



Celebrating
**ALL SAINTS' DAY
& ALL SOULS' DAY**

Rev Lisa: Good afternoon and welcome to our prayer for the feasts of All Saints and All Souls.

These two special days remind us that God has a special plan for everyone. Before we were born, God willed for us to live with Him forever. When we were baptized, we became part of a special family called the *communion of saints*, who share in Jesus' gift of His holiness.

The saints are people who said "yes" to God's plan for them and are now in heaven.

Some were children and young people, some were mothers and fathers, some were monks, priests or nuns, and some were single people. On All Saints Day we praise and thank God for what He has done for us through these holy people. We ask the saints to pray for us that we might love our God and neighbour the way Jesus taught us. On All Souls Day, we pray for all people who have died. We ask God to bring them to the joyful banquet of heaven to be with God and the saints forever.

Let us begin our prayer in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen



Teacher: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus saw the crowds who were there. He went up on a hill and sat down. His followers came to him. Jesus taught the people and said:

“Those people who know they have great spiritual needs are happy ... the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Those who are sad now are happy ... God will comfort them.

Those who are humble are happy ... the earth will belong to them.

Those who want to do right more than anything else are happy ... God will fully satisfy them.

Those who give mercy to others are happy ... mercy will be given to them.

Those who are pure in their thinking are happy ... they will be with God.

Those who work to bring peace are happy ... God will call them his sons.

Those who are treated badly for doing good are happy ... the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

“People will say bad things about you and hurt you. They will lie and say all kinds of evil things about you because you follow me. But when they do these things to you, you are happy. Rejoice and be glad. You have a great reward waiting for you in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord

All:

Thanks be to God

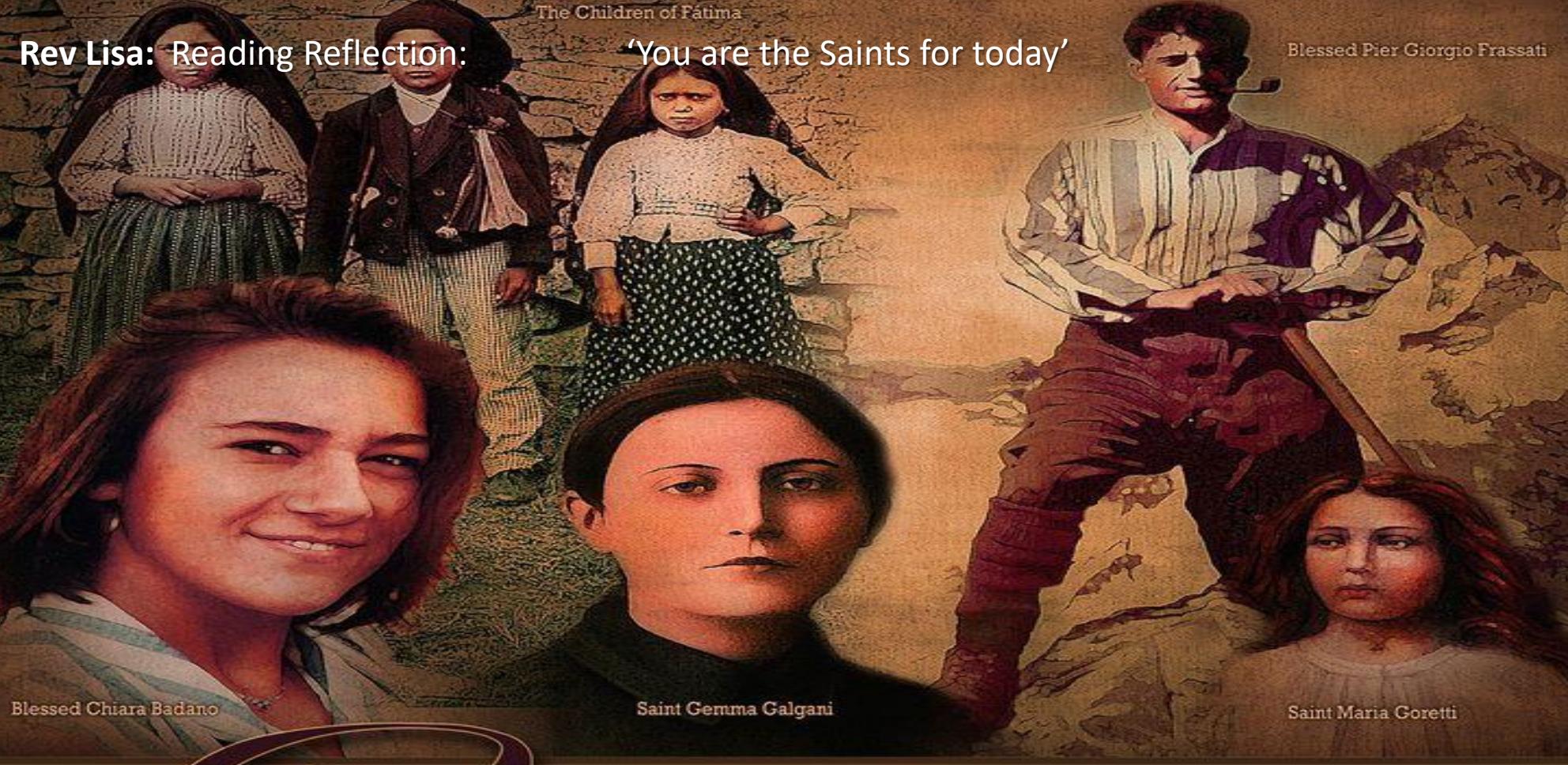


Rev Lisa: Reading Reflection:

The Children of Fatima

'You are the Saints for today'

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



Blessed Chiara Badano

Saint Gemma Galgani

Saint Maria Goretti



Be a saint.

"Young people of every continent,
do not be afraid to be the saints of the new millennium!
Be contemplative, love prayer; be coherent with your faith
and generous in the service of your brothers and sisters,
be active members of the Church and builders of peace."

To succeed in this demanding project of life, continue to listen to His Word,
draw strength from the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Penance.

The Lord wants you to be intrepid apostles of his Gospel and builders of a new humanity."

- Saint Pope John Paul II

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Pupii: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters;
God loves you and has chosen you as his own special people.
So be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient.
Put up with each other,
And forgive anyone who does you wrong,
Just as Christ has forgiven you.
Love is more important than anything else.
It is what ties everything completely together.

Each one of you is part of the body of Christ,
And you were chosen to live together in peace.
Whatever you say or do should be done
In the name of the Lord Jesus,
As you give thanks to God the Father because of him.

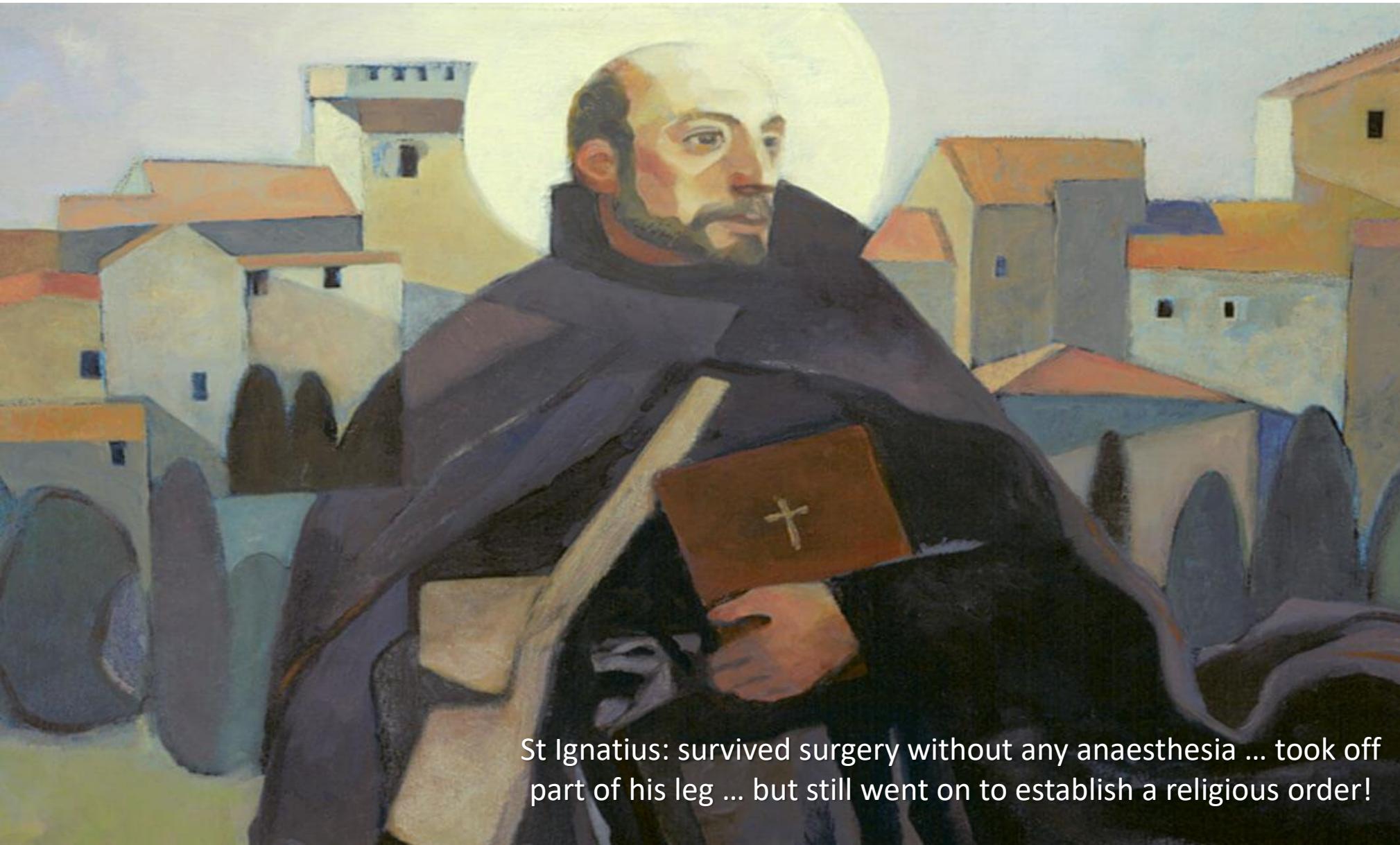
The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God



Mr Doust: Reading Reflection:

'Meek ain't weak'



St Ignatius: survived surgery without any anaesthesia ... took off part of his leg ... but still went on to establish a religious order!

A color photograph of a woman with dark hair, smiling, holding two young children. She is wearing a light-colored dress with a small floral pattern on the chest. The child on the left has curly hair and is looking down at something she is holding. The child on the right is wearing a white bonnet and is looking towards the camera. They are standing in front of a large, misty mountain range under a clear sky.

St Gianna: put the life of her unborn
child before her own



Oscar Romero: campaigned for the rights of the poor in El Salvador even though by doing so, he suspected it would eventually lead to his own death





Chiara Badano: led a life of giving and a life of love ... "Young people have only one life and it's worthwhile to spend it well."



When her life was nearly at an end, she said, "I have nothing left, but I still have my heart, and with that I can always love."

Pope Benedict XVI: "She was a normal, everyday girl, and possibly a normal, everyday saint."



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Pupil: Let us pray for all God's children, that everyone will learn to share what God has given us to live as brothers and sisters in peace. We pray to the Lord...

All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Pupil: Let us pray for our Church leaders, our bishops and all the clergy, that with God's help they might always be wise and generous in leading others to live as God's holy people. We pray to the Lord...

All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Pupil: Let us pray for our teachers and school staff. That God will continue to fill them with His strength and peace as they work to make our school a home for the Gospel of Jesus. We pray to the Lord...

All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Pupil: Let us pray for our friends and relatives who have died. May God lead them to the joy of heaven and send us his comfort and peace. We pray to the Lord...

All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Pupil: Let us pray for ourselves. That we might treasure our Baptism, which has made us one in Christ: a communion of saints. We pray to the Lord...

All: **Lord, hear our prayer**



Additional Prayer Intentions

Rev Lisa: Let us bring together all our prayers: -those we have spoken and those in the quiet of our hearts, uniting them to the prayer of Jesus, using the words he gave us.

All: Our Father , who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

Rev Lisa: Final words & Blessing

