ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, KINGSTONHILL

PARADE OF SAINTS
ALL SAINTS DAY

PREPARATION HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS

03 November 2024 at 10.30 am Mass

PARADE OF SAINTS

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN THE CATHOLIC WAY!

Halloween may be popular in the secular world, but its roots are actually in Catholic tradition. The word "Halloween" comes from "All Hallow's Eve (All Saints Eve)" – the night before All Saints' Day, when we remember those who have entered our heavenly home.

To celebrate this beautiful tradition, **on Sunday, 3rd November 2024 at the 10:30 am Mass,** we're excited to host our first Parade of Saints!

We invite all children to join the fun by dressing as your favourite saint. Whether it's St. Lucy, St. Mother Teresa, St. Joan of Arc, St. Lawrence, Mother Mary, St Joseph or any saint you admire, we'd love to see you bring these holy men and women to life!

Those dressed as saints will be invited to join the Procession during offertory of Mass and walk out at the end in a joyful recessional. It's a perfect chance for families to talk about the saints, maybe even choosing one you're named after or someone who inspires you.

After Mass, children will be awarded a medal and a surprise prize for their participation! Let's make this a fun, faith-filled celebration for all.

St. Lucy, St. Mother Teresa, St. Joan of Arc, St. Sebastian, and all holy men and women, pray for us.

Join us at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Kingston Hill

– Fr. James Raj

HOW TO PICK A SAINT

Here are some fun ideas for choosing a saint:

- **Saint You're Named After:** Many of us are named after a saint! Research the life of your namesake and honor them by dressing up as that saint.
- **Patron Saint:** Choose a saint who is the patron of something you love – sports, animals, music, or a specific cause.
- **Saints Who Inspire You:** Whether it's St. Francis' love for nature, St. Joan of Arc's bravery, or St. Teresa's kindness, pick a saint whose life speaks to your heart.

POPULAR SAINTS TO CONSIDER

- **St. Francis of Assisi:** Patron of animals and the environment.
- **St. Joan of Arc:** A courageous young warrior and leader.
- **St. Sebastian**: Patron saint of athletes and soldiers.
- **St. Cecilia:** Patron of music and musicians.
- **St. Mother Teresa:** Known for her incredible love and care for the poor.
- **St. Joseph:** A model of fatherhood and protector of the Holy Family.
- **St. Thérèse of Lisieux:** Known as "The Little Flower," she believed in doing small things with great love.

PRAYER TO SAINTS

"Dear God, we thank you for the examples of the saints, who show us how to live in faith and love. May we always strive to follow their footsteps in serving others and loving you. St. Lucy, St. Joan of Arc, St. Francis, and all holy men and women, pray for us!"

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE PARADE OF SAINTS

- All children and adults dressed as saints will join the opening Procession at Mass and recess out at the end.
- After Mass, children will receive a special medal and a surprise prize for participating!
- It's our first Parade of Saints, so come with joy and enthusiasm, and let's make this a tradition of faith and fun!

EXAMPLE COSTUMES

SAINTS PARADE