



## Gospel Mt 5:1-12

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what  
is right:  
they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the  
cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.

There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

mtate@bigpond.com



# WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

*St Bridget's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*

**All Saints**

**1 November 2020**

## First Reading Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

*I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6**

**(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

- 2 Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-3

*We shall see God as he really is.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet  
been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.  
Surely everyone who entertains this hope  
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as  
Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:28

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

The psalm responses are from the English Translation of the Lectionary for the Mass ©1981 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc.(ICEL). All rights reserved. The psalm texts, from The Psalms, A New Translation, ©1963 by The Grail, England and used by permission of the publishers. The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.

© 2017 Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd  
All use must be in accordance with your user licensing agreement.



**St Bridget's Parish Greythorn - Parish Directory:**  
**48 Sweyn Street, Balwyn North 3104.**

**Parish Priest:**  
 Fr John Salvano  
**Assistant Priest:**  
 Fr Toan Nguyen  
 (Contact St Bede's Parish Office  
 9401 6355)  
**Priest in Residence:**  
 Fr Kevin Lenehan  
**Parish Secretary:**  
 Mario Landini  
*Note: The Parish Office is closed  
 during Stage 4 restrictions.*  
**Parish Contact:**  
 Phone: 9857 6395  
 Email: [greythorn@cam.org.au](mailto:greythorn@cam.org.au)  
[news@stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au](mailto:news@stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au)  
 Web: [www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au](http://www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au)  
**Parish Hall Hire:**  
 Enquiries - Parish Office 9857 6395  
**Sacramental Program:**  
 Contact: Edgar D'Souza  
 0412 183 141  
**Child Safety Co-ordinator:**  
 Anne Credlin  
 (Contact via Parish Office)  
**Refugee Action Group:**  
 Chair: Robert Stewart  
 Contact via Parish Office  
**St Vincent De Paul Society**  
 President: Anne Hartley  
 Help Line 1800 305 330  
**Parish School:**  
 Principal: Robyn Thomson  
 Contact : 9857 6394  
**NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by  
 appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for  
 details.**

**We Remember:** We remember our deceased family and friends including Peter Hamden recently deceased; and Frank Paoli whose anniversary occurs at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord. We pray for the sick (Roma Matheson and Thina Raman) and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love.

**Follow up:** A couple of weeks ago, all parish volunteers would have received a Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Persons Declaration and were asked to read, sign and return it to the Parish Office. At the same time, a number of volunteers were asked to renew their Working With Children Check and or obtain a Police Check. These are standard documents required under our Audit obligations, Archdiocese and Parish WWC Policy and Government legislation.

Parishioners are urged to complete the above documentation and return them to the parish office at an early opportunity so that we can commence to plan the Ministry rosters for 2021.

**Meditation, Prayer and Chat:** Connect with our affiliated parishes and fellow parishioners by connecting via zoom to:

- ❖ **Friday Night Prayer** – will continue and from next week will be hosted by Jo Ryan.
- ❖ **Meditation Group** – 9.30am each Wednesday via zoom – contact Susie Hii on [susiehii.hc@gmail.com](mailto:susiehii.hc@gmail.com) for connection details.
- ❖ **Scripture Reflection** – 11.00am each Sunday via zoom – contact Susie Hii on [susiehii.hc@gmail.com](mailto:susiehii.hc@gmail.com) for connection details.

**Refugee Family Support:** St Bridget's Refugee Action Group **NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Covid 19 has been a big challenge for the refugee families. They have no access to government financial support including JobKeeper or JobSeeker. It has been difficult for them to manage day to day expenses. Unfortunately the father of our first family is now ill and will be unable to work for the next six months whilst having medical treatment. Until he is well and able to return to work, we propose to assist the family in any way we can. We seek your financial assistance to support the family in this time of need. Please donate directly to St Bridget's Refugee Family Support Fund (Tax deductible). Bank account details are below. Please include your name in the "remitter" field.

Account name: St Bridget's Parish Refugee Action Group  
 Bank: National Australia Bank  
 BSB Number: 083-347  
 Account Number: 34780 0103

A donation facility through Catholic Care is being set up. Details will be advised when available.  
 Your generous support is appreciated. Thank you in advance. RAG.

**Lector Roster for 7 & 8 November.**

Saturday 7, @ 5.00pm	Sunday 8, @ 10.00am	Sunday 8, @ 5.30pm
E Kelly	Sr P Watson	R Stewart
<b>NOTE: Lectors please ensure that you book your attendance via Trybooking.</b>		

**Mass Times at our Parishes from 2 - 8 November:**

	St Bridget	St Bede	St Anne	St Joachim
<b>Monday 2 Nov</b>	10.00am		8.00am	
<b>All Souls</b>	11.00am	9.15am	10.00am	
<b>Wednesday 4 Nov</b>			10.00am	
<b>Thursday 5 Nov</b>		9.15am		
<b>Friday 6 Nov</b>				
<b>First Friday</b>	8.30am	9.15am	10.00am	
<b>Saturday 7</b>		4.30pm	4.30pm	
	5.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	
<b>Sunday 8</b>		8.00am		
	10.00am	9.30am	9.30am	
	5.30pm	11.00am	11.00am	8.00am

Dear Parishioners,

This week has seen a significant opening up of our society, and – after some hard bargaining by representatives of faith communities – of our churches.

As of this week, our timetable for Masses is shown above.

All parishioners are welcome to book in at any Mass across the affiliated parishes. Please arrive at least 5 minutes prior to the beginning of the Mass so that:

1. You can be temperature checked;
2. You have time to hand sanitise;
3. You are marked off as an attendee.

Parishioners must book in via Trybooking. The link will be sent out each Thursday. If you do not have the internet, then ring the parish office on Wednesday morning to be booked in. If you find – after booking – that you are unable to attend, please cancel so that someone else can use that place. There is a strict limit of ten people at each Mass. Social distancing applies, and no-one may be admitted unless wearing a mask (except people with a medical exemption).

It is important that we carefully observe the conditions set down for us to open up, so that further easing of restrictions can occur later.

Weekday Masses will be linked by a separate Trybooking bulletin:

**Broadcast Mass**

We will continue to offer the broadcast Mass each week, rotating around our churches. Online Mass is available from 5pm Saturday, and can be accessed from either parish website [www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au](http://www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au) or [www.parishofstanneandstbede.org.au](http://www.parishofstanneandstbede.org.au) and follow the prompts. For this week the link is <https://youtu.be/oBZvlfY0yo4>

**Friday Afternoon Prayer**

Jo Ryan has agreed to host the Evening Prayer on Fridays commencing next week. Link to the zoom session will be sent as usual on Thursdays.

Kind regards,  
 Fr John Salvano