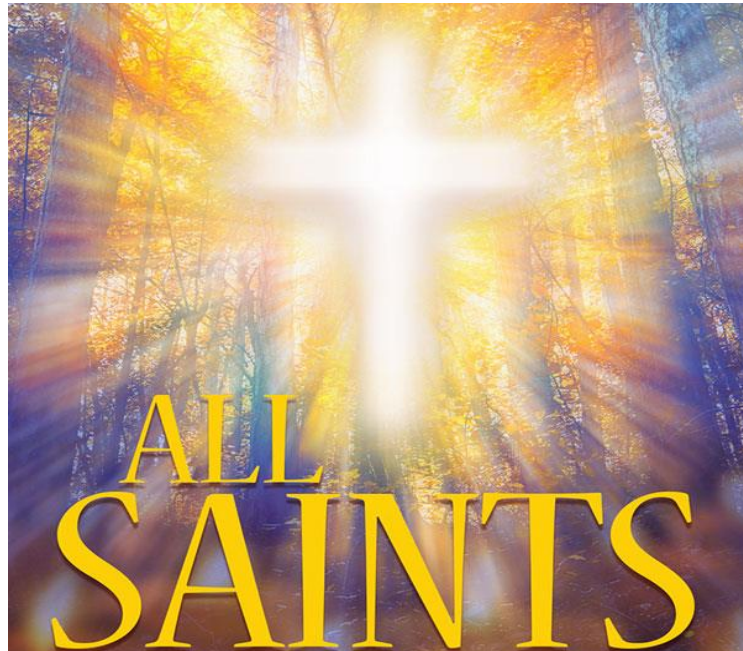


**Welcome to worship at
Holy Trinity, Terrigal**

**ALL SAINTS DAY
1st November 2020**



9.00am – Holy Eucharist

**Presiding and Preaching - Fr Mark Watson
Organist – Sharon Sandstrom**

PURITANISM OR HOLINESS?

(Much of the following material is based on a YouTube clip from Fr Casey Cole, OFM)

At the beginning of the eucharistic liturgy we pray what has been called the Collect for Purity which contains these words: "cleanse the thoughts of our hearts". Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). The Bible commands purity – living without the stain of sin – because only when our lives, including our thoughts, words and actions are pure, single, can we be close to God. Sin separates us from God. Purity enables us to see God and to know his will. Being pure, free from sin is a good aspiration. Yet it is not the only thing or even the most important thing.

Purity is a negation. It is about avoiding, *not* doing something. It is about the absence of something, namely sin and wrongdoing. Emphasising what we do not do or say leads to a passive focus and a preoccupation with avoiding temptation rather than cultivating the good in our lives. It would be like being so concerned with not getting dirty that we never go outside. It leads to a shrunken life that never learns or is too afraid to go on an adventure.

Is life lived indoors, never doing anything that might risk dirtying our clothes or working on a car engine or painting or gardening, really a life worth living? We can be so focused on never getting dirty or doing something bad that we never risk doing the good. That is the way to a safe, passive and negative *and* unfruitful life. Purity should never be the goal *of* our lives, but rather the effect *in* our lives. That is called a life of holiness.

Purity is a passive word. Holiness is an active word. It is not defined by what we avoid or do not do but rather what we do to become more like God. The desire for holiness is opening ourselves up in prayer to be challenged. We stretch ourselves to lay down our lives for another. We let go our fears. Holiness calls us outward in love and service for others. Purity can turn us inward. We are called not to lock ourselves up in the church in fear, choosing not to engage with the messiness of life. Holiness

also makes us vulnerable as we seek to be channels of God's love to the world so the world can be healed and transformed. It results in purity. The saints focused on holiness. They were pure in heart because they sought to live holy lives. Purity was the effect in their lives, not the goal.

There is a risk that we will get messy. That is why many prefer the safety of a focus on purity rather than holiness. Struggle with sin is a sign someone is taking holiness seriously. Yet it is living life rather than avoiding it. What God seeks is men and women with such virtue that they can engage with the world, and yet who remain faithful, who can do the work of God even when it's difficult. That is what purity means to God. It's about confronting evil, not hiding from it. That shows the world that good will always eventually triumph. Do not define your life by what you don't do but by your pursuit of holiness. "be holy, as I am holy" says the Lord.

Fr Mark

Sentence

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.10

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God,
neither death nor life can separate us from your love:
grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints
who ceaselessly proclaim your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Revelation Chapter 7, verses 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honour

and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 34.1-10, 22

1 I will bless the Lord continually:
his praise shall be always in my mouth.

**2 Let my soul boast of the Lord:
the humble shall hear it and rejoice.**

3 O praise the Lord with me:
let us exalt his name together.

**4 For I sought the Lord's help and he answered:
and he freed me from all my fears.**

5 Look towards him and be bright with joy:
your faces shall not be ashamed.

**6 Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me:
and saved me from all my troubles.**

7 The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him:
and delivers them in their need.

**8 O taste and see that the Lord is good:
happy are they that hide in him!**

9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones:
for those who fear him never lack.

**10 Lions may suffer want and go hungry:
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.**

22 The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants:
and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

A reading from the first letter of John Chapter 3.1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Chapter 5, verses 1-12

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

`Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

`Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

`Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

`Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

`Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

`Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

`Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and
utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice
and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same
way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer for those suffering severe illness (adapted from *A
Prayer Book for Australia*, p. 692)

Healing Spirit,

we pray for those suffering from serious diseases
and for those who are terminally ill,
and those living with the COVID-19 virus.

We pray for skill and patience for the doctors and nurses who
care for them. We pray that their relatives and friends may be
strengthened and comforted.

May their faith not falter as they support each other through
testing times.

We pray for those engaged in research
that by your inspiration and their skill
the scourges of this generation may be overcome.

Help us to live in your way

and to seek health in body, mind and spirit. **Amen.**

Please pray for

Barb Matthews, Graeme Patterson, Ken Hope, Norm Williams,
Emma Horton, Isobel Hargraves, Gloria Townsend, Margaret
Willard, Carolyn Gibbs, Cathy Oaks, Pat Stokes, Tania Howlett, Jill
Ross, Carmen McGee, Shirley Kearns and Adrienne Baldwin.

'Whispers of Love' Meditation

Meditation is each Monday at 10.00am at The Church of the Holy Trinity.

Reflection:

Prayer is never done. Our growing is never finished.
The giving of our goodness is never completed.
Our journey with the Holy One goes on and on.

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

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Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship meets the second Monday of each month at 1pm in the church foyer. All women are welcome to join us for a shared time of Christian fellowship.

Dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' **tonight, Sunday 1st November from 6pm.**

If you are interested, please have your name added to the sign-up sheet upon entry or after the service this morning.

Samaritans

We will have our basket for food donations available for those wishing to bring items. Some suggestions are breakfast cereal, long life milk, pasta, plus sauce, soap, toothpaste, soup, sardines, baked beans, spaghetti in a tin, creamed corn and chips.

Prayer of the Week

God our Father,
whose will it is to bring all things
to order and unity in our Lord Jesus Christ:
may all the peoples of the world,
now divided and torn apart by sin,
be brought together under his sovereign rule of love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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All Saints' Day

– Sunday 1 November 2020

- Revelation 7.9-17; Psalm 34.1-10, 22;
1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

In Matthew's Gospel significant events in Jesus' life occur on mountains, his temptation, the feeding of the 4 000, the Transfiguration, his arrest, and his final commissioning of his followers.

Today we remember the countless unrecognised saints who lived out the life of faith in Jesus and many of whom gave their lives for him.

We give thanks for the unbroken chain of Christian saints through the ages without whose witness we would not experience the grace of Christ.

- May God help us to examine our lives and be inspired by the saints in more closely following our Lord. Amen.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar

Text: The Very Rev Phillip Saunders,
Dean of Canberra and Goulburn
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Mission Report - 1st November 2020

**Ships don't bring us over 95% of everything we have.
Seafarers do.**

During these unprecedented times and due to COVID-19 restrictions, the centre operations are temporarily limited. Please pray for all the seafarers at this time.

How to support the Mission to Seafarers this Christmas

The Newcastle Mission to Seafarers is starting to collect items for Christmas Care Packages, for seafarers visiting our port over Christmas.

Suggestions include: Aftershave, antiseptic cream, batteries, beanie, deck of playing cards, deodorant, fun toy e.g. stress release ball, hair comb, hand sanitizer, hair shampoo and conditioner, hand cream (skin repair), lip balm, little torch, magazines, magnetic photo frame, nail clippers, new socks, new underwear, pictures of Australia, prayer cards, razors, religious icon, religious material, sealed lollies (nothing that melts or attracts ants), shaving cream, small headphones, soap, sunblock, sunscreen, toothbrush, toothpaste, tissues (small packets), words of encouragement. Let your imagination take over and have fun!

On the 8th November, the Parish will acknowledge the work of the Mission to Seafarers at the Port of Newcastle, and throughout the world.

BCA boxes due in to be counted.

Coralie Taylor
Mission Secretary

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Carolyn Shields / Christine De Gans - 4365 1280

The Op Shop is open Tuesday to Thursday from 9.00am to 4.00pm

Fridays open from 9.00am to 10.15am and from 11:15am to 4.00pm

(Please note Friday between 10.15am-11.15am the Op Shop is CLOSED)

Saturday open from 10.00am to 1.00pm