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ALL SAINTS **Year A** **31st October/1st November 2026**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the All Saints Sunday.



On **All Saints' Day**, we thank God for all the saints who are now in heaven. The Church has many saints, but my favourite saint is **St. Anthony of Padua**. Throughout my life, I have experienced his powerful intercession many times.

Before coming to Australia, I had to pass the IELTS examination. I was anxious and worried about the result. During that time, I prayed earnestly through the intercession of St. Anthony. By God's grace, I successfully cleared the exam, which opened the door for my ministry in Australia.

Another time, I lost an important key. After searching everywhere without success, I prayed to St. Anthony, who is often called the patron saint of lost things. Soon after, I found the key. It was a small incident, but it strengthened my faith and reminded me that God cares even about the little concerns of our lives.

A third incident happened at Burleigh Heads. I had gone with a coffee group for an outing and later discovered that I had lost my car key. On my keychain, I keep a small picture of St. Anthony. Remembering him, I prayed for his help. After some searching, the key was found. Once again, I experienced the comfort of his intercession.

I also brought a statue of St. Anthony from India, and it remains with me as a reminder of God's care and the friendship of the saints.

Why Do We Need Saints?

Some people ask, "Why do we pray to saints? Why not pray directly to God?"

As Catholics, we do pray directly to God. However, we also ask the saints to pray for us, just as we ask our family members and friends to pray for us. The saints are not strangers. They are members of God's family who are already in heaven, living in the presence of God.

The Bible tells us that "the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16). The saints are righteous people who have faithfully followed Christ and now share eternal life with Him. When we ask for their intercession, we are asking them to join us in prayer before God.

The saints are also examples of holy living. They show us that holiness is possible in every age and circumstance. They struggled, suffered, and trusted in God, just as we do.

Conclusion

The saints do not replace Jesus. Jesus is our only Saviour and the one mediator between God and humanity. The saints lead us to Him. They are like signposts pointing us towards Christ.

On this All Saints' Day, let us thank God for all the saints and especially remember those saints who have inspired our faith. Like St. Anthony of Padua, may they continue to pray for us and help us grow closer to Jesus.

"Saints are not people who never made mistakes; they are people who never gave up on God." May we one day join them in the joy of heaven. Amen.

ALL SOUL'S DAY



On the Feast of All Souls, we pray for the souls of all those who have died. There are many choices of readings for this day, all focusing on our belief in the resurrection of the dead and Jesus' promise of eternal life. The Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus offers us many important insights about this aspect of our faith. This is the profession of faith we continue to make, and it is the promise on which we base our hope for eternal life for ourselves and for all those who have died. In his death and Resurrection, Jesus has conquered death for all those who believe in him. We believe that we continue to share a relationship with those who have died. When we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, we are praying for those whose souls are journeying through purgatory, being prepared for eternal life in heaven. We believe that our prayers for them will help to speed their journey to eternal life with God in heaven.

One day all of us are sure to die. To prepare ourselves for that day is what we can do today. To journey with a good aim is what we can do today. For that we need to experience small deaths everyday of our life through sacrifices and self-emptying.

As we pray for the departed souls of our beloved ones let us also pray for ourselves with the Psalmist "Lord let me know my end, and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is" Ps 39:4.

Fr. Akesh Xalxo, Bless you!

ALL SAINTS DAY			
Sunday 1st November	**Kumbia**	**8am**	**Liturgy**
	Nanango	**8am**	**Mass**
	Kingaroy	**10am**	**Mass**
First Reading	**Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14**		
Responsorial Psalm	**Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**		
Second Reading	**1 John 3:1-3**		
Gospel Acclamation	**Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!**		
Gospel	**Matthew 11:28**		
ALL SOULS' DAY			
Monday 2nd November	**Kingaroy**	**7am**	**Mass**
	Nanango	**12pm**	**Mass**
WEEKDAY MASS OF 31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
Thursday 5th November	**Blackbutt**	**9am**	**Mass**
	Kumbia	**5:30pm**	**Mass**
	ANNOINTING MASS		
Friday 6th November	**Kingaroy**	**9am**	**Mass**
	Nanango Benediction 11:30am		
	Nanango	**12pm**	**Mass**
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
	(Fr Akesh Birthday Mass)		
Saturday 7th November	**Kingaroy**	**9am**	**Mass**
	Blackbutt	**5pm**	**Liturgy**
Sunday 8th November	**Kumbia**	**8am**	**Liturgy**
	Nanango	**8am**	**Mass**
	Kingaroy	**10am**	**Mass**

The ***All-Souls' Remembrance Book*** will be at the Entrance of each church. Please write your loved one's names in the book. The remembrance book will be processed at the beginning of November Masses and placed on the Altar.

This year there will be no Remembrance Tree or Slides. During the Prayers of the Faithful there will be one slide with the names of our loved ones who have been lifted up into the hands of Our Heavenly Father over the last year. Should there be any names missing from the slide, please advise the office.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

8th November 2026



OLHC Nanango – 8am Mass

St Mary's Catholic Church - 10am Mass

OLHC NANANGO - MAJELLAN MORNING TEA



The Majellan Morning tea will be on Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 10-00 a.m. in OLHC Parish Hall. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

OLHC NANANGO CHOIR PRACTICE



Wednesday 4th November, 2026—3:30pm

Everyone welcome.

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Recently Deceased: Robert (Bob) Ricketts
Peter Dickenson, Dan Wyvill.

Death Anniversaries: Martin O'Brien, Susan Smith, Julie (Angela) Cross, Jean Potineau, Raymond You, Marie-Josephe Durand, Auguste Durand, Rod Ferling, Elizabeth You, Charles Kidner, Patricia Warwick, Lex Perrett.

Prayers for the sick:

OLHC Parish - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Damian Wyvill, Bruce McCarthy, Shirley Warner, Wendy Smith, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Kylie Lane, Chris Stevens, Luke Colahan, John Kajewski.

St Mary's Parish - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Teresa O'Sullivan, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy, Rikie Brinkman, Bernice Mahoney, Julianne Cross, Megan Manthey, Lisa Kennedy, Mary O'Neil, Brian Reilly.

INVITATION



All parishioners are invited to attend Fr Akesh's Birthday Mass which will held at *9am at St Mary's Catholic Church in Kingaroy* on the *7th November 2026*, followed by a shared morning tea – Please bring a plate to share.

ROBERT (BOB) RICKETTS - FUNERAL

Family and friends are invited to attend a Requiem Mass for Bob, to be held in OLHC, 37 Gipps St, Nanango, on **Thursday 5th November 2026 at 11am**.

ST PAT'S NANANGO –Prue Clarke, APRE

Our St Patrick's community was delighted to welcome grandparents and special guests for our Grandparents' Day Liturgy and Morning Tea last Wednesday. It was a beautiful opportunity to give thanks for the love, wisdom and support grandparents bring to the lives of our children. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special celebration.

St Patrick's celebrated Socktober with colourful socks, plenty of fun and a spirit of giving. Our community raised $88 for Catholic Mission, putting our faith into action and helping others. Thank you to everyone who supported the day.

St Mary's Working Bee – 28th November 2026
More details in next week's newsletter.

Kingaroy Nanango Parishes Collection for last week – $1691.75. Thank you.