

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Oratory – Mackay

Serviced by the Priests of the Society of St Pius X

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Dear Faithful,

Remembering the Forgotten Souls

November is a month particularly dear to the heart of Holy Mother Church. During this month, she asks us to remember the souls of the faithful departed, especially those still suffering in Purgatory, waiting for the blessed moment when they will enter Heaven and see God face to face.

These souls are very dear to Our Lord. They died in His friendship and are certain of reaching Heaven. Yet before entering that eternal happiness, they must be purified of whatever remains of their sins. They love God with all their hearts and long to be united with Him forever. What suffering it must be to love God so much and yet be unable to see Him!

Among these souls, there are some who seem to have been forgotten. Perhaps their relatives have died, their friends no longer remember them, or no one thinks to pray for them by name. How many years may have passed since someone last offered a prayer for their repose!

We can become their benefactors. We may never have known these souls on earth, but through our prayers and sacrifices, we can help them reach Heaven.

What more precious gift could we offer them than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and our Holy Communion? Every Mass brings before the Heavenly Father the infinite merits of Our Lord's sacrifice upon Calvary. When we assist at Mass with devotion and receive Our Lord lovingly in Holy Communion, let us remember these poor souls. Let us ask Jesus, Who loves them so tenderly, to have mercy upon them and hasten their entrance into Heaven.

Let us not forget our daily offerings either. A small sacrifice made cheerfully, a temptation resisted, a duty performed without complaining, a decade of the Rosary said with devotion: all these can be offered to God for the Holy Souls.

And think of this beautiful consolation: one day, through God's mercy, a soul for whom we have prayed may enter Heaven. What gratitude that soul will have towards us!

So, throughout November, let us be particularly generous. Let no day pass without offering something for these forgotten souls. They cannot thank us now, but one day, in Heaven, we may discover just how much our small sacrifices have accomplished.

May Our Lord, through His most Precious Blood, grant eternal rest to the faithful departed, especially those whom no one remembers in prayer.

A Simple November Practice

Every day throughout November, offer one small sacrifice for the forgotten souls in Purgatory, and pray:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Whenever you receive Holy Communion, ask Our Lord to deliver at least one forgotten soul from Purgatory.

Fr Mwangi

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Mass Times: Masses will be celebrated at Newhaven Crematorium Chapel,
218 Harbour Road, Mackay

Confession time: 60 minutes before Mass and **finishing 5 minutes before the Mass starting time.**
Rosary: 30 minutes before Mass.

Fri 30st Oct	**Feria**	**6.00pm**
Sat 31st	**Our Lady on Saturdays**	**6.00pm**
Sun 1st Nov	**Feast of All Saints**	**9.00am**
Sun 15th	**25th Sunday after Pentecost**	**6.30pm**

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Notices

Month of November The month of November is The Month of the Holy Souls.

Feast Days 1st – All Saints Day
2nd – Holy Souls Day

Masses for the Holy Souls: In the Month of November it is customary for us to write names of our deceased family members, relatives and friends on a piece of paper and put them in an envelope, which is then placed on the altar throughout this month. Mass offerings can be put in the same envelope as well. Please put these envelopes on the inside table, next to the Holy Water Bowl.

Indulgences for the Poor Souls: The conditions to gain a plenary indulgence applicable only for the Souls in Purgatory during the month of November.
We must be (1) free from all attachments to sin (2) receive Holy Communion on or near the day we perform the action required and (3) go to Confession within eight days. (4) We may perform one of the following acts.

a) On All Souls Day, visit a church with the intention to pray for the departed and say the Our Father and the Creed and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father

b) During the week of the Departed (1st to 8th November, visit a cemetery and pray even mentally, for the dead and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Marriage Recollection: Holy Cross Parish is holding a Marriage Weekend retreat for couples on the 21st and 22nd November 2026. Meals and accommodation are provided. Infants in arms permitted. Cost: $100 per couple. Contact Holy Cross on (02) 48295177, or email at goulburn@sspx.au or use the link to register: https://tinyurl.com/ycyten8h

Eucharistic Crusade: Parents wishing to enrol their children (7 to 15 years) are to contact Fr Mwangi on 0490 435 984 or j.mwangi@fsspx.email

First Collection: The first collection covers the day to day expenses of the Society such as flights for the priests to and from Brisbane. People wishing to direct deposit their first collection can do so as per instructions below.

Second Collection: This collection **is for the Mackay Building Fund** which will go towards the purchasing of a Church. People wishing to direct deposit this donation can do so as per the instructions below. Please continue praying that a suitable place will be found.

Bank Account Details

1ST Collection: Church Account: Society of St Pius X
BSB 014-295 Account No. 2597-10714

2ND Collection: Building and Improvements Fund
BSB 014-141 Account No. 2727-32619

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