

Introduction to the mass:

Today the Church celebrates all the saints: canonised or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven enjoying the eternal presence of God. We remember the lives of the Saints, those who died for their faith, those who inspire us, those who devoted their lives to serving others and those who were charitable. We reflect on how we all share in a "universal call to holiness." What must we do in order to join the company of the saints in heaven? We "must follow in His footsteps and conform ourselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. We must devote ourselves with all our being to the glory of God and the service of our neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history" (*Lumen Gentium*). The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read today, while it shows the happiness of the Saints and also shows the road that they followed; there is no other path that will lead us where they have gone.

Readings

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Act's of the Apostles

And I saw another angel coming up from the east with the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels to whom God had given the power to damage the earth and the sea. The angel said, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees, until we mark the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads." And I was told that the number of those who were marked with God's seal on their foreheads was 144,000. They were from the twelve tribes of Israel. After this I looked, and there was an enormous crowd—no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They called out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb!" All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. Then they threw themselves face downward in front of the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!" One of the elders asked me, "Who are these people dressed in white robes, and where do they come from?" "I don't know, sir. You do," I answered. He said to me, "These are the people who have come safely through the terrible persecution. They have washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb.

The word of the Lord

PSALM

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

1. The Lord 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 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

See how much the Father has loved us! His love is so great that we are called God's children—and so, in fact, we are. This is why the world does not know us: it has not known God. My dear friends, we are now God's children, but it is not yet clear what we shall become. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he really is. Everyone who has this hope in Christ keeps himself pure, just as Christ is pure.

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 Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them: “Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them! “Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them! “Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised! “Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully! “Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them! “Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God! “Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children! “Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them! “Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted.

The Gospel of the Lord



All Saints Mass Plan

Bidding Prayers

We pray for the Church and its leaders. That the Church may grow ever stronger and that its leaders might continue to inspire people across the world towards Sainthood.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for all people across the world that they might come to know and love Jesus and recognise his presence in their lives. We pray that all might know the joy of a life lived with Christ at the center

Lord in your mercy

We pray for those in need particularly those who have been the victims of war and disaster. We pray that they might come to know peace, hope and joy. We pray that the global community will meet their needs with love and compassion.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for our whole school communities. We pray that we might continue to grow together always remembering to keep Christ at the center of all we do. We pray that as a school we will continue to be the face of Christ to our local community. **Lord in your mercy**

We pray for ourselves that the Saints might continue to be a witness of inspiration and support to us. We pray that wherever God's path takes us we place our trust in him and know that you God are always with us. **Lord in your mercy.**

As we begin November, a month the Church devotes to remembering those who have passed away, we pray that all we know that have died might know eternity in God's presence. **Lord in your mercy.**

We turn to our immaculate mother Mary as a source of inspiration asking that she will unite our prayers with hers as we say together Hail Mary....