

# SUNDAY MASS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

**FIRST READING:** Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 24.

## RESPONSE:

These are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world, and all who dwell in it. It is he who set it on the seas; on the rivers he made it firm. **R**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The clean of hands and pure of heart, whose soul is not set on vain things. **R**
3. Blessings from the Lord shall he receive, and right reward from the God who saves him. Such are the people who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 3:1-3.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia.

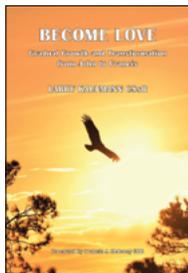
**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:1-12.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

# Live the Word

### Mon 8 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Wisdom 1:1-7; Psalm 139; Luke 17:1-6

Sometimes our lives, and our minds, can get so filled with "stuff" that we become superficial. Sit in stillness and silence... empty your mind... and just be aware of God's awesome presence deep within you.

### Tue 9 Nov DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; Ps 46; John 2:13-22

As we honour a basilica today, let us remember the words of St Paul, that we are the temple of God and are holy. Let us make it an occasion that transforms us more deeply into living temples of God.

### Wed 10 Nov St Leo the Great, PD

Wisdom 6:1-11; Psalm 82; Luke 17:11-19

Loneliness often stems from negative thoughts of not being accepted—feeling like an outsider. Jesus saw the lepers' beauty and dignity. When we look at one another and ourselves in the same way, healing can begin.

### Thu 11 Nov St Martin of Tours, B

Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Psalm 119; Luke 17:20-25

In Jesus' actions we see a deep love for the suffering and the marginalized. Scripture tells us that it is the poor for whom God has a preferential love. O God, fill me with the desire to share my blessings with others.

### Fri 12 Nov St Josaphat, BM

Wisdom 13:1-9; Psalm 19; Luke 17:26-37

We often fail to recognise the gifts we are being given, either because we are too preoccupied or too filled with expectations, to appreciate what is actually in our lives.

### Sat 13 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Psalm 105; Luke 18:1-8

We are so obsessed with doing that we have no time and no imagination left for being. As a result, people are valued not for what they are but for what they do or what they have—for their usefulness.—Thomas Merton.

### Sun 14 Nov 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Mark 13:24-32

We often receive reminders of the fragility of life. If it leads to fear and anxiety it can be destructive, but if it continues to alter our understanding of what is truly important in life, it can be transformative.

(KEY: **SOLEMNITY**; **FEAST**; **Memorial**; (Optional Memorial)  
P=Pope; D=Doctor; B=Bishop; M=Martyr

# Catholic Link

## BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

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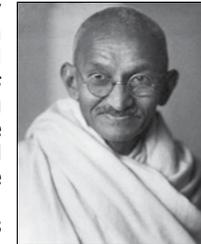
# All Saints – Brothers and Sisters All

The Feast of All Saints today captures much of the inspiration of Pope Francis for his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti – Brothers and Sisters All*. The liturgy's scripture reading from Apocalypse speaks of "people from every nation, race, tribe and language" gathered around the throne of God, united under Christ, the "firstborn of many brothers and sisters". Here God reigns in "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace".

Against the backdrop of this same vision, Pope Francis draws together his encyclical, first with an appeal (which we summarise here), and finally with some beautiful prayers (which we will present next week).

Recalling his meeting with the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb where together they declared that religions must never incite war or hateful attitudes since "God, the Almighty, has no need to be defended by anyone and does not want his name to be used to terrorize people", the pope goes on to spell out their joint appeal for peace through dialogue which they make...

"... in the name of God, who has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and who has called them to live together as brothers and sisters, to fill the earth and make known the values of goodness, love and peace;  
"in the name of innocent human life that God has forbidden to kill;  
"in the name of the poor, the destitute, the marginalized and those most in need;  
"in the name of orphans, widows, refugees and those exiled from their homes and their



countries;  
"in the name of all victims of wars, persecution and injustice;  
"in the name of peoples who have lost their security, peace and the possibility of living together;  
"in the name of human fraternity that embraces all human beings, unites them and renders them equal, yet a fraternity torn apart by policies of extremism and division;  
"in the name of freedom, that God has given to all human beings;  
"in the name of justice and mercy, the foundations of prosperity and the cornerstone of faith;

"in the name of all persons of goodwill present in every part of the world."

Pope Francis humbly acknowledges: "In these pages of reflection on universal fraternity, I felt inspired particularly by Saint Francis of Assisi, but also by others of our brothers and sisters who are not Catholics: Martin Luther King, Desmond Tutu, Mahatma Gandhi and many more."

Fraternity must be truly ecumenical – and may even include a South African! Pope Francis concludes his reflections, which began with the poor man of Assisi, Saint Francis, by turning to another person of deep faith who made himself a brother to all: Blessed Charles de Foucauld. Of him, the pope writes:

Blessed Charles directed his ideal of total surrender to God towards an identification with the abandoned poor in the depths of the African desert. In that setting, he expressed his desire to feel himself a brother to every human being... By identifying with the least he came at last to be the brother of all. May God inspire that dream in each one of us!