for Altar Servers will be held on Wednesday and Thursday November 11 & 12 at 3:30 pm at the church. It is required to attend this training for those interested children. Kindly fill out the link below to register.
https://forms.gle/sGEHf2uYnZjV77wz6

Important Notice For All Current Readers and Extraordinary Ministers (Communion)

To have a smooth procedure on mass roster, we need your cooperation to communicate with us if you are available to help or not on your rostered week. Please contact Margaret Annells on 0402 390 627 , email: annellsmargaret@gmail.com

Please do respond on or before Thursday morning. Thank you!

Confessions

SAT 10–10:30 am St Catherine's
SUN 5:45pm St Martin's

This Week's Anniversary

01 Nov - Tererea Arobati, James Deicke, Joseph McDonald & Kevin Thompson
02 Nov—William Plemenuk, Ernest Lott & Geraldine Feldman
03 Nov— Rosemarie Gough, Jean De Boni and Ronald Paull
04 Nov -Warren Thomas Patullo, Mario Campione, Matron McGrath and Roy Stacey
05 Nov -Roger Fahey, Margherita Magnetti
06 Nov—Eileen Hinchcliffe, Melba Eckel
07 Nov—Janet Maureen Zeglio,



Last Sunday's Collection

1st Collect	2nd Collect	Planned Giving
$ 610.25	$ 388.75	$ 150.00

Planned Giving Program: For your contribution to the parish, you can direct deposit it to the parish account: **Whitsunday Catholic Parish**
BSB 034-207 ACCT 810014
Reference: PG_Name
You can also scan the QR code to make donations or payments.
Thank you for your generosity!

Scan to donate

Mass Schedule

This Weekend Masses (Oct 31- Nov 1)	
St Catherine's (Proserpine)	Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am
St Martin's (Cannonvale)	Sunday 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses (Nov 2- 6)	
St Catherine's (Proserpine)	Monday 8:00 am Monday 12:30 pm Tuesday 9:30 am Wednesday 7:30 am *Rosary,Novena,followedby Mass* 8:00 am Thursday 9:00 am Friday 9:00 am
Nursing Home	Tuesday 9:30 am
St Martin's (Cannonvale)	Monday 6:00pm

Next Weekend (Nov 7–8)	
St Catherine's (Proserpine)	Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am
St Martin's (Cannonvale)	Sunday 6:00 pm *When I Was A Stranger*
All Saints Chapel (Hamilton)	Sunday 7:00 pm

MASS ROSTER

	SAT 31 OCT 2026 6pm St Catherine's	SUN 01 NOV 2026 8am St Catherine's	SUN 01 NOV 2026 6pm St Martin's
Sacristan	Joan M	Margaret A	Suzanna
Welcomer	Peter O	Joan H	Lynne E
Intro. & POF	Cathy R	Manday A	Lynne E
1st Reading	Joan M	Isabella M	Paul C
2nd Reading	Matthew	Margaret A	Suzanna F
Offertory	Elsina & Gabby	Bennett Family	-
Eucharistic Ministers	Biil B & Chris D	Julia B & Nathan H	Paul C
Collection	Raymond & Peter	Miller & Dan	Michael H
PowerPoint	Aleena J	Jill F	Isaiah
Altar Servers	Cedric, Oscar & Eli		

Parish Groups

Catholic Women's League

Fourth Thursday of the month at 09:40am in the Parish Hall.

Care and Concern

A group reaching out to the lonely, grieving and most in need, needs communion, offering friendship and support. If you'd like to help and join the group. Please see the office.

Marian Devotees

Wednesdays at 7.30am, St. Catherine's Church. A group of people say a Novena to Miraculous Medal and pray a Rosary .

When I was a Stranger

Every last Sunday of the month, we gather after the 6pm mass St Martins Church. Please bring a plate to share.

Young Family Group

Each first Sunday of the month for the Eucharist Celebration, followed by the Parish Hall.

Our Team

Administrator:
Fr Emmanuel Anorue
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Jill Farinelli
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From the Priest's Desk



Dear brothers and sisters,

The month of November starts with the celebration of the solemnity of All Saints. We celebrate the grace of God that was at work in the lives of our brothers and sisters that sustained them throughout their earthly pilgrimage. This enabled them to attain beatific vision. By the quality of their lives, they have won freedom and now they celebrate a feast in heaven. They rejoice after former pilgrimage in the shadow and now distinguish the truth from what was only a figure. Their lives now become a source of inspiration and courage in our faith journey and assurance of a place in heaven.

This is equally followed by commemoration of All the faithful departed or otherwise known as All Souls Day on the 2nd of November. The Church remembers all her children who have passed on in the hope of attaining beatific vision. Through prayers, works of penance or charity, and visitation to cemeteries and burial sites, we accompany these our brothers and sisters and a reminder that love does not end in the grave.

As we journey into the new week, ask yourself, how does the lives of the saints influence my faith? What sacrifices are you willing to make for a loved one who has passed on or a particular soul in purgatory that they may be freed from every stain of corruption? Have a blessed week.

Fr Emmanuel

Parish Calendar

01 NOV– All Saints Day & Family Mass (8am St Catherine's | 6pm St Martins)
02 NOV -All Souls Day (7am Cemetery | 8am St Catherine's | 6pm St Martins)
08 NOV - First Communion Mass (9am St Catherine's)
08 NOV - Mass (7 pm All Saints Chapel)
19 NOV - CWL's Christmas Break-Up Lunch
25 NOV - St Catherine's Feast Day
05 DEC - Parish Christmas Party (5pm Mass followed by Christmas Party)
20 DEC - St Martin's Ecumenical Christmas Carols (4pm St Martins)
24 DEC - Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (6pm St Martins | 8pm St Catherine's)
25 DEC - Christmas Day Mass (8am St Catherine's | 6pm All Saints Chapel)

WORDS TO PONDER

In God there is mercy in abundance.
Jesus is not willing to lose anyone.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do you seek to maintain the legacy/inspiration left by a deceased family member or friend?