ALL SAINTS- 1ST NOVEMBER

Good morning/evening my name is…… and I welcome everyone to Mass at St Mark's. Today is All Saints Day – a day to honour all saints and martyrs who have reached heaven, both known and unknown.

We begin our Mass with an Acknowledgement of Country:

St Mark's respectfully acknowledges the past and present traditional owners of this land, the Jagerra people. We remember the many footprints that have gone before us on this land and waterways. We are thankful to be praying and gathering on Jagerra country.

Please stand for the first hymn.

Priest: **Brothers and Sisters, gathered as the people of God, let us bring our prayers to God for our needs and the needs of the world.**

Reader: That with the whole church we give thanks for the countless holy men and women who have shown us the way to holiness. (pause) With *the saints we pray, Lord hear us:*

Reader: That leaders of nations will work cooperatively for justice and peace. (pause)*With the saints we pray, Lord hear us:*

Reader: That those who are unjustly imprisoned for their religious or political beliefs will find freedom. (pause) *With the saints we pray, Lord hear us:*

Reader: That those who are poor in body and spirit will be blessed.(pause) *With the saints we pray, Lord hear us:*

Reader: For those who have died, may they reach their eternal reward. (pause) *With the saints we pray, Lord hear us:*

Priest: **Father, all powerful and ever living God, today we rejoice in the witness and lives of holy men and women. Hear these prayers and help us to bear witness to your gospel with courage, conviction and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen.