

## All Saints' Masses during the coming week

Wednesday 19th February - 10.00am Mass  
Friday 21st February - 10.00 Mass (at high altar)  
Saturday 22nd February - **9.00am** Mass  
Sunday 23rd February - 10.00am Mass

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## All Saints' Church, Sidley



..and Jesus said ....'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.'

Luke 6.20

Sunday 16th February 2025 - 10.00am

**Parish Mass**

## WELCOME TO THE PARISH MASS FOR SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This week's "entrance antiphon" the passage of Scripture that is read (or sometimes sung) at the beginning of Mass reads "Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name." These words are beautiful, of course, but they can sometimes cause people deep upset.

The reason is that sometimes bad, even terrible things happen to good people. How is it that God is our stronghold that protects us when we find ourselves in the midst of such sorrow? The answer is that God's time is not our time. In fact, God is not *in* time as we are. He appears in time in the Incarnation of Christ, but He is beyond time and eternally dwells in unapproachable light. This passage from Psalm 30 is speaking of God's *eternal* protection not necessarily protection here and now. For we know that the earliest Christians were willing to be hurt and even die rather than deny the Truth whom they had come to know- who *is* Jesus Christ our Lord.

May we all grow in faith, knowing that God is our protector, and no matter what befalls us in this tumultuous world, we have a strong rock to cling to and a loving shepherd to guide us.

**Fr Ian**



### Prayer for the Faithful

The Sick: Michael and Diane; Bill; Sharon; Pat; Wendy; David; Sheila; Michael; Nina; Rob; Dee; Glyn; Margaret; Stewart; Ian; Ron; Fran; Sam; Tessy, Shana; Jean; Andrew; Andrea; Sam; Teresa; Pauline; Edward; Kathleen; Stewart; Val; Ann; Shirley and children Sebastian; Pryia and Vinnie and babies Maxwell; Lily and Ivy-Mae.

### The Recently Departed

Nikki Whitelock; William Holden;  
Roger Morecumb and Sally Hancock.

### Anniversaries of Death

- 16th Irene Castell;
- 17th Margaret Smart;
- 18th Alice Baker;
- 19th Raymond Darby;
- 20th Brian Graebe (Parish Reader);
- 21st Irene Hunniset;
- 22nd Wilfred Clifton; Thomas Hunniset.

## **Gospel - Luke 6.17, 20-26**

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man!

Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.’

## **Hymns**

### **(Celebration Hymnal for Everyone)**

Processional Hymn - 528	O God our help in ages past
Gloria - 460	(Murray)
Offertory - 602	Praise my soul the king of heaven
Post Communion - 88	Blest are the pure in heart
Recessional Hymn - 40	Amazing grace

## **First Reading - Jeremiah 17.5-8**

Thus says the Lord: ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord.

He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

‘Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.’



### **Psalms 1.1-2. 3. 4, 6. R Psalm 40.5a**

*Response (R) Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.*

Blessed indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the path with sinners,  
nor abides in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord,  
and who ponders his law day and night. **R**

He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season,  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper. **R**

Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they, like winnowed chaff,  
shall be driven away by the wind.  
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish. **R**

### **St Paul's First letter to the Corinthians 15.12, 16-20**

Brothers and Sisters:

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

