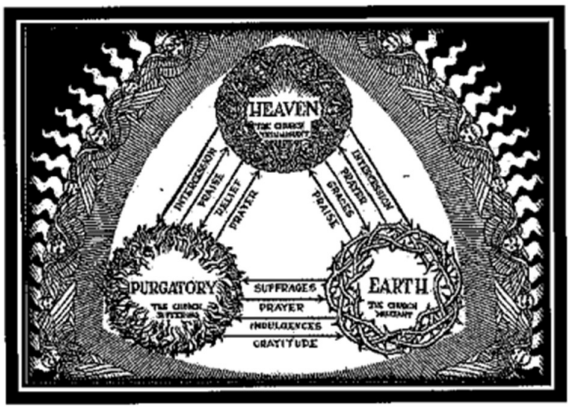
Christ the King Catholic Church
East Greenmount

Serviced by the Priests of the
Society of St. Pius X



November 2026

Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory



"Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgement that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven – through a purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1022)

Back cover of *Novena for the Relief of the Poor Souls in Purgatory*, 1931

The faithful on earth can help the holy souls in purgatory by good works; in particular by prayer, fasting. alms-deeds, by offering or being present at Mass, by receiving the sacraments and gaining indulgences.

"Not by weeping," says St John Chrysostom, "but by prayer and almsgiving are the dead relieved."

Prayer for the dead is of great benefit to ourselves, for it is a work of mercy. Christ accepts every deed of mercy as a favour done to Himself (Cf. Matt. 25:40); the departed also display their gratitude when they get to heaven.

Says Sr. Marie Lataste: "Thou canst do nothing more acceptable to God or profitable to thyself than to pray for the holy souls; for they will be mindful of your favours in heaven, and will pray unceasingly for you…that you may become holier in life and be freed from purgatory soon after death.

From *The Catechism Explained*, Spirago, 1921, p278-80

November 1st	All Saints
November 2nd	All Souls
November 29th	1st Sunday of Advent



The Gold Ring

A man of noble rank, but unhappily a great sinner, at length, touched by grace, felt some desire to be converted; but as he was too well known in France, he went to Rome…

Pope Pius VI actually heard his confession, and was even edified by the excellent dispositions he manifested; and yet when it came to the imposing of penance, the foreign nobleman would accept none of those which the Pope gave him. He was too weak to fast, he said; he had not time to read or pray much;…..to make a pilgrimage to some venerated shrine, all that, his occupations did not permit. To watch, to give himself the discipline, to lie on the ground, oh! his health would suffer too much.

The Pope, in his wisdom, then gave him, for his whole penance, a gold ring, on which were engraved the Latin words *Memento Mori*, which means, "Remember thou shalt die." He imposed it on him to wear this ring on his finger, and to read at least once a day the words engraved upon it…..

The daily sight of that ring penetrated him with the thought of death, that he ceased not to say within himself: "Alas! Since I am condemned to die, what have I to do here below except to prepare for a good death? What doth it profit me to spare my health which death will soon take from me altogether? What use is it to pamper my body and take such care of it, since it is to rot in the ground?"

When he had made these reflections for some time, no penance appeared too painful for him. He thence-forward accepted all those that were imposed on him, and persevered till death in those happy dispositions.---*Schmid.*

Excerpt from *Teacher's Handbook to the Catechism*, 1904, pp240-1



All parishioners are invited to join the **Rosary Prayer Group** that meets on Wednesday mornings in Toowoomba. Devotions begin at 9.30am and continue for about 45minutes, followed by a cuppa.

A few of us also gather in a park in Pechey Street, over the road from the front entrance to the Base Hospital, on Friday mornings to pray for the defence of the unborn.

Please see Geoffrey Purcell for details of these events.

St Elizabeth of Hungary, Model of Charity & Penance
Feast Day 19 November

Daughter of King Andrew of Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed at the age of four to Louis IV, landgrave of Thuringia. Their marriage was celebrated ten years later.

The profoundly Christian couple brought three children into the world. On September 11, 1227, Louis IV of Thuringia died in Otranto at the age of 26, on his way to the Crusades. The Church venerates him as a Blessed.

Once a widow, Queen Elizabeth devoted herself to the education of her children and to works of charity, especially for the poor and sick, showing a particularly maternal care for lepers.

Driven from the royal court with her children, she led a life of penance entirely devoted to the poor and needy for whom she had a hospital built. She died a pious death on November 17, 1231, at the age of 24, having lived a saintly life.

Numerous miracles soon brought crowds flocking to her tomb, and her renown spread throughout the Catholic world, leading to her canonization by Pope Gregory IX.

From *SSPX US District Newsletter*, Nov. 19, 2025

The Advent Wreath

(from catholic.org)

The Advent Wreath, a venerable European tradition, can be a way to involve even very little children in learning about Christian preparation - not only for celebrating Our Lord's birth, but to make our hearts truly ready to receive Him.



The wreath's symbolism of the advent (coming) of Light into the world is clear. The gradual lighting of the four candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colours of the candles (purple is the penitential colour used during Advent and Lent; rose is a liturgical colour used only on Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent) help to symbolize not only our expectation and hope in Our Savior's first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world.

The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represents everlasting life. The seedpods, nuts and cones used to decorate the wreath are symbolic of resurrection, and fruits represent the nourishing fruitfulness of the Christian life.

Gathering materials for the wreath - perhaps on an outing in the park or woods, or even in the backyard - and assembling it at home is an interesting family project in which even the youngest children can participate.

On the first Sunday of Advent, you may sprinkle the wreath with holy water and bless it before the first purple candle is lit. The appropriate Advent collect can be said as the candle[s] are lit each day of the week, followed by the blessing before meals, if you use the wreath at mealtime. The second Sunday two purple candles are lit; the third Sunday, two purple and one rose; and all candles are lit on the fourth Sunday.

Children who are old enough can take turns lighting the candles. (The littlest ones can blow them out at the end of the meal.) If you use the wreath at mealtime, it is helpful to place it on a tray or platter so it can be moved, and to protect the table from candle wax.

On Christmas Day, all the greens and decorations are replaced with fresh ones, and four new white candles, symbolizing Christ, replace the coloured ones and are burned throughout the Christmas season.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Beginning on November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires *[here mention your request]* through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Christ the King Church East Greenmount

2 Hodgson Street, East Greenmount

Mass times for November 2026

(Month dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory)

Date	Time	Details
Sunday 1st November **All Saints**	9.00am	Low Mass
Sunday 8th November **24th Sunday after Pentecost**	9.00am	Low Mass
Sunday 15th November **25th Sunday after Pentecost**	9.00am	Low Mass
Sunday 22nd November **Last Sunday (26th) after Pentecost**	Please check Oxley bulletin	Low Mass
Sunday 29th November **1st Sunday of Advent**	Please check Oxley bulletin	Low Mass

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Banking Details

Church Account (For donations): Society of St Pius X, ANZ Mt Ommaney
BSB 014 295 Account No 2597-10714

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