

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 October 2016

YEAR C



Jubilee Year
of Mercy
2015/16

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading: Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

RESPONSE

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!*

"ZACCHAEUS RECEIVED JESUS JOYFULLY"

What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your home today"? Would you be excited or embarrassed? Jesus often "dropped-in" at unexpected times and he often visited the "uninvited" - the poor, the lame, and even public sinners like Zacchaeus, the tax collector! Tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts, no doubt because they over-charged people and accumulated great wealth at the expense of others.

Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Why would Jesus single him out for the honour of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and forgiveness. In his encounter with Jesus he found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony included more than words. His change of heart resulted in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine.

The Lord Jesus is always ready to make his home with each one of us. Do you make room for him in your heart and in every area of your life?

"Lord Jesus, come and stay with me. Fill my life with your peace, my home with your presence, and my heart with your praise. Help me to show kindness, mercy, and goodness to all, even to those who cause me ill-will or harm."

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VATICAN GUIDELINES ON THE REMAINS AFTER CREMATION



The Catholic Church has banned the scattering of ashes of the dead, insisting that, in some circumstances, those who request it for themselves should even be denied a "Christian funeral". Strict new Vatican guidelines forbid a list of increasingly popular

means of commemorating loved ones - from scattering ashes at sea to having them turned into jewellery or put in a locket - dismissing them as New Age practices and "pantheism".

A formal instruction, approved by Pope Francis, even **forbids Catholics from keeping the ashes of loved ones in an urn at home, other than in "grave and exceptional cases".**

It also rules out the increasingly common practice of dividing people's ashes between members of the family.

The document issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) claims cremation practices increasingly reflect non-

Christian ideas about "fusion with Mother Nature".

For centuries the Catholic Church forbade cremation altogether, until the ban was finally lifted in 1963.

The new guidance accepts cremation in principle but signals restrictions on increasingly varied uses for ashes, insisting that they should only be kept in a "sacred place", such as a cemetery.

Full text at www.msn.com

THANKSGIVING

- ♦ CHURCH : \$ 1,716.40
 - ♦ PRESBYTERY : \$ 1,207.00
- (RETIRED PRIESTS & ARCHDIOCESE)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

RECENTLY DECEASED: OLOL Parish and School Families convey its deepest condolences and prayers to the family of Ross Williams, our School Principal for the passing away of his grandmother, **Florence Williams** in Bendigo.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jacobus Wolfs, Kevin Caroll, Dolf Verwyk, Edmund Lonergan, Hemi Nuku, Muriel, Reynolds, Mabel Foley, Mark Denysenko, Mary Van Egmond, Frank Jones, Leslie King, James Tallent, Dolores Penzo, Alec Reid, Immaculata Russo.

SICK : Mary Edmonds, Brian Taggert, Pauline Muscat, Marta Kristan, Kala Lindsay, Geoff Bell, Stan Piergrosse, Peter Himing, Michael Kent



ALL SAINT'S DAY

Tuesday, 1 November

9 am and 7:30 pm Mass

All Saints Day is a special feast day on which Catholics celebrate all the saints, known and unknown. While most saints have a particular feast day on the Catholic calendar (usually, though not always, the date of their death), not all of those feast days are observed. And saints who have not been canonized—those who are in Heaven, but whose sainthood is known only to God—have no particular feast day.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

"Nominations are sought for three positions on the Parish Pastoral Council. The terms of office of three current Council members - Danny Lim, Peter Lisle and Roger Ratcliffe - are expiring. They are eligible, and have indicated they will nominate, for re-election. If nominations are received from other interested parishioners an election will be held on **Sunday 27 November**. The Election Committee will accept written nominations from parishioners at large, after determining that the nominees will serve if elected. Nominations will close on **Sunday 6 November 2016**. Nomination forms are available from the Pious Goods Stall or the Parish Office.



PARISH MISSION

With Fr. Michael Payyappily, VC

When: 10 November 2016

Time: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

In preparation for the end of Mercy this 13 November
Everybody is invited to come and participate!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BBQ NIGHT

When: Sunday, 13 Nov. 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: In the Narthex



Please register your name in the sign-off sheet and hope to see you be there!

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce the appointment of
Bernadette Pascoe - Narthex Coordinator & Monique Mackellin - Child Safety Supervisor
CONGRATULATIONS!



The OLOL School Newsletter is available in the Narthex

ALL SOUL'S DAY

Wednesday, 2 November

9 am and 7:30 pm Mass

Everyone is welcome to bring a photo of deceased loved ones and place it in the Altar.

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence:



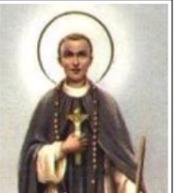
sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intention.

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. YOU MAY DEPOSITED IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR COULD BE GIVEN TO THE PARISH PRIEST OR THE PARISH OFFICE

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

3 NOVEMBER

Patron Saint of Mixed Race, Barbers, Public Health Workers, Innkeepers



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

4 NOVEMBER

Patron Saint of Bishops, Catechist, cardinals, seminarians, spiritual leaders.

St. Charles Borromeo along with St. Ignatius of Loyola and others, led the effort to fight the Protestant Reformation.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY

Children Liturgy Group

24 December 2016

All parents and children are encourage to join.
Please register in the sign-off sheet

MARRIAGE JUBILEE YEAR

6 November, 10am Mass



For all married couple celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 75th anniversary
Please have your name listed in the sign-off sheet

Parish Diary

13 November	Catholic Deaf (3rd Collection)
20 November	Christ the King End of Year of Mercy for whole Church
27 November	1st Sunday of Advent