

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses: YANCHEP: 6 p.m. Saturday Vigil, St James Anglican Church, 2 Lagoon Drive. GUILDERTON: 8 a.m. Sunday, Guilderton Community Hall, Wedge Street. LANCELIN: 9.45 a.m. Sunday, 33 Gingin Road, Lancelin.

Confessions: before Mass on request

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9 a.m. at the presbytery, Wednesdays 3 p.m. at Bethanie Beachside Aged Care.

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We pray for the sick of our community, especially:

Pat Murphy, Ken and Toni Meek, Delores Servais, Michael Ford, Jim Walsh, Paula Cope, Pat Barone, Deanna Burge, Christina Even, Josephine del Bene and Len Sims.

We pray for all departed souls from this Pastoral area, and we ask them to pray for us.

Mary Crawford, Des Elliot, Barry Murphy, Jim and Marion Ferguson, Pat O'Prey, John Sheahan, Carmen Germann, Yvonne Wytenburg, Frank and Netje Walser, Ian Kinner, Dennis Galora, Tom Cox, Alice Greig, John Bird, Ray Knapp, Giuseppe Del Bene, Bruno Rogalski, Bill Fleming and Ronnie Spratling (died in Victoria, 29 October 2014). (Please email me if I have forgotten anyone.)

Communion Antiphon | Cf. John 11:25-26

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On **All Souls' Day**, Sunday 2 November, Fr Augustine will conduct the All Souls' Liturgy at Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park, Whitfords Avenue, Padbury between 2.30 and 3.30 p.m.

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Notably, the term is also applied to describe the death of the martyrs in *4 Maccabees*: "for they became a ransom for the sin of our nation, and through the blood of these pious ones and their atoning death [*kai tou hilastēriou tou thanatou autōn*]" (4 Macc. 7:22). Christ is the martyr *par excellence*. His death brings the eschatological atonement. Of course, believers are called to "imitate Christ" (cf. 1 Cor. 11:2). Thus Paul describes how he himself is being "poured out like a libation" (Phil. 2:17). Believers too should "present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (Rom. 12:1). Death represents the culmination, then, of a life-long process of learning to become a sacrifice like Christ.

Sunday Bulletin

All Souls Day

Year A



An angel frees the souls from Purgatory (detail), Ludovico Caracci, 1610, oil on canvas, Pinacoteca Vaticana

Entrance Antiphon | Cf. 1 Thes 4: 14; 1 Cor 15: 22

Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

First Reading ‡ Isaiah 25:6-9

The Lord God will destroy death forever.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord God will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;

the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm ‡ Ps 22 (23).

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
or ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading ‡ Romans 5:5-11

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.
Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger?

When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation ‡ John 6:40.

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that all who believe in the Son have eternal life,
and I will raise them up to life again on the last day.

Alleluia!

Gospel ‡ Matthew 11:25-30

You have hidden these things from the learned and have revealed them to children.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Commentary on the Second Reading by Michael Barber

<http://www.thesacredpage.com/2014/10/hope-does-not-disappoint-readings-for.html#more>)

What value does the death of the righteous have? Christ shows us. Through his death our redemption is accomplished.

Specifically, like the first reading, the death of the righteous, namely, Christ, is described in sacrificial terms. Christ as "justified us by his blood".

The language here harkens back to a statement earlier in Romans:

they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as an expiation by his blood. . . (Rom. 3:25)

The Greek word used here for "expiation" is *hilastērion*. This term is used for the "mercy seat", i.e., the top of the ark of the covenant in the Greek Old Testament (LXX). It is here that the sacrificial blood is sprinkled to bring atonement on the Day of Atonement (cf. Lev. 16:15-22).

The terminology thus points to the idea of a sacrificial atonement.
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