



HOLY FAMILY

Doveton

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Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil.... 6.30pm
Sunday..... 9.30am
.....11.00am
Healing Mass.....7.00pm

Spanish Mass
4.30pm Saturday.

Weekday Masses
Monday..... 9.15am
Tuesday..... 9.15am
Wednesday..... 7.00pm
Thursday..... 9.15am
Friday..... 9.15am
Saturday..... 9.15am

Reconciliation:
Saturday 9.45-10.15am
.....6.00- 6.25pm
Tuesday 9.45- 10.15am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Tuesday after Mass
Every Thursday at 8.00am
Every First Friday all day
Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday.....7.00pm
Prayer Meeting:
Tuesday.....7.30pm

Baptisms, Marriages:
Speak with Fr. Michael.
Church weddings only.
No Parks or reception centres.
In other Catholic churches
For practising parishioners only

Funerals
We do our best to fit in with your wishes. We prefer not to Have viewings in the church.

Hall may be available for hire on Sunday afternoons. For cost, and availability ring parish office.

Parish-website
holyfamilydoveton.org.au

THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME 10TH NOVEMBER 2019 – YEAR C

The God of the Living!

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees.

The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses.

The Sadducees are described in this Gospel as opponents to the belief in resurrection. In the dialogue presented here, we see an example of the means of disputation that was common in first century Judaism. The Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. According to Deuteronomy 25:5-10, if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection.

Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus (Chapter 3) that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game!

More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, “. . . for to him all are alive.”

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This Week

Euch: Paul Richardson, Sajan Jose, Jennifer Rawlins

Reading: Lynette F, Anne P, Maureen M, Paul R, Jasmin V, Royston D

Readings: 2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

Next Week

Lynette Francis, Joe Marvin, Antony Fernando

Davina R, Josephine P, Maureen M, David N Jnr, YOUTH MASS

Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

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NOTICES

Healing Mass:

Every Sunday evening at 7.00pm.

Catechism Classes

For State school children on Thursdays at 4.00pm in the Small Hall.

Youth Group

Fridays 7.00pm in the small hall.

Parish Prayer Group

Meets every Tuesday at 7.00pm - 8.30pm in the Big Hall. New parishioners are always welcome.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Timings:

Tue: 4.30pm - 6.15pm

(Age: 3-6; 6-9; 9-12)

Wed: 5.00pm - 6.45pm

(Age: 3-6; 6-9; 9-12)

Thur: 10am - 11.30am

(Age: 3-6)

Holy Family Youth - Fund Raising Dinner

Dance

Saturday 23rd November 2019, 7.30pm onwards.

READINGS

MONDAY

St Martin of Tours

Wis 1:1-7;
Lk 17:1-6

TUESDAY

St Josaphat
Wis 2:23-3:9;
Lk 17:7-10

WEDNESDAY

Wis 6:1-11;
Lk 17:11-19

THURSDAY

Wis 7:22-8:1;
Lk 17:20-25

FRIDAY

Wis 13:1-9;
Lk 17:26-37

SATURDAY

Wis 18:14-16;
19:6-9;
Lk 18:1-8

SUNDAY

Mal 3:19-20;2
Thess 3:7-12;
Lk 21:5-19

The Catholic roots of Halloween, the Vigil of All Saints' Day

By Christopher Wells

Although Halloween has been embraced by the secular world, its foundations are firmly rooted in Catholic tradition. Dr Malcolm Brown of the Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture explains the significance of All Hallows' Eve. In the modern world, and especially in English speaking countries, Halloween has become one of the most important holidays of the year, with millions of children and adults dressing up as their favourite heroes, superstars, ghouls and goblins.

While some people have connected Halloween to earlier pagan celebrations of the new year, Halloween actually has significant Catholic roots.

Vatican News spoke with Dr Marcel Brown, of the Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture in Tulsa, about the Catholic roots of Halloween. "The feast of Halloween is one of those feasts on the Catholic calendar that is celebrated on the eve of a great solemnity", he said. Dr Brown explained that the word Halloween refers to the Feast of All Saints. The word itself is taken an older English term, "hallows," meaning "holy"; and "e'en", a truncation of the word evening, in reference to the Vigil of the feast. "So really, Halloween is the feast of the celebration of the feast of All Hallows'", he said. "So it's a day when Catholics celebrate the triumph of the Church in heaven, and the lives of the saints on earth".

The modern focus on the eerie or mysterious also has a Catholic aspect. "When we think of Halloween, I think we often think of ghosts and goblins, and ghoulish faces", Dr Brown said. "But even these, in the Catholic tradition, are supposed to be reminders of death and of the last things". He continued, "So just as we commemorate the feast of All Saints on November 1st, beginning with All Hallows' Eve on Halloween, we also think about and turn our minds really, to the last things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. And really our focus should be, since we all must die and are destined to judgment, how then we to live?"

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news>

PAPAL NEWS : Cardinal Ribat of PNG: What is happening in the Amazon is also our story:

The Amazon Synod was inspiring not only for the people of the Amazon region but even for other parts of the world such as the Pacific Islands. "In the Pacific and in Papua New Guinea many islands are becoming small, we are surrounded by the sea, and we are confounded by what is happening around us during storms and the rising sea level... This kind of situation risks our life and makes us ask questions: 'Where will we be after all these islands are gone?'" the Cardinal wondered. Cardinal Ribat says, islands in the Pacific do not have vast areas of land as other continents, and that is why the little that is there is precious. "The land is life to the people, the land is everything, so when you take it away, you deprive people of their lives. No individual owns the land; the land belongs to the whole community" Cardinal Ribat said in keeping with Catholic Social Teaching, the Church in PNG would continue to speak out in defence of the rights of the poor and vulnerable. "We don't have weapons; our weapon is the faith. Our faith is our hope in the Lord, and our hope is that there should be due justice for the people."