

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Parish Priest

Meditation from Anawim Way

Father Phillip Alstin

On this joyful festival of All Saints, we raise our minds and hearts to Heaven. Today's first reading tells us what we can see there: "a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue." They are standing "before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes..." They are in the presence of God, praising him in song. How did they get there? It is a question we ask not only about the saints who are already in Heaven, but about ourselves too: How can we join this great multitude? We cannot purify ourselves and yet we need to be pure, clean of heart, in order to see God, to be in his presence. The reading from Revelation goes on to tell us, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

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Mass Times

Tuesday 9.30am
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 9.30am
Friday 9:30am
Saturday 9.30am

Dies Domini/ The Lord's Day

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after Holy Mass
and Wed 6:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All day Wed 10am-7pm
6.00pm Rosary
6.35pm Vespers
7.00pm Benediction

Contact for Adoration

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The purification we need is a process that requires perseverance through a "time of great distress." Pope Francis gives us insight into this process in his Spiritual Reflection. He says that the saints "fought to remove the stains and the darkness of sin, so as to enable the gentle light of God to pass through." Their journey in this life was not one of consolations and joy only. It was also one of challenges and desolation; it was one of cooperation with Christ's purifying love. They lived in obedience to his divine will, dying to self and being led by the Holy Spirit.

There are many aspects of the purifying process: accepting contradictions and disappointments throughout life; mourning the loss of loved ones and seeing some of them go astray; accepting our own limitations, our lack of power and influence, and thus acquiring meekness; battling injustices and hungering for righteousness; being merciful to the least among us and the most difficult among us; frequent Confession to keep our heart clean; promoting peace when division runs rampant; being insulted and persecuted for following the teachings of Holy Mother Church and living a life counter to the culture of the day – in sum, the way to holiness is to live by the program Jesus teaches us in the Beatitudes.

Why go through all these difficulties? Our Theme for this week, quoting the Catechism of the Catholic Church, answers this succinctly and beautifully: "Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness" (CCC 1024). Pope Francis confirms this when he says, "Happiness is not in having something or in becoming someone, no. True happiness is being with the Lord and living for love." Because we are children of God, our home is Heaven. "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God," the Gospel reminds us. This vision of God, the beatific vision, is our hope. This is the goal of all our work in this life, and it is God's desire for each and every one of us! In God's great mercy and love for us he provides us "with every spiritual blessing in the heavens" (Eph 1:3) to make this a reality.

Today's Solemnity and Pope Francis remind us that it is attainable: "The saints are our brothers and sisters who have welcomed the light of God in their heart and have passed it on to the world, each according to his or her own 'hue.'" Let us cooperate with God's grace so that he can make us holy, thus adding to this kaleidoscope of color and reflecting the beauty of God to a world in great need of it.

Like the saints, am I striving to be obedient to God's will, dying to self and being led by the Spirit? Am I living the words of Pope Francis, "true happiness is being with the Lord and living in love"? In what ways can living the Beatitudes lead me on the road to holiness?

Mary, Queen of All Saints, inspire me to cooperate with God's grace on my journey to Heaven.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Solemnity of All Saints

First Reading: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalm: Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

PLEASE TAKE THIS PARISH BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU. THANK YOU!

NOTICES

Your prayers are requested for:

SICK: James Stewart, Leighton Crabb, Gerald O’Keeffe, Stan Puczkowski, Saphia Barrios, Mikela, Steve Brennan, Lorma Ascano, Leah Alstin, April Coulson, Luke Nussio, Jesse Frick, Kate Hall

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lyn Eaton, Thomas Clarke, Jennifer Bullen, Lee Puczkowski, Raquel Hayes

ANNIVERSARIES: Iris Kearlsey, Fr Bill Collins, Elizabeth Coleman, Maxine Smale, Elfriede Franzl, Hazel McNamara, Patrick Coburn, Patrick McCrorey, Natalie Fahey, Edda De Lorenzo, Greg Webb & Maria Di Febo, Anna Colomobo, John Nussio, Marjory Champion, Giovanni Baeso, Rex Black, Eileen Bishop, Graziella Bratovic, Lindsay Schubert, Eberhard Falkenberg, Arthur Burns and relatives and friends of the Burns, Hill, Murphy and McNulty families.


WEBSITE INFORMATION UPDATE

Fr Phillip’s weekly video messages to St Anthony’s School students may now be accessed on our parish website <http://edwardstowncatholic.net> in the **CATECHESIS SECTION**. This newsletter may also be accessed on the website.

FAMILY SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

We invite you to send your expressions of interest to enrol your child/children for the St Anthony’s Parish Family Sacramental Program commencing in February 2021. This program is a family and community-based program that values the role of parents as the first educators of faith and family as the basic building block of communities. To find out more about our new program, the Parish Sacramental Program Team will hold an information session in late November 2020. Dates and times to be confirmed soon. Please send your expressions of interest to the Parish Sacramental Program Coordinator - Grace Juanta, email - grace.stanthonys@gmail.com

CALLING ALL MEN 16YRS +

 Join us for the rest of the 12-part series as we watch and discuss *Into the Breach*. Through a series of small group discussions, we’ll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach. Please see flyers at the church porch for further details.

ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST - FOR WOMEN

You are most welcome to join a women’s prayer group that meet after 7pm Benediction on Wednesday nights at St Anthony’s chapel. It is a time for women to pray, reflect on the upcoming Sunday gospel and to encourage and support each other in living out our Catholic faith. For queries please see Grace or email grace.stanthonys@gmail.com



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1. Visit **FORMED.org**
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3. Select **“I Belong to a Parish/Organisation”**
4. Find **St Anthony’s Parish** by entering **“Edwardstown”** or Postcode **“5039”**
5. Enter your email, you’re in!

CONTACT DETAILS REQUIRED FOR ALL MASS ATTENDEES

REGISTER ON ARRIVAL - Upon arrival, write your details on the register sheet provided at the church entrance.

You may request to be included in the list of regular Mass attendees on Saturdays 6pm or Sundays 9.30am. Please let the COVID MARSHAL know if you want to be included on this regular list. **PLEASE REMEMBER** to use the **hand sanitiser** provided and **follow social distancing requirements**.

PLANNED GIVING

Choose one of the following options that suits you best-

1) Contact the Parish Office to receive a Stewardship number unique to you for easy reference of your contribution.

2) Through the Adelaide archdiocese website- Go to <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation>.

Follow instructions on the site. You will need to select EDWARDSTOWN PARISH. Then in the drop down box, choose General; for Parish collection (2nd Collection) and for the Priests of the Archdiocese. (First Collection).

3) Use internet bank for direct deposit into Edwardstown Parish bank account using the following details-

ACCOUNT NAME: CCES Edwardstown Parish

BSB: 085 005 Account: 48973 5300

If using direct deposit, please remember to add description.

Envelopes—due to increasing printing costs and the decreasing number of parishioners using envelopes for their stewardship, we ask that you provide your own envelopes marked clearly with your **Name and Planned Giving Number**.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL-EDWARDSTOWN/PLYMPTON

People’s Choice Community Lottery 2020. Tickets for this Lottery are available “online” only, and can be purchased now.

Search: People’s Choice Community Lottery

-Buy Tickets

-Community Services

-St Vincent De Paul Society Inc.-Edwardstown/Plympton Conference.

Money from ticket sales benefits “Vinnies”, which, in turn benefits those in need.



PARISH SOCIAL GROUP—CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

ALL SENIORS WELCOME

Monday 23rd November at the Morphettville Junction, at 12.00pm. All Welcome. Please contact Marie on 8177 1715 by 16th November 2020.

PERSONAL HOLINESS AND THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Fr Dave Pivonka, TOR

Date: 7 November 2020

Time: 10.00 AM Adelaide time

Zoom ID: 831 0056 5262

Hosted by the Community of the Risen Lord.

Striving in holiness can be an uphill battle - and at times we falsely believe that it is our own strength that gets us there. However, it is only through the power of the Holy Spirit can we be made holy.

Fr Dave Pivonka is currently president of the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He has a BA in Theology, then earned an MDiv, MA in Theology, Doctorate in Education, and Executive Juris Doctorate. A solemnly professed member of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Province of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Penance, Father Dave was ordained to the priesthood in 1996.



ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

HOLY MASS will be celebrated on Monday, 2nd November at 9:30am to commemorate and honour the dead on All Souls' Day. School Mass will be at 10.15am



Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on **November 1**. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with **All Souls' Day**, which is observed on **November 2**, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints -- that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

The Surprising Catholic Origins of Halloween

When most people think of Halloween, the first images that come to mind are children dressed up in scary costumes going door-to-door to collect candy from as many houses as possible. At the end of the night delighted kids empty their "loot" on the floor and begin the feasting that often ends up with a stomach ache and a trip to the dentist not long after.

The word "Halloween" is a Scottish shortening of the phrase "Allhallow-even," literally meaning "All Holy Evening" and dates to the 18th century. The English have a similar phrase, "All Hallows' Eve," with the same meaning. Both words denote the night before All Saints Day, November 1, and refer to the celebration of the holy men and women who are recognized in the Catholic Church as residing in Heaven.

Pope Gregory III established the feast during the 8th century after consecrating a chapel named in honor of "All Saints" in Saint Peter's Basilica. The feast was then extended to the universal Church by Pope Gregory IV and made into a holy day of obligation for all Catholics.

Along with its celebration, All Saints Day was given a special vigil Mass the night before (October 31), which led to that date being regarded by Catholics as a "holy evening."

In addition to All Saints Day, the Church established November 2 as All Souls Day, dedicated to praying for the souls in purgatory. On this day Catholics pray for their deceased relatives and friends, visiting cemeteries to remember those who are no longer on this earth.

While the current activities of Halloween appear to have no Christian significance, they have deep Catholic roots and are meant to remind people of their own mortality and the need to pray for souls in purgatory.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

All Saints Day

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - MATTHEW 5:11

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others.

When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love?

Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.

A NOBLE WORK OF LOVE

Our love for Christ and for our neighbour, which should give direction to our lives, urges us to pray for the souls suffering in Purgatory. A prayerful remembrance of the deceased directs our thoughts to eternity and opens a new way for us to heaven, where there will be no death, suffering, or difficulties. The presence of saints in heaven is evidence that love has conquered death and given back to mankind the gift of eternal life, which is a perfect sharing of God's life and love.

"Christ was able to turn death into an act of redemption, an act of redemption and liberation from sin and death itself. By accepting death, we overcome it forever. ... Life here on earth is not a path leading to death, but the path to life, to the light, to the Lord. Death, beginning with death to sin, can and must be overcome." (St John Paul II, 1988)

When we pray for the deceased or offer our good deeds and acts of repentance for them, we desire that they be freed from suffering in Purgatory, that "they may enjoy the fruits of their hardship and mortification, that their sufferings will not be wasted, that they may receive everything they desired and remain in the house of the Lord all their days..." (St John Paul II, 1988)

Excerpt from Prayers for the Deceased for Every Day of the Week by the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception.

Excerpt from <https://aleteia.org/2016/10/25/the-surprisingly-catholic-origins-of-halloween/>

INTROIT

VII
A -bandon me not, O Lord my God, * do not de-
 part from me; come to my assistance, O Lord, mainstay
 of my de-li-verance.

1. O LORD, do not rebuke me *in your anger*; *
reprove me not in *your rage*.

For your arrows have sunk *deep in me*; *
your hand has come down *upon me*.

Glory Be to the Father....

ENTRANCE HYMN

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
who to the world their faith in you confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.

Alleluia, alleluia!

You were their rock their fortress and their might;
their noble captain in the well fought fight;
and in the darkest hour their one true light.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Son may your people, faithful, true, and bold,
fight like the saints who bravely fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia, alleluia!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

OFFERTORY

V
B Less the Lord, O my soul, * and forget not all his
 benefits; and your youth shall be renewed like the
 eagle's.

1. Bless the LORD, O *my soul*, *
and all within me, his *holy name*.
It is the LORD who forgives all *your sins*, *
who heals every one of *your ills*,
who redeems your life from *the grave*, *
who crowns you with mercy *and compassion*,
2. who fills your life with *good things*, *
renewing your youth *like an eagle's*.

COMMUNION

VII
Y OU have made known unto me the ways of life;
 you will fill me with joy at the sight of your counten-
 ance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. †
I say to the LORD, "You *are my LORD*. *
My happiness lies in you *alone*."

Glory Be to the Father....

COMMUNION HYMN

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till trav'ling days are done.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all,
how can I love thee as I ought?
And how reverent this wondrous gift,
so far surpassing hope or thought?

Refrain

**Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;
Oh, make us love thee more and more.
Oh, make us love thee more and more.**

Had I but Mary's sinless heart
to love thee with, my dearest King.
Oh, with what burst of fervent praise
thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing. **Refrain**