St. Mary's, Waterloo Park

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1st November
All Saints' Sunday
Sunday and Weekday Service

Welcome!

The Collect
God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns
27 All who would valiant be
499 Make me a channel of your peace
190 For all the saints
320 How shall I sing that majesty

First Reading, *Revelation 7.9-end*
After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are

these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Second Reading, *1 John 3.1-3*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel, *Matthew 5.1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Post Communion
God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercessions

The World: For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods and earthquakes. For emergency workers working in disaster areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources.

The Church: The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishops Stephen and Sarah, Bishop Ruth, Bishop Simon, Archdeacon Pete, Interim Area Dean Louis. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, Our Larger Single Parish, Christ the River of Life and local ecumenical partners.

The Diocese: Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Walton Breck, Four Oaks Primary, St Luke, St John, Walton, St Nathaniel, St Aidan, St Mary, Walton on the Hill , Arnot St Mary Primary School, St Paul, Emmanuel, Fazakerley, All Saints Worship Centre Kensington.

For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: Hewie, Graham Forrest, Olga Gregor, Jess Farrell, Edith Keeton, Joy Billington, Revd. Gregor Cuff, Michael Mahon.

For the departed remembered at this time: James Abraham, Stanley Orme, Hilda Gardner, Graham Mott, Pauline Clarke, George Acton, Jean & William Weir, Alexandar Holme, Bruce Maytham.

Notices

- **Sefton Churches' Christmas Toy Appeal:** The annual toy appeal is once again being facilitated by St Nicholas's Church this year.

Hardships faced by families continue, and donations will be gratefully received. We need new toys for children of all ages. Gift vouchers are helpful as gifts for the teenagers. Please do not wrap the gifts as they need to be sorted for age groups and gender. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Liz Sinker on 07796628901 / alsinker@hotmail.com.

We will be collecting for this appeal during our service on **Sunday 29th November,** so please do bring donations along, and we will arrange for them to be delivered to St Nicholas' Church.

Events

- **Tuesday Club**: On **Tuesday 3rd November** at **2:30pm** in St. Mary's Meeting Room:- Lino Cutting with Iona.

- **Bingo at St Faith's Parish Hall:** Our last bingo of the year will take place on **Friday 13th November** at **1:00pm**. £5 including tea and coffee, good company and cash prizes! Plus extras – raffle and a spot the ball! In aid of St Faith's Church and the Plaza Community Cinema.

- **Advent Course:** Peter Walker will be leading an Advent Course in St Mary's meeting room, beginning at **2:30pm** on **Monday 23rd November** – it will run for four Mondays. Each meeting will end at approx. 4:00pm and will be followed by Evening Prayer, for those who wish to stay. Each week we will explore one of the Advent themes of **Hope, Peace, Joy** and **Love.** The sessions will include prayer, personal reflection and Bible study and seek to link them to both Christ's mission and to our own understanding of his call to us. If you can, bring a Bible, a pen and some paper - but most of all, an open mind!

Services at St Mary's	
This Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist **All Saints' Day**	Louis Johnson
Monday – Thursday, 5:00pm **Evening Prayer**	
Wednesday, 10:30am **Eucharist**	Janet Bissex
Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist **Remembrance Sunday**	Janet Bissex

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