



All Saints & All Souls Day

3 Nov 2024

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

All Saints Day was started in the eighth century by the Catholic Church as a day to commemorate all the 'official' Saints or martyrs who didn't already have a specific day of remembrance. For the church today, it has become a day for celebrating all those followers of Jesus whose lives inspire or have inspired us. This day is a chance to remember those Christians who have gone before us and influenced our lives in some way and to reflect on the continued presence of Christ on earth through his followers.

All Souls Day is in many ways an extension of All Saints Day, but with particular emphasis on remembering those who have died. It is a time also to reflect on the hope that is part of the Christian faith – that of life beyond this life. And to consider the 'great cloud of witnesses' that is talked about in Scripture – the idea that we remain connected to and seen by all those who have been gathered into God, as we are in Christ and Christ is in us beyond the boundary of time, space, and death.

Those we name as Saints in our tradition are those who were willing to pour themselves out in some way. They may not have been perfect, but they reflected strongly one facet of God's goodness in a way that brought great inspiration and healing to others.

The feast days themselves are on Friday/Saturday. We will observe them together on Sunday 3 November, in a service of Eucharist that will include commemoration of our loved ones who have died.

I look forward to worshipping with you on this special day.

*May God feel near
Yukiko*

News & upcoming events



This week, we looked at different types of puzzles; knob puzzles, chunky wooden puzzles, nesting boxes, hammering toys, threading, train sets, cardboard puzzles. It is lovely to see babies are interacting with others.



Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: **20 November** Wednesday at **10 am** at Settler's Lounge

Parish dinner

9th Nov (Saturday) at Holy Cross

Starting at 6:30

Please put your name and how many people are coming on the list this Sunday giving us an idea of numbers coming. If anyone needs any dietary requirements (vegetarian, gluten free, dairy free, egg free etc), please write that down. Alternatively, let the office know by email.

If you can, bring a plate to share... bearing in mind the only things you have to bring are yourself, a good appetite, and a sense of fun! We will provide drinks and some food. There are some nice live music happening during the night.



Please feel free to invite your family, friends, and those who have come to our parishes!

Annual General Meeting will be held after the service on **Sunday 17th November** at Holy Cross. Some draft documents for the budget 2025 will be available at Holy Cross this Sunday (and next two Sundays) to read in advance of the meeting.

Roll

If you have been worshipping with us for 6 months, and are baptised, you are eligible to be on the roll of those who have speaking and decision-making rights in the meeting. You can check whether you're on the roll, and ask to have your name added, by talking to InCheol in the office.

Nominations

At the AGM we will receive our annual report and elect officers for the coming year. If you are interested in being on our vestry, which is the governing body of our church, please fill in a nomination form - which will be available this Sunday and next Sunday.

Christmas gifts for children and mothers at ATWC

We are again collecting new inexpensive Christmas gifts for children and mothers at ATWC. A collection basket will be in church on Sunday **10th November until 26th November**. Gifts are to be left unwrapped.

We pray for

- Cessation of conflict between Israel and Gaza; Israel and Lebanon; Israel and Syria.
- The Waiapu Cathedral in Napier, unable to afford earthquake-proofing.
- All the students who are preparing for exams.

This Week's Question

Why did Jesus weep in that verse?

Readings

	<u>3rd October</u>	<u>10th November</u>
1 st Reading:	Isa 25:6-9	Ruth 3:1-5;4:13-17
Psalm	Ps 24	Ps 127
2 nd Reading:	Rev 21:1-6a	Heb 9:24-28
Gospel:	John 11:32-44	Mark 12:38-44

This week's summary:

1 st Reading:	Isaiah poetically describes how the LORD of hosts will defeat shame, sin, and death at this feast.
2 nd Reading:	Jesus sets up a strong imperative in John 13 for us to create the Kingdom of God on earth through our mutual love.
Gospel:	Jesus was angry and groaning deeply in his spirit and he was stirred up in his mind, heart, and body by Lazarus' death.

Sentence

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true. (Revelation 21:5)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, your saints are one with you in the mystical body of Christ: give us grace to follow them in all virtue and holiness until we come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; Amen.

This Week's Service Songs (Karin)

Opening:	For all the Saints
Gospel:	Great is thy faithfulness
Offertory:	Sing with all the Saints in Glory
Recession:	O when the Saints go Marching in

Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>3rd November</u>	<u>10th November</u>
Sacristan	Dorothy Shultz	Val Deas
Welcomer	Alison Thompson	Ria Gormley
1 Readings	Linda Wells	Bernadette
2 Readings	Dorothy Meyer	Christian
Presiding	Yukiko	Rhona Stace
Prayers	Yukiko	Dorothy Meyer
TV Setup & Slides	Gary Wells	Graham Wood
Morning Tea	Gary & Linda	Karen West
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Ria Gormley

St Michaels

	<u>3rd November</u>	<u>10th November</u>
Welcome & Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian Simpson	Bruce Goertz
Presiding	Yukiko	Bruce Goertz

This Week's Answer:

Because his friend Lazarus died.

Liturgical Colour: WHITE

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All Saints' Day Prayer



*Dear God, today we rejoice
in the holy men and women
of every time and place.
May their prayers bring us
your forgiveness and love.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen