

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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POPE BEATIFIES BLESSED PAUL VI, THE 'GREAT HELMSMAN' OF VATICAN II

VATICAN CITY: *"By our apostolic authority we declare that the Venerable Servant of God Paul VI, Pope, shall henceforth be called Blessed..."*

With these words, Pope Francis beatified Paul VI at the closing Mass of the Synod of Bishops. Then Sister Giacomina Pedrini, a member of the Sisters of Holy Child



Mary, carried up a relic: a bloodstained vest Blessed Paul was wearing during a 1970 assassination attempt in the Philippines. Sister Pedrini is the last surviving nun who attended to Blessed Paul.

The celebration comes at the conclusion of a two week meeting where the Pope, along with Bishops and Cardinals from around the world, discussing the challenges of the family.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who was made a Cardinal by the newly Blessed in 1977, was present at the beatification. He was greeted warmly by Pope Francis at the start of the Mass. Benedict XVI had declared Paul VI 'Venerable' in December 2012.

Pope Francis wore a gold chasuble that belonged to Blessed Paul VI as well as the newly beatified's, pastoral cross.

The Holy Father reflected on the Synod, noting that pastors and lay people worked together *"in order to help today's family walk the path of the Gospel with their gaze fixed on Jesus."*

"It has been a great experience, in which we have lived synodality and collegiality, and felt the power of the Holy Spirit who constantly guides and renews the Church," he said. *"For the Church is called to waste no time in seeking to bind up open wounds and to rekindle hope in so many people who have lost hope."*

The Pope expressed his hope that the Holy Spirit would continue to "guide the journey which, in the Churches throughout the world, is bringing us to the Ordinary Synod of Bishops on October 2015."

Paul VI: A Prophetic Witness of Love

Referring to Blessed Paul VI as a "tireless apostle", Pope Francis recalled his predecessor's establishment of the Synod as a way of adapting to the *"growing needs of our times"*.

"When we look to this great Pope, this courageous Christian, this tireless apostle, we cannot but say in the sight of God a word as simple as it is heartfelt and important: thanks!" he exclaimed as the faithful applauded. "Thank you, our dear and beloved Pope Paul VI! Thank you for your humble and prophetic witness of love for Christ and his Church!"

During his pontificate, Blessed Paul VI led the Church during the sexual revolution of the 60s. It was in that time that he wrote his famed encyclical "Humanae Vitae" (Human Life) which reaffirmed the Church's



A LAY LED LITURGY OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION

is being held **this Saturday at 6.30PM**

with **Fr. Don** celebrating the **8.30AM Mass this Sunday.**

DECEASED: Sharon Doro (Mother & Mother-In-Law of Justine & Clem, Nathan & Anita), Vittoria Carniel (Mother of Paul Carniel & Ivana White), Venesia Cooper (Warwick: Mother & Mother-In-Law of Glenda & John Barker), Anne Holmes, Carmelina Savina

TO REMEMBER: Pierina Favero (1st Anniv – 31st), Augustino & Gina Gasparin, Sarina Giacca, Fr. Edmund O'Donnell

FOR THE SICK: Irene Taylor (Ballandean – Wife of Allan), Danny Mahoney, Marianne Gallagher, Ken McQualter, Fr. Brian Connolly, Judy Perrett, Cathy Sullivan, Linda Vinciguerra, Stella Bayley, Ev Hayes, Rosemary Paget, Marie Keen, Bridey Kelly, Enid McCarthy

HAVE YOU SEEN a **SUNDAY MISSAL** missing from the Church? The Missal contains many Holy Pictures and the owner would appreciate its return. If found it can be left in the foyer or at the Parish Office.

NOVEMBER MASSES: Special Envelopes are available in the foyer for those who wish to have Mass offered for deceased loved ones. Please write the names of those to be remembered on the envelope and return to the Parish Office or place on the collection plate on Sunday. The names of all for whom Masses will be offered are placed in a basket in front of the altar during November. ***These names do not appear on the Parish Bulletin as there are too many.***

BOOK OF DECEASED: The special Book of the Deceased is another way in which we remember our deceased loved ones during the month of November, when we pray for the Holy Souls. **If you wish to add to the names which have been placed in the Book in previous years**, please add names to the sheet on the table in the foyer and they will be included in the Book.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY was celebrated last weekend. ***Envelopes are still available in the foyer.*** Please return envelopes by way of the Sunday collection or to the Parish Office. Thank you for generous support. The Missionary work of the Church and the missionaries depend on us.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the July - September quarter are available in the foyer at the Masses this weekend for those who have not collected them. Parishioners who are not part of the Planned Giving Programme are invited to join by speaking with the Parish Secretary after Mass who can arrange for you to receive envelopes.

THIS WEEK:

MASSSES: MON: 7AM; TUES: 7AM; WED: 11.45AM; THURS: 9.15AM; FRI: 5.30PM;
SAT: 7AM ALL SAINTS DAY; VIGIL: 6.30PM ALL SOULS DAY; SUN: 8.30AM ALL SOULS DAY

*If there happens to be a Funeral Mass,
that will be the only weekday Mass on the day.*

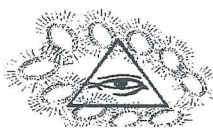
FEAST DAYS: TUES: STS. SIMON & JUDE, Apostles; FRI: ST. ANTHONY CLARET, Bishop; SAT: SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS; SUN: ALL SOULS DAY

NEXT WEEKEND:

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

*Mass for the Solemnity Of All Saints this Saturday is at
7AM in St. Joseph's Church (not the Chapel).*

From the beginning, the Church has honoured and revered its martyrs and heroes. Those who were referred to as Saints in the early centuries were proclaimed Saints by the people who knew them – unlike the rather lengthy process that is followed today before a person is canonised. Francis of Assisi in the 13th century was proclaimed a Saint one year after his death.



In the early Church, Christians would celebrate the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ each year at the place of martyrdom. In the persecution of the infamous Emperor Diocletian, the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. Believing that every martyr should be remembered and venerated, **Pope Gregory IV (827-844) declared All Saints Day a feast for the entire Church to be celebrated on 1st November.** The Lord, who has worked in a wonderful way in the lives of the Saints, is ready to work in us if we will turn to Him and surrender our lives to Him.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS - SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

*Masses for All Souls Day
Saturday Vigil 6.30PM & Sunday 8.30AM & 5.00PM*

All Souls Day is unique on the liturgical calendar. Neither a solemnity nor a feast, this commemoration outranks other feasts and even takes the place of a Sunday in Ordinary Time, as it does this year. Prayer for the dead reaches deep into our human history and it has been our custom from the earliest days of the Church. The belief that our prayers can be of assistance to the dead is a treasured tenet of our Catholic faith. We profess it every time we recite the Nicene Creed: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." The Lectionary provides many options for readings on this Sunday. All the texts proclaim the centrality of the Paschal Mystery in understanding the meaning of Christian death: because of Jesus' Death and Resurrection, death leads to new life for all those united to Christ. Therefore, because of our faith in the Risen Christ, we can find hope in death.

NEXT WEEKEND Cont:

PILGRIMAGE TO THE CEMETERY: Next Sunday 2nd November the annual Pilgrimage of Prayer at the Cemetery will be held, beginning at **4PM** near the main entrance to the monumental section opposite the State High School. During the Procession there will be the singing of Hymns, the recitation of the Rosary and Prayers, as we walk past the graves of so many, remembering their lives and praying for all the faithful departed. At the conclusion of the Procession, all are invited back to St. Joseph's Church for **Mass at 5PM**. This is an annual event for the Holy Souls month of November.

COMING UP:

THE YEARLY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING
for those who have died in our Parish and elsewhere during the last twelve months and their families will be held on
Monday night 3rd November at 7PM in St. Joseph's Church.



Parishioners are encouraged and invited to this Mass to pray for all our loved ones who have died, and to support all the families who have lost loved ones during the past year.

A letter has been sent to an immediate family member of those who have died in our Parish or elsewhere during the past year. Whoever in the family receives the letter is asked to contact the other family members informing them of the Mass and extending an invitation for them to attend.

NOTICES:

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL AND PARISH

SUPPORTING ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Once again, St. Joseph's Parish is pleased to offer practical support to St. Joseph's School in their efforts to support the
"VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL".



Rice, Pasta – Spaghetti, Shells, etc., Long Life Milk, Powdered Milk, Tea, Coffee, Milo, Biscuits - Crackers, Wheat Biscuits, Jatz etc., Spreads - Vegemite, Peanut butter, Honey, Jam, etc., Chutney, Muesli Bars, Cereals - Wheatbix, Cornflakes, Nutri Grain, etc, Pasta Sauces, Tomato Paste, Canned Vegetables - Tomatoes, Peas, Beans, etc., Canned Fruit, Baked Beans,

Spaghetti, Dried Fruit, Poppers, Cordial, Long Life Custard, Jelly, Condiments, Sugar etc. **The list is endless. Some special Christmas treats would be very much appreciated.** Batteries could be included in the groceries.

Always check use by dates, try not to include damaged cans, and ask yourself "would I eat this myself?"

Donations can be left under the Christmas Tree in the Church or at Primary School Campus Office or at the Presbytery **by Tuesday 23rd November.**

The School community will present **HAMPERS** to the local St. Vincent de Paul Conference at the end of the **final School Year Mass.**

Thank you for supporting this worthy appeal and the effort of St. Joseph's students and their families to help the needy have a brighter Christmas.