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## Feast days of the week:

Wed 29 Jul	Saint Martha
Thur 30 Jul	Saint Peter Chrysologus
Fri 31 Jul	Saint Ignatius Loyola
Sat 1 Aug	Saint Alphonsus Mary de Liguori

## Mass times this week:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: Church will open from 4:00pm, Mass at 5:15pm  
Every Tuesday: Rosary at 1:00pm

Thursdays and Fridays: Church will open from 12noon, Mass at 1:05pm  
Every Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration 12noon (with Benediction before First Fridays)

Saturdays: 9:00am Novena, followed by Mass at 9:30am

Sundays: 9:00am and 10:30am

Confessions: Before Mass Tuesday to Saturday, particularly 12:30 – 1:00pm  
Friday and Saturday 9-9:30am

## Covid-19 Archdiocesan/Parish Regulations:

1. No person who is unwell should come onto the parish property. (Archbishop Fisher's dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation remains in place indefinitely.)
2. A distance of 4 square metres per person is to be maintained inside all parish buildings, including when queuing to receive Holy Communion.
3. A distance of 1.5 metres between persons is to be maintained outdoors everywhere on the parish property
4. Those persons entering the church who have registered their contact details with the parish are to sign against their name.
5. Those who have not already registered their contact details with the parish, are to write their name and contact details (*phone number and email address*) and sign their name against those same details.
6. **AFTER signing in**, all persons entering the church are to use the hand sanitizer placed on the sign-in table.
7. Please observe the orange markers as to where to sit on each pew.
8. There is no need to sign-out.

**(If at all possible, please bring your own pen to sign-in)**

Thank you everyone for your co-operation and patience during these abnormal times.

## Cardinal Scola calls out Pope Francis' critics: **'The pope is the pope'**

Gerard O'Connell

July 21, 2020 – Source: Crux Now

Cardinal Angelo Scola, the runner-up in the last papal conclave, has twice in recent weeks come out strongly against those, especially within the church, who frequently and increasingly attack Pope Francis. "It's a very strong sign of contradiction and denotes a certain weakening of the people of God, above all of the intellectual class," he said. "It is a profoundly wrong attitude because it forgets that 'the pope is the pope.'"

"It is not by affinity of temperament, of culture, of sensibility, or for friendship, or because one shares or does not share his affirmations that one acknowledges the meaning of the pope in the church," the cardinal said in an interview published on the Archdiocese of Milan's website on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination on July 18.

"[The pope] is the ultimate, radical and formal guarantor—certainly, through a synodal exercise of the Petrine ministry—of the unity of the church," the cardinal, theologian and former rector of the Pontifical Lateran University stated.

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Then, referring to the countless ways in which attacks have been launched against Pope Francis in these years, the former cardinal-patriarch of Venice and archbishop of Milan declared, "I consider these forms of pronouncements, letters, writings, pretenses of judgments on his action, above all when they establish irritating comparisons with previous papacies, a decisively negative phenomenon that is to be eradicated as soon as possible."

Both in the interview and in a new introduction to the second edition of his autobiography, *Ho scommesso sulla libertà* ("I Bet on Freedom"), written with the Italian journalist Luigi Geninazzi and released on June 13, the Italian cardinal emphasized that one has "to learn the Pope" ("imparare il papa"), an expression he said he got from St. John Paul II.

"It means to have the humility and the patience to empathize with his personal history, the way he expresses his faith, addresses us, and makes choices of leadership and governance," Cardinal Scola said. He added that this is "even more necessary in relation to a Latin-American pope, who has a mentality and a different kind of approach than we Europeans." He recalled that "something similar also happened with John Paul II."

Cardinal Scola declared, "I truly consider admirable and moving the extraordinary capacity of Pope Francis to make himself close to everyone, and especially to the excluded, to those who are subjected to 'the throw-away culture' as he so often reminds [us] in his keenness to communicate the Gospel to the world."

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Moreover, he said, "some gestures of Pope Francis strike me very much and are certainly very significant for everyone, even for nonbelievers. Given my temperament, I would not be able to do them; but then each one has his own personality."

In the introduction to his autobiography, the 78-year-old cardinal, who enjoyed a very close relationship with John Paul II and Benedict XVI, wrote, "Pope Francis seeks to shake up consciences by calling into question consolidated habits and customs in the church, each time raising the bar, so to speak."

"This can cause some bewilderment and upset," he said, "but the ever harder and more insolent attacks against his person, especially those that come from within the church, are wrong."

Cardinal Scola added, "Ever since I was a child, I learned that 'the pope is the pope,' to whom the Catholic believer owes affection, respect and obedience, since he is the visible sign and secure guarantor of the unity of the church in the following of Christ." Moreover, he said, "communion with the successor of Peter is not a question of cultural affinity, or human sympathy, or a sentimental feeling; rather it relates to the very nature of the church."

Concluding his strong critique of attacks against Pope Francis, the cardinal went on to express concern over "the polemics and divisions that are becoming ever more bitter, also at the expense of truth and of charity." But, he stated, "I do not see the risk of a schism; I fear instead a journey backward" to "the postconciliar debate between conservatives and progressives" over the legacy of Vatican II.

He sees the return of this in "the re-emergence in agitated tones" of "the sterile contraposition" between "the guardians of Tradition rigidly understood" and "the proponents of what is intended to be the adaptation of practice and doctrine to worldly demands." But like Pope Francis, Cardinal Scola believes the way to overcome these tensions is to entrust oneself to the Holy Spirit, "who does not allow himself to be harnessed by the logic of the opposing camps."

## Notices

**RCIA at St. Peter's** – A fortnightly program will soon begin preparing candidates for Baptism (or reception into the Catholic Church for those already validly baptised) and the sacraments of Reconciliation/Penance, Confirmation and Holy Communion. The program will begin on the evening of Wednesday 5 August and will be conducted according to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It will continue on every second Wednesday between 6 and 7pm until Holy Week 2021. Any Catholic who would like to take this opportunity to renovate their own faith would also be most welcome to attend any or all of these evenings. The topics will be announced in advance of each meeting. The venue will be the Sister M. Roch Duffy Hall. Please feel free to advertise the program among your friends and acquaintances.

**St Vincent de Paul** – "Vinnies" is proud to announce the launch of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6, who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/MVFPinfo>

Also included is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools July 2020 Newsletter**: <https://bit.ly/VinniesMetroSchoolsNewsletter2020Term3>

**The Feast of Mary Mackillop** – Mary Mackillop Place will be closed. Mass in the Mary Mackillop Chapel will be livestreamed at 10:00 am on 8<sup>th</sup> August followed by a time of prayer at the Tomb. Prayer reflections will be posted on the website from Aug 6 – 8. For further details please check the website – [marymackillopplace@mmp.org.au](mailto:marymackillopplace@mmp.org.au)

**Feast of the Assumption** (Saturday 15 August) – There will be two Masses for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- ❖ 7:15 pm Friday 14 August (Preceded by First Vespers for the Feast commencing at 6:30 pm)
- ❖ 9:30 am Saturday 15 August (Preceded by the Rosary at 9:00 am)

**Our prayers for the Sick** – Christian Seric (*Jade's nephew*) and Ettore Pelewzick (*Dominic's father*)

**We pray for our deceased** - Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood, Margaret D Hailwood (21/9), Joyce Hailwood & Marge Heaney, Joan McEvoy, Fr William Dominic Creede, C.Ss.R, June Veronica Hailwood (John Hailwood's sister-in-law, 19/7), Joseph Lewis (Florence's brother, 16/7), Anthony Friel (27/6) and Abelina Capalihan (*recently deceased*).

**Financial support of St. Peter's Parish** - Parishioners regularly comment that because they no longer carry cash, they are not able to put money on the collection plate. Cashless financial support of the parish is now very easy via the parish website and the recently installed "Tap & Go" (donation points) inside our church. The very top line on the website contains a yellow box which says "**SUPPORT US**".

By clicking on this  yellow coloured box at the right end of the website's headline, and following the prompts, one may donate and immediately receive an electronic or hard copy receipt. Of course, your parish still has ongoing costs and bills to pay during this time when the Sunday Mass collections are not happening.

Another new way of donating electronically



is to scan the following QR Code with your mobile and then follow the prompts.



Cashless donation is also now available **in the Church**. For your convenience, there are Tap and Go machines placed near the side entrance and inside the main entrance of the church. This can replace your cash donation via the collection, at a time when we are not allowed to pass around the collection plate. Each recorded tap donates \$5.

### **A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney**

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

### **Offertory Motet**

*Exaltabo te* - O. de Lassus (1532-1594)

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and have not allowed my enemies to rejoice over me; O Lord, I called out unto you, and you healed me. (Ps. 29(30): 2-3)

### **Communion Chant**

*Simile est regnum caelorum*

The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant seeking fine pearls; having found one of great worth, he went and sold all that he had, and he bought it.  $\Psi$ . Bless the Lord at all times; praise of him be ever in my mouth. (Mt. 10: 17;  $\Psi$ . Ps. 33(34): 2)

### **Communion Motet**

*Exsultate Deo* - G.P. da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

Raise a song, sound the timbrel, the sweet lyre with the harp.

Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day. (Ps. 80(81): 2-4)

## Litany of Humility (1880) - Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart! *Jesus, hear me.*  
From the desire of being esteemed, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the desire of being loved, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the desire of being sought, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the desire of being honored, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the desire of being praised, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the desire of being preferred, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the desire of being consulted, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the desire of being approved, *Deliver me, Jesus,*  
From the desire of being considered, *Deliver me, Jesus,*  
From the fear of being humbled, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the fear of being despised, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the fear of being rebuffed, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the fear of being calumniated, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the fear of being forgotten, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the fear of being ridiculed, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the fear of being wronged, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the fear of being suspected, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
That others may be loved more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to wish.*  
That others may be esteemed more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to wish.*  
That others may grow in the opinion of the world and I diminish, *Jesus, grant me the grace to wish.*  
That others may be employed and I set aside, *Jesus, grant me the grace to wish.*  
That others may be praised and I forgotten, *Jesus, grant me the grace to wish.*  
That others may be preferred before me in everything, *Jesus, grant me the grace to wish.*  
That others may be more holy than I, provided I am as holy as I can be, *Jesus, grant me the grace to wish.*

[Maimonides](#) teaches about the 'measure of men' (compared to the earth and the universe, man is very small).



