

# S. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## FOR ALL THE SAINTS

This coming Tuesday 1st November we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. It is a very precious day in which we call to mind the calling to life that we all share - the call to holiness, to be one with God. There are those whom we celebrate especially this day who have been officially Canonised by the Catholic Church and are sharing in Eternal Life with Jesus Christ and we give the title as Saints. God has rewarded them for their dedicated charity and service in their lives in various ways under various titles: Angels, Apostles, Martyrs, Scholars, Virgins, Pastors, Religious amongst the most popular. God has brought them to the eternal home of heaven that we all journey towards. We are on that pilgrimage today and, like the Saints, we stumble and fall. We get up and try again. We can call upon the Angels and Saints who pray for us on our journey and wish us to know one day the perfect happiness that they enjoy. Saints of God, pray for us.



## HELP LORD THE SOULS

Wednesday 2nd November is The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or, All Souls, as its most commonly known. Not everyone who has died is ready for that

eternal joy of heaven due to the imperfection caused by sin but nobody is beyond the reach of our merciful God, not even those who have died. Many journey through the process we call purgatory in which they can be cleansed and prepared to dwell with the Risen Christ, the presence of perfect love. We, as the Church here on earth, call to mind and pray for all whom we have known, all whom we didn't know and all who have been completely forgotten and pray for God's mercy upon them. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

