



# 11th October 2020 - Year A

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **ALL HALLOWS' PARISH CHURCH**

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### **Sacramental Life**

**Holy Mass:**

Saturday - 8.00am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday - 8.30am

Sunday - 10am

Sunday - 6.00pm

Monday - 8.00am

Tues - Wed - 8.00am

Thurs - Fri - 8.00am

Lauds (morning prayer) is prayed 20 minutes before morning mass daily. All Welcome.

**High Mass:**

Saturday - Midday

Sunday - Midday

**Reconciliation:**

Sunday 11:10am - 12.10pm

**Sick Calls:** Any time - day/night.

**Funeral Masses:**

In co-operation with Funeral Directors.

**Exposition:**

Every Wednesday after 8am Mass.

Dear Parishioners,

**PLEASE TAKE HOME. DO NOT PLACE BACK ON THE PILE.**

### **1. A Reminder of Prayers**

*I want to remind all our parishioners who have family members and loved ones that are in nursing homes, care facilities or even across borders whom they are unable to visit, that we offer mass for your intentions each week. I know how hard this time can be and the worry that is caused by not being able to visit regularly those you love. Although it looks like we are getting over this virus and moving into better times, the regulations are such that we still cannot visit people we love. We are praying for those intentions and we are also praying that we can get back to visiting those we love as soon as possible. Be assured of our prayers.*

### **2. Family Rosary Pilgrimage Last Wednesday**

On Wednesday we had nearly one hundred people in the church for the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary. It was a wonderful occasion with prayers, adoration, benediction and the praying of the Glorious Mysteries. It was good to celebrate a Marian Feast Day in the church, especially after having missed our annual procession of Our Lady of the Assumption. Unfortunately, we were unable to stream the event to our parish website, but we have requested a copy of the evening that we will hopefully be able to upload. In that way those who missed out will have the opportunity of celebrating the month of the Rosary. Hopefully we can do this for next week.

### **3. Funeral Masses**

*This may not be our happiest thought, but for anyone concerned, the regulations have been loosened for funerals and we can now have as many in the church, up to the maximum of the four square meter rule. For our church that means around 130. Our hope is that this rule will be applied to Sunday Masses. Please pray that this be so.*

### **4. Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the granting of special Indulgences to the faithful in the current pandemic**

**The gift of special Indulgences is granted to the faithful suffering from COVID-19 disease, commonly known as Coronavirus, as well as to health care workers, family members and all those who in any capacity, including through prayer, care for them.**

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (*Rom 12: 12*). The words written by Saint Paul to the Church of Rome resonate throughout the entire history of the Church and guide the judgment of the faithful in the face of all suffering, sickness and calamity.

The present moment in which the whole of humanity, threatened by an invisible and insidious disease, which for some time now has become part of all our lives, is marked day after day by anguished fears, new uncertainties and above all widespread physical and moral suffering.

The Church, following the example of her Divine Master, has always had the care of the sick at heart. As Saint John Paul II points out, the value of human suffering is twofold: "It is supernatural because it is rooted in the divine mystery of the Redemption of the world, and it is likewise deeply human, because in it the person discovers himself, his own humanity, his own dignity, his own mission" (Apostolic Letter *Salvifici Doloris*, 31).

Pope Francis, too, in these recent days, has shown his paternal closeness and renewed his invitation to pray incessantly for those who are sick with the Coronavirus. So that all those who suffer because of COVID-19, precisely in the mystery of this suffering, may rediscover "the same redemptive suffering of Christ" (*ibid.*, 30), this Apostolic Penitentiary, *ex auctoritate Summi Pontificis*, trusting in the word of Christ the Lord and considering with a spirit of faith the epidemic currently underway, to be lived in a spirit of personal conversion, grants the gift of Indulgences in accordance with the following disposition.

The *Plenary Indulgence* is granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible.

Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (*Jn 15: 13*), will obtain the same gift of the *Plenary Indulgence* under the same conditions.

This Apostolic Penitentiary also willingly grants a *Plenary Indulgence* under the same conditions on the occasion of the current world epidemic, also to those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic adoration, or reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or the recitation of the Holy Rosary, or the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, or the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself.

The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and of the *Viaticum*, entrusting each and every one to divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a *Plenary Indulgence* on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended (cf. *Enchiridion indulgentiarum*, no.12).

## 5. All Saints' Day

*A reminder that our Parish Feast Day is coming up first weekend in November. We will, please God have a procession and community day here in the parish grounds. More details will be provided next week.*

## 6 . First Communion

***First Communion is postponed until November. We are planning at the moment with our catechists and schools to hold First Communion during the last week of November. The challenge is to ensure that we have an online programme available for our families. Although the COVID situation is improving, in order to respect the wishes of certain families, we are at the moment creating an online version of our sacramental preparation program for First Communion. We should have all information available to you for the first week back at school. The online programme for November is not compulsory for any family. If there are families wish to wait for next year, they are most welcome to do so.***

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

***In your love and concern, please pray for:-***

### **Recently Deceased:**

*Catherine Adamo, Gaetano Iacono, Elda Salvatico, Margherita Lasorsa, Giuseppe Corte, Grace D'urso, Gerald "Gerry" Micallef, Grace D'Urso, Maria Giovenale, Concetta 'Connie' Tortorella, Fred Arapa, Francesca Carla Viola, Janet Faye Sydney, Rita Fragassi, Luigi Balsamo, Luigina Michelin, Rosario Maiorana, Dick Ingemar Raste, Rita Buonavoglia, Giuseppina Intili, Bambina Chiofalo, Rosario Antonio Lo Giudice, Pasquale Furfaro, Antonio 'Tony' Mersnich*

