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SUNDAY MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

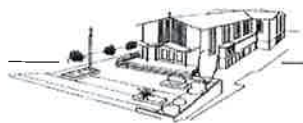
Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

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SUNDAY MASSES

Matraville

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

ALL SAINTS DAY

Let us continue to work together to create safe and protective environments where children and young people can flourish.



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: All those who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Frank Patruno, Helen Reverodo, Caterina Tesoriero, Elio Pulella, Robert & Yolanda Aquilina, Moyah Buckley and Giovanni Zappak.

Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If someone would like to receive Communion, but is unable to come to Mass, please notify the priest.

Please pray for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick.

We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask while at church

The Italian Prayer Group is Celebrating the 38th Anniversary at 9.10am Mass on Wed.4 Nov.

The Italian Prayer Group will continue to meet every Wed. at Malabar

NOVEMBER MASSES

November is the month of special prayers for the Faithful Departed. November Mass envelopes are in our church so that Masses can be offered for deceased family and friends. Throughout November the envelopes with names will be placed near the altar to remind us that Masses are being offered for our deceased loved ones.

No need to put your details on the envelope, just the names of the deceased.

All Souls Day this Monday 2nd November

Malabar Mass 9.10am and 7pm

Matraville Mass 8am

'HALLOWEEN'

Did you know that it means 'hallows evening' (saints evening)? It refers to the vigil (night before) of All Hallows Day i.e. All Saints Day. Hallows is an old English word for saint.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Please help support the Catholic Mission to help empower people with disability in Cambodia. Donations are 100% tax deductible.

Sacrament of Confirmation



We warmly welcome our **Confirmation** candidates for 2020 and their families as they prepare for this special Sacrament which will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church.

May they all know that we are praying with and for them at our masses.

Confirmation Dates: 21 Nov. 7pm at Matraville & 28 Nov. 6.30pm at Malabar.

Please pray for all HSC students who have commenced their exams.

It has been a particularly difficult year for them.

Please let others know there's plenty of room.

Churches are now allowed to have more than 100 people attending each Mass as long as we keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation, please form **one line** and keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles. **Those who are unwell or at high risk are encouraged not attend.**

We are not called by God to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. Jean Vanier

Live Streaming Our Masses

Many parishes are live streaming their masses and so are reaching many people who are not with us in our church. If you have the "tech know how" and would like to help the parish to set up the live streaming, please contact Fr Laurie. You would be doing a great service to our Catholic community.

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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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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THE BEATITUDES

The gospel of the Beatitudes is often read at funerals and weddings. In its own way, it sounds comforting and indeed it is. However, it is also very challenging—which suggests that 'Blessed' is a better rendering of the opening word in each case than 'Happy'.

Jesus is instructing his disciples concerning the kind of people they must be, not just for themselves but for the benefit of the mass of afflicted people down below the mountain, who he has just healed.

To this end, the beatitudes describe ways of living that mean putting oneself in a vulnerable situation quite contrary to the values of the world. To be 'poor in spirit,' rather than proud and dominant; to feel compassion ('mourn') because other people suffer; to have a passionate commitment ('thirst') for justice; to exercise 'mercy' rather than taking advantage of those in an inferior position; to actively promote reconciliation (as 'peacemakers'); and so forth: all these things make one vulnerable here and now, entailing much loss.

But in light of the hope for the kingdom of God, whose values the Beatitudes enshrine, disciples who adopt this way of life are already 'blessed'. Their future happiness is in the hands of an ever-faithful God.

Moreover, living in this way means that they can be 'salt' and 'light' for the world, especially for the afflicted. It is those who are prepared to live in the vulnerable way commended by Jesus who make the world a hospitable home for all humanity. This is the legacy of the 'saints' who have gone before us.

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.

1. 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

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.**

Brendan Byrne, SJ