ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS, YEAR A

Reading I: Rev 7: 2-4, 9-14
Reading II: 1 Jn 3: 1-3
Gospel: Mt 5: 1-12

Revised Roman Missal: 1071

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History: A Look Back in Time
All Saints Day has a long history. It started in the early Church. Christians wanted to honor all martyrs. These were people who died for their faith.

In the 4th century, the Church in the East began a special feast. It was held on the Sunday after Pentecost. Later, the Church in the West also wanted a special day. In the 8th century, Pope Gregory III set November 1st as All Saints Day.This day was chosen for a reason. It was the time of year when many people celebrated harvest festivals. The Church wanted to give a Christian meaning to these celebrations. So, All Saints Day became a time to honor holy people.

All Saints Day grew in importance. By the 9th century, it was celebrated by many Christians. Today, it is a holy day of obligation. This means Catholics should go to Mass on this day. It is a day to remember and celebrate all saints.

Why All Saints Day Matters
All Saints Day is very important in the Catholic Church. It reminds us of all the saints in heaven. These saints lived holy lives and followed Jesus. They are our examples and guides.

The Church teaches about the Communion of Saints. This means all believers are connected. We are one family in Christ. The saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory, and the faithful on earth are all united.

The saints help us by their prayers. We can ask them to pray for us. They are close to God and can intercede for us. This is a great comfort and support for us.

All Saints Day also reminds us of our own call to holiness. We are all called to be saints. We are encouraged to live good and holy lives. This day inspires us to follow Jesus more closely. In the liturgy, we honor the saints with special prayers and readings. The Mass on All Saints Day is a joyful celebration. We thank God for the saints and ask for their help. It is a time of hope and joy.

Celebrating All Saints Day strengthens our faith. It helps us remember that we are never alone. We have many friends in heaven who pray for us and guide us. This day is a reminder of our shared journey towards heaven.

Reflection Questions:

- Which saint's life inspires you the most? Why?
- How can you follow the example of the saints in your daily life?
- What small acts of love can you do to make a difference?

- **SECOND COLLECTION**
  A second collection will be taken for the upkeep of the Church and its grounds. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

- **BLESSING OF THE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY**
  The blessing of the Christian cemeteries in Kuala Belait and Tunggulian will take place on Monday, 2 November at 9:30AM.

- **ALL SOULS DAY MASS**
  All Souls' Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 2 November at 6:00PM.

- **DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**
  The first Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be on Friday, 6 November after the daily Mass. Please note the change in Mass time to 5:30pm.

- **DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**
  The first Saturday of the month, which is 7 November, will be devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It will be recited after the daily Mass at 5:30 pm.

- **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION**
  Our Confirmands will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, 8 November at 6:00PM. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

- **CULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL**
  This year, we will be having a Cultural Food Festival (also known as Christmas Fete/Family Fun Day) on Sunday, 22 November at 10:30AM. In collaboration with the 100 years of Mission - One in Christ, United in Mission – we join in fellowship with one another, celebrating our diversity through food and drink, and bringing our communities together.

  Vendors: All vendors are welcome and registration fee is $20 plus 10% of profits. Please register by 16 November at the Parish Office, and state what food or drinks, you will be selling.

  Coupons: Only coupons would be accepted on the day, and they will be on sale next weekend.

DONATION

Cheque to be made payable to: Vicar Apostolic of Kuching (KB)
OR bank in to Baiduri Bank Account: 03 02 110 426070.

After payment, please WhatsApp us at +6738348855 and send picture of transaction. Thank you for your generosity.

REGISTRATION FOR INFANT AND CHILDREN BAPTISM

Open for children aged 7 years old and below.

SCHEDULE: Every THIRD week of the month.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Child's Birth Certificate.
- Parent's Sacrament of Matrimony Certificate.
- Godparent's Confirmation Certificate

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ADMIN AT WHATSAPP 8348855

RECONCILATION / CONFESSION

It is available 30 minutes before Sunday Mass or you may request for an appointment through the Parish Office Admin at WhatsApp 8348855.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Meet Parish Priest SIX MONTHS before the intended date of marriage.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Baptism and Confirmation Certificate.
- Marriage Preparation Certificate if you are from another Parish.
- Civil Marriage Certificate if applicable.
- IC's copy for both candidates and witnesses.
- Photo (Passport size).

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DATE	TIME	READINGS
2 NOVEMBER—Monday **ALL SOULS' DAY**	**6:00pm (Mass)**	Is 25: 6-9; Rom 5: 5-11; Mt 11: 25-30
3 NOVEMBER—Tuesday 31st Week in Ordinary Time	**5.30pm (Mass)**	Phil 2: 5-11; Lk 14: 15-24
4 NOVEMBER—Wednesday 31st Week in Ordinary Time	**5.30pm (Mass)** *NO HOLY HOUR*	Phil 2: 12-18; Lk 14: 25-33
5 NOVEMBER—Thursday 31st Week in Ordinary Time	**5.30pm (Mass)**	Phil 3: 3-8; Lk 15: 1-10
6 NOVEMBER—Friday 31st Week in Ordinary Time	**5.30pm (Mass)** *followed by the DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS*	Phil 3: 17—4: 1; Lk 16: 1-8
7 NOVEMBER—Saturday 31st Week in Ordinary Time	**5.30pm (Mass)** *followed by the DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY*	Phil 4: 10-19; Lk 16: 9-15
8 NOVEMBER—Sunday **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**9.00am (Mass)** **6.00pm (Mass)**	Wis6: 12-16; 1 Thes4: 13-18 (or 4: 13-14); Mt 25: 1-13.