

TRINITY NEWS

WEEK 44.
October 29, 2023
Proper 25

All called to holiness.

*T*his week, we will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints' Day, more precisely on Wednesday November 1, 2023. Let us begin our reflection on this by considering the passage from Leviticus (19, 1-2.17-18.) God is the Holy One and the Creator of human life, and the human being is at the same time blessed and bound by the perfect holiness of God. This is why all human life is holy, sacred, and inviolable. According to Leviticus 19.2, the holiness of God constitutes an essential imperative of moral behavior: "You must be holy because I, the Lord your God, am!" This statement, fraught with consequences, admirably describes the vocation of each man and woman as well as the entire mission of the Church throughout history: it is the call to holiness.

Be holy as your heavenly Father is holy.

Holiness is a truth that permeates the entire old covenant: God is holy and calls all people to holiness. The Mosaic Law said: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." Holiness resides in God and it is only from God that it can be communicated to the summit of God's creation: the human being. We are made in the image and likeness of God, and the holiness of God, his "absolute otherness" has left its mark on each and every one of us. Human beings become the instruments of God's holiness for the world. This holiness is the fire of the Word of God, which must live in our hearts and set them on fire. It is this fire, this dynamism, which will consume the evil in us and around us and bring forth holiness by healing and transforming the society and culture around us. There is only holiness to eradicate evil; hardness does not succeed. Holiness inscribes in society a seed of healing and transformation.


Holiness is a way of life that involves commitment and activity. Far from being confined to passivity, holiness consists of constantly choosing to deepen one's relationship with God and then letting this privileged relationship inspire our action in the world. Holiness requires a radical change of mentality and attitude. By accepting the call to holiness, we make God the ultimate goal in every aspect of our lives. The fundamental orientation towards God surrounds and underlies our relationship with other human beings.

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Supported by a life of virtue and confirmed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are increasingly drawn to God and to the moment when we will see Him face to face in the afterlife and taste perfect union with Him. Here and now, we achieve holiness by working our hardest, patiently raising our children, and cultivating constructive relationships at home, in school, and at work. If we integrate all of this into our response to God's love, we are on the road to holiness.

The Church is "the home of holiness" and holiness is our truest image, our most authentic calling card and the best gift we give to the world. It best describes who we are and what we strive to become.

	<p>Buildings and Grounds Committee</p> <p>The Buildings and Grounds Committee is looking for new members.</p> <p>The Buildings and Grounds Committee oversees the renovation, improvement and development of the Church, all the buildings within the compound, including the Rectory, and the grounds including the carpark area. We have a number of interesting and important projects to be carried out now and in the future and this is your opportunity to join us and make a real difference to the present and the future of our Church.</p> <p>If you would like to get involved, please speak to or email any of the current committee members who are: Andy Malpass, Phil Thoburn & Edison Yap.</p> <p>Our contact details are available from the Church office or you can see us after Church most Sundays.</p> <p>Phil Thoburn, <i>Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee</i></p>
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Coming up:

- Nov. 1 All Saint's Day, 10:00 am. service
- Nov. 2 All Souls' Day, 10:00 am. service
- Nov. 4 Wedding, 2:00 pm.
- Nov. 11 Wedding, 1:30 pm.
- Nov. 12 Remembrance Sunday, 9:30 am.
- Nov. 19 Wedding, 3:00 pm.
- Nov. 19 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service hosted by Santuario, 7:00 pm.
- Nov. 30 Wedding, 2:30 pm.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, 29 October.

James Hannington was born in 1847 of a Congregationalist family but he became an Anglican before going up to Oxford. He was ordained and, after serving a curacy for five years, went with the Church Missionary Society to Uganda. He was consecrated bishop for that part of Africa in 1884 and a year later began a safari inland from Mombasa, together with other European and indigenous Christians. The King of the Buganda, Mwanga, who despised Christians because they refused to condone his moral turpitude, seized the whole party, tortured them for several days and then had them butchered to death on this day in 1885.

Richard Hooker, Anglican Apologist, 3 November. Born in Heavitree in Exeter in about 1554, Richard Hooker came under the influence of John Jewel, Bishop of Salisbury, in his formative years and through that influence went up to Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he became a fellow. He was ordained and then married, becoming a parish priest and, in 1585, Master of the Temple in London. Richard became one of the strongest advocates of the position of the Church of England and defended its 'middle way' between puritanism and papalism. Perhaps his greatest work was *Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity* which he wrote as the result of engaging in controversial debates. He showed Anglicanism as rooted firmly in Scripture as well as tradition, affirming its continuity with the pre-Reformation *Ecclesia Anglicana*, but now both catholic and reformed. Richard became a parish priest again near Canterbury and died there on this day in the year 1600.

A fool or a wayfaring man can detect flaws without effort; the cheapest vocation of life is that of a critic. [Charles Henry Brent, *Adventure for God*, 1920]