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## From Father Raining

Wouldn't it be great if I won a million dollars? Well, maybe it wouldn't be so great. Not everyone has the same idea of a great time. One person's wish may be another's nightmare.

Take the story of three men who were sailing together in the Pacific Ocean. Their vessel was wrecked and they found themselves on an island. They had plenty of food, but their existence was in every way different from what their lives had been in the past. The men were walking by the seashore one day after they had been there for some months and found an ancient lantern. One man picked it up. As he began to rub it and clean it, a genie popped out and said, "Well, since you have been good enough to release me, I will give each of you one wish."

The first man said, "Oh, that's perfectly marvellous. I'm a cattleman from Wyoming and I wish I were back on my ranch." Poof! He was back on his ranch.

The second man said, "Well, I'm a stockbroker from New York, and I wish that I were back in Manhattan." Poof! He was back in New York with his papers, telephones, clients and computers.

The third man was much more relaxed about life and actually rather enjoyed life there on the island. He said, "Well, I am quite happy here. I just wish my two friends were back." Poof! Poof!

Everybody's idea of a "great time" isn't the same!

So is it true? Are many people sitting around wishing, "Now wouldn't it be great ...if I won the lottery...if I had my dream house...if I was famous..." As Christians...as the people of God...what if instead of wishing for money or fame or success or more "things," we could just as earnestly wish with all our hearts and souls and minds and strength that we could love the Lord our God and love our neighbour as ourselves?

First Reading: Moses encourages us to love God as completely as we can.  
*What can I do this week to strengthen my love for God?*

Second Reading: Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him.  
*What difficulty would I like Jesus to help me with today?*

Gospel: Jesus summarises our task as loving God and our neighbour.  
*Which of these love needs more attention in my life now?*

## Clergy Support Foundation - Bishop's Father's Day Appeal this weekend

Please support our priests' dignified retirement and those clergy who are in ill-health.

Your donations will enable our Clergy Health and Wellbeing team to provide our ageing clergy with the personal, professional, and practical care and guidance needed to transition to a dignified and well-deserved retirement. When their time comes to retire, many are without family to support them and assist with the everyday essentials for a comfortable retirement.

Ongoing assistance includes independent retirement living, aged care, or nursing home accommodation for frail priests; meals, transport and medical care as required.

Please give generously via the Clergy Support website [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal)

## Planned giving envelopes

If you haven't already done so, your planned giving envelopes are available to be picked up on the table in the Church foyer. Thank you again for your ongoing and continued generosity in supporting our parish.

All masses limited to 160. Bookings required for Weekend Masses.

### Weekend Mass times

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am and 5:00pm

### Weekday Mass times

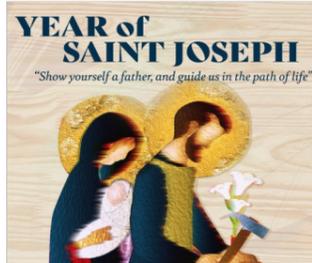
Monday to Friday 9.10am | Saturday 9.00am

(all preceded by the Rosary at 8:40 am)

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Baptisms: First and Third Sunday of each month

All Baptism bookings are to be made via our website



'Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life'  
8/12/2020—8/12/2021

### Moments of Mercy

God of unfathomable mercy, embrace the whole world and pour Yourself out upon us through the merciful Heart of Jesus.  
(Diary, 1183)

### Holy Hour for Vocations

You have been given new life in Christ. Forsake earthly materialism, in order to live life to the full.

### Catholic Weekly

The Catholic Weekly is now available for purchase from the Piety Stall.

- **Hold the line!**  
Archbishop urges NSW to stay strong on anti-slavery law.
- **Barron Down Under:**  
Don't miss out on this unique experience open to all.
- **Kristina Keneally:**  
Faith's no barrier to politics.
- **Hayden Ramsay:**  
The new normal? The challenges in working from home permanently.
- **Domestic Church:**  
Maronite faith in the home.
- **Justice for refugees.**

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## Holy Days of Obligation in Australia

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference determined that, in addition to all the Sundays in the year, the only feast days to be observed in Australia as holy days of obligation are the solemnities of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (December 25th) and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (August 15th). Moreover, these two holy days of obligation are to be observed annually, regardless of the day of the week on which they fall.

## All Saints' Day (November 1st) and All Souls' Day (November 2nd)

All Saints' Day commemorates all the saints in heaven. The feast dates back to the early Church, when communities would gather and celebrate the anniversary of the martyr's death. During the persecution under emperor Diocletian at the beginning of the fourth century the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each saint, so the Church established a common feast day for all the martyrs. The feast took on such importance in the life of the Church that from the beginning it was celebrated with a vigil and, from the time of Pope Sixtus IV (1471-84), with an octave. The liturgical celebration on the day before the feast became known as hallowed evening or Hallowe'en. All Saints Day represents the desire of the faithful to commemorate all saints, 'great multitude which no man could number' (Rev 7:9), especially those who have no proper feast day of their own. All Saints' Day is a time to consider the example saints offer us and to reflect on how we can imitate their lives. As Pope Benedict XVI said, All Saints' Day calls us 'to see the Church... as Christ wanted it, that is, as the communion of saints.'

All Souls' Day is also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead. A day of prayer and remembrance for souls of those who have died. Believers remember, pray and offer Mass for the souls in Purgatory, that they may be purified and attain the Beatific Vision. Believers pray for the souls which, on departing from the body are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or not fully atoned for past transgressions, and not yet able to be granted the Beatific Vision of with God in Heaven. The idea is that living faithful can help them with prayers, almsgiving and especially Sacrifice of the Mass. Between 998 and 1030, St Odilo of Cluny ordered the commemoration of the faithful departed on 2 November in all of the monasteries of his Benedictine congregation. From there, it spread among the other congregations of the Benedictines and among the Carthusians over the next two centuries. Soon afterwards, the commemoration of all the Holy Souls in Purgatory spread to the entire Church from the diocese of Liege under Bishop Notger in the ninth century. The day is dedicated to prayer and remembrance, with requiem Masses commonly held.

## Month Of The Holy Souls—The November Scroll

The November Scroll for the Holy Souls will be placed on the Altar as has been our custom. All Masses offered during November will be for the souls named on the scroll. If you would like to include your deceased family members and friends, please use the November envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church. These may be placed in the second collection.

## Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday afternoon

Commencing this Friday, we are resuming our Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in solemn and intimate prayer. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is held every Friday 3:30pm in the Marian Chapel and no booking is required.

## The Church is now open—some important points and reminders

- Bookings are required ONLY for Weekend Masses. To book please phone the office 9:00am to 1:00pm Mon, Wed and Thur.
- The Church is open every day for personal prayer.
- Upon arrival at the Church you will always need to sign in, sanitise and sit according to social distancing requirements.
- Masks are required inside the Church at all times, whether it be for Mass or personal visit.
- Our Masses will also continue to be livestreamed on Facebook.
- Reconciliation is available and is held on Saturday and be available from 4:00pm to 4:45pm
- There are no entry requirements based upon your vaccination status – the Church is open to everyone.

## Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Junelle Ausuncion, Maroun Ayoub, Marielin Suazo Barcelona, Marija Barclay, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, John Buggy, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, Christine Casey, Ron Cini, Christine Coorey, Sorayda Corpuz, Camarillo Cossid, Fevoura, Daroy, Joseph Daroy, Selene Daroy, Emma Davies, Mark Deady, Stephen Deady, Norman De Luca, Frederick de Silva, Gus DelVillar, Camille Diesta, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, David Edwards, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfil, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Jake Gaudins, Piper Hastings, Peter and Julie Herlinger, Colleen Holroyd, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Irrulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Elizabeth Kenny, Karen Le Huray, Sophie Lawrence, Josephine Mamari, Carolyn Martin, James Matos, Leanne Maree McInerney, Judy McNeilage, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess Micallef, Dennis Murray, Annie Newton, Lesley Palaki, Arun Papali, Iranie Perumal, Silvi Perumal, Des Prendergast, Emely Reyes, Rhiannon McInerney-Robertson, Honor Rosario, Kenneth Del Rosario, Rudy Severino, Joe Stagnitta, Marty Stockford, John Trost, Pelenatete Tuaimau, Karl Wagner, Patrick Wheeler.

**Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances. May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times. Amen**

## Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Josephine Clayton, Saverio & Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Brian Baker, Major Dante Dinanno Snr, Annette Herft Anna & Ratnam Joseph, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Andrew Busuttill, Kerry Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Michael & Julia Sherman, Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine Adolphe, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Jim Rowan, Michelle Makin, Tony Draybi, Donald Ramage, Dex Habito, Andy and Maureen Haddad, Charlie Micallef, Maggie Simpliciano, Lourdes Zaballa, Patricia Minahan, Matthew Essey, Joseph Borg, Louis Saliba, Wasley Adolphe, George Khodeir, Richard Cassin. **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**