



Heart to Heart

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marayong australia



From the Desk of Fr Kevin Straight to The Hearts

Praying for the Faithful Departed

The month of November is the dedicated time to remember and offer prayers for all our deceased brothers and sisters. We pray especially for our deceased loved ones and for those who recently passed away. Our prayers also go to those who die without anyone to remember them. Our prayers, cemetery visits, flowers, candles etc. express our love and honour for our deceased family members, relatives and friends. We hope and pray that our departed loved ones are with God and His angels and saints in heaven.

The Holy Bible assures us that the "souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in **peace**." (Wisdom 3:1-3)

The Catholic Church has a long tradition, right from the very beginning, a practice of praying for the dead. Our Catechism explains that the "Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above

Hearts of Jesus and Mary (HJM) Prayer Community

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To be a group of people who are journeying together in faith, guided by the Spirit of God, growing and learning from each other, and whose life, as a whole, follows the footsteps of the Master Himself...that is, a life of prayer and active, loving service to others.

all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead." (CCC, 1032)

The Church liturgical calendar has designated the first of November as the solemnity of All the Saints and the second of November as the commemoration of All the faithful departed (All Souls Day).

We also honour those people who gave a shining witness to Jesus Christ in their heroic and saintly lives. They are the saints and martyrs whom the Church has publicly declared their holiness and faithfulness to God in the midst of sufferings, trials, temptations and violence.

May the saints and martyrs give us the courage and inspiration to live saintly and holy lives so that God's light may shine through us and be shared with others despite our human sinful tendencies.

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As Pope Francis said, "We can compare them (saints) to the Church windows which allow light to enter in different shades of colour. 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". But they were all transparent; they fought to remove the stains and the darkness of

sin, so as to enable the gentle light of God to pass through. This is life's purpose: to enable God's light to pass through; it is the purpose of our life too."

Let us remember and pray for our deceased loved ones with gratitude and honour. May our prayers help us to trust more in God's mercy, forgiveness and providence.

From the Core group

The last Core group meeting was held on 14 October. The next one will be on 18 November.

Apostolate Ministry – The quarterly Bible Cell Facilitators meeting has been postponed. The graduates from the Life in the Spirit Seminar will be invited to join the St Mary MacKillop Bible cell.

Growth Ministry – The Life in the Spirit Seminar was a success. The feedback is very positive – simple, solemn, well organized, relaxed, not rushed. The speakers are home grown. All ministries contributed to the effort. For next year, the ministry is planning to organize a talk on Charisms.

Music Ministry – For October and November, the ministry is rostered to coordinate the parish music activities. The ministry will continue to provide music during the 5pm mass on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. As there is a 5th Saturday for October, the ministry called for volunteer singers from HJM. The ministry is also coordinating the Combined Choir practice for the November Bereavement Mass and its participation for the November 26 concert being organized by Social Justice Group.

Praise and Worship Ministry – Due to the SJG concert on November 26, the prayer meetings for November will be on 1st and 3rd Saturday, i.e. 5th and 19th November. The ministry is looking for prayer leader volunteers for 2023 for March 2023 onwards.

Prayers and Intercessory Ministry – The online nightly Divine Mercy chaplet and the Holy Rosary prayers are ongoing. The ministry would like to extend its appreciation to all the prayer warriors who helped in the last LSS.

Service Ministry – The service ministry took charge of the food services for the 2 days of LSS. The cleaning of the storeroom in FBC has been completed. The next church cleaning is on December 2 after the first Friday Mass. All Bible cells will assist in the cleaning.

Pastoral Team – The planning for HJM anniversary and Christmas celebration has commenced. It will be held on December 11 at 12-4pm at the Greenway function room in The Fiddler, Rouse Hill. The booking for Fr Byrne Centre for 2023 has been submitted to the parish office. HJM is invited to attend the Christ the King celebration by CCR on November 20 at St Patrick church in Blacktown.

Any feedback from the HJM members, please send to the Pastoral Team or corresponding ministry.



Sharing the good news!

Bible Cell: Blessed Trinity

Message: Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.

Action: How do you acknowledge your sinfulness?

Bible Cell: St. Mary MacKillop

Message: Pray continually to Me that you may be worthy of My call.

Action: How did you position yourself to respond to God's call to serve?

Bible Cell: Our Lady of Fatima

Message: Pray unceasingly.

Action: What unanswered prayer can you continue praying for?

Bible Cell: St. John Paul II

Message: Humble yourself before God and your prayers will be answered.

Action: Share on how your prayers are answered.

Bible Cell: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Message: NIL

Action: NIL



LINDA AGUAS

Sis Linda has been a long-time member of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary prayer community for almost three decades now together with her husband Bro Danny Aguas, who once was a very valuable member of the Music Ministry, as both completed the Life in the Spirit Seminar in 1993.

A devout Marian devotee, Sis Linda is a committed member of the Mary Immaculate Group at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Kellyville for 15 years now.

Both Sis Linda and Bro Danny are currently members of the Blessed Trinity Bible Cell which holds regular Bible sharing once a month.

Their marital union has been blessed with three beautiful daughters namely: Celeste (married to Darryl), Antonette and Mariliz plus a gorgeous granddaughter, Caitlyn.



LORIE ATIENZA



Sis Lorie has been an active and dedicated member of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary (HJM) prayer community since 1999, the year she attended and completed the Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS).

Married to Bro Efren, who attended the LSS in the year that followed, their union has been blessed with three gorgeous children who were all active in the former Youth Ministry in our prayer community.

Sis Lorie was formerly the Head Servant of Service Ministry – Finance. She used to serve as a Minister of Communion and giving communion to the housebound as well as a church reader of St Andrew's Parish Marayong.

Sis Lorie used to volunteer at St Vincent de Paul in Rouse Hill and taught Catechism in Quakers Hill East Primary.

Sis Lorie is currently a member of Blessed Trinity Bible Cell Group.

Sis Lorie states that she is a contented housewife and enjoying her peaceful home with her 3 children.

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Hearts of Jesus & Mary

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Upcoming Events and Celebrations

HJM PRAYER MEETING, SAT, 5 NOVEMBER 2022

PLACE: FR BYRNE CENTRE
TIME: 6.30PM to 7.30PM
LEADER: SIS LINDA AGUAS

CORE MEETING, FRI, 18 NOVEMBER 2022

PLACE: FR BYRNE CENTRE
TIME: 7.30PM to 9.30PM

HJM PRAYER MEETING, SAT, 19 NOVEMBER 2022

PLACE: FR BYRNE CENTRE
TIME: 6.30PM to 7.30PM
LEADER: SIS LORIE ATIENZA

1st FRIDAY MASS, 2 DECEMBER 2022

PLACE: ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
TIME: 7.00 PM
(FOLLOWED BY CHURCH CLEANING)

HJM CHRISTMAS AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - SUNDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2022

PLACE: THE GREENWAY FUNCTION ROOM, THE FIDDLERS,
CNR COMMERCIAL RD & WINDSOR RD, ROUSE HILL
TIME: 12.00PM to 4.00PM



November

December

Happy birthday and God's blessings to the ff:

Soc Penafiel	Nov 1
Rosemary Ferrer	Nov 2
Iodine Carreno	Nov 8
Dora D'Lima	Nov 9
Len Limguangco	Nov 20
Mel Bustamante	Nov 28
Lorie Atienza	Nov 30

Siony Singh	Dec 8
Marilou Van Asten	Dec 9
Freddie Lorenzo	Dec 9
Nenette Gapud	Dec 11
Ed Sayo	Dec 18
Merlie Domingo	Dec 23

Anniversaries

None for November

Romy and Josie Durante	Dec 14
Remy and Mercy Aquino	Dec 21
Delfin and Fe Hernandez	Dec 27
Noel and Jackie Tolentino	Dec 27

**There will be no December issue for Hearts to Hearts newsletter.
Have a Merry Christmas everyone. Stay safe.**



Let us remember those who are away from their loved ones, those who are suffering from war, sickness, hunger and grief. Let us pray for PEACE in our heart, for our family, for our community, for our friends and for the entire world.