



## St Peter's Parish, Surry Hills

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### Feast days of the week:

Thu 3 Sep Saint Gregory the Great

### Mass times this week:

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

Every Tuesday: Rosary at 12:00 noon

Thursdays and Fridays: Church will open from 12noon, Mass at 1:05pm

Every Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration 12noon (with Benediction before First Fridays)

Every Friday: Rosary at 12:30pm

Saturdays: 9:00am Rosary 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

**RCIA** – This Wednesday evening's topic will be Creation presented by Rev. Dr. Brendan Purcell between 6 – 7:00pm in the Duffy Hall. All are welcome.

### Evangelium Topics for the coming weeks:

Aug 30: The Jewish Roots of the Papacy by *Dr Brent Pitre (VIDEO)*

Sep 6: St Robert Bellarmine: Saint and Scholar by *Isaac Spencer*

Sep 13: The Child Abuse Scandal by *Monica Doumit*

Sep 20: Catholics & Contraception: What's all the fuss about? by *Dr Dani Abosh*

## LITANY OF HUMILITY – A humble walk with God

O Jesus! Meek and humble of heart, Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed,  
*Deliver me, Jesus.* (repeat after each line)

From the desire of being loved,

From the desire of being extolled,

From the desire of being honoured,

From the desire of being praised,

From the desire of being preferred to others,

From the desire of being consulted,

From the desire of being approved,

From the fear of being humiliated,

From the fear of being despised,

From the fear of suffering rebukes,

From the fear of being calumniated,

From the fear of being forgotten,

From the fear of being ridiculed,

From the fear of being wronged,

From the fear of being suspected,

That others may be loved more than I,

*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.* (repeat after each line)

That others may be esteemed more than I.

That, in the opinion of the world,

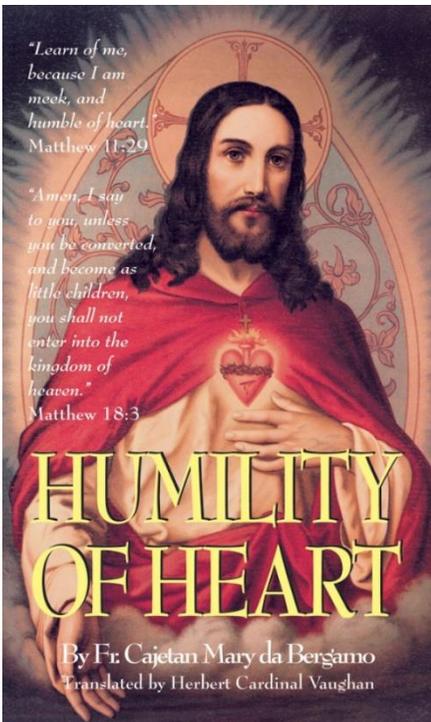
others may increase and I may decrease,

That others may be chosen and I set aside,

That others may be praised and I unnoticed,

That others may be preferred to me in everything,

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should.



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Rafael Cardinal Merry de Val (1865 – 1930)  
Secretary of State to Pope Saint Pius X

*“Humility is the mother of all virtues; purity, charity and obedience. It is in being humble that our love becomes real, devoted and ardent. If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are. If you are blamed you will not be discouraged. If they call you a saint you will not put yourself on a pedestal.”*

— Saint Teresa of Calcutta

## **From Pope Francis Weekly General Audience: We are stewards called to share earth's fruits with everyone**

Pope Francis opened his catechesis on Wednesday by inviting the faithful to “welcome the gift of *hope* that comes from Christ”, especially during the pandemic, in which “many risk losing hope”.

The Pope explained that it is Christ who “helps us to navigate the tumultuous waters of sickness, death and injustice, which do not have the last word over our final destination.”

**Continuing his catechesis on *Healing the World***, the Holy Father focused on the universal destination of goods and the virtue of hope.

### **Pandemic and social inequalities**

Pope Francis went on to note that many social inequalities have been “highlighted and aggravated” by the pandemic. Many children are unable to continue receiving their education while many others instead can; some people are unable to continue their work from home, but many others can; and many nations cannot issue money to deal with the emergency without harming their financial future, while others can.

*“These symptoms of inequality reveal a social illness. It is a virus that comes from a sick economy...the result of unequal economic growth, which disregards fundamental human values.”*

*“In today's world, very few rich people possess more than the rest of humanity. It is injustice that cries out to heaven!”*

### **Reflecting the design of Creation**

This “sin of wanting to possess and dominate our brothers and sisters...nature and God Himself...is not the design of creation”, said the Pope.

He reminded the faithful that God gave the earth to all of us to care for and cultivate. God invited us to dominate the earth in His name, cultivating and tending it like a garden, “everyone's garden”.

This garden must be protected and preserved, continued the Pope. This cannot be interpreted in a way that allows us “to do whatever we want with the earth. The Pope

stressed that it has been given to us by God to the whole human race. Therefore, "it is our duty to make sure that its fruit reaches everyone, not just a few people."

### **Political authorities**

Pope Francis went on to stress that, in order to ensure that what we possess "brings value to the community", political authorities have the right and the duty to "regulate the legitimate exercise of the right to ownership for the sake of the common good." Although "property and money are instruments that can serve the mission", we easily turn them into "individual or collective" ends, said the Pope.

### **The Catholic Parish – (Cont.)**

From the Holy See's Instruction (20 July 2020): *The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelising mission of the Church*

21. Perusing the Acts of the Apostles, one realises the transformative effect of the Word of God, that interior power that brings about the conversion of hearts. The Word is the food that nourishes the Lord's disciples and makes them witnesses to the Gospel in the various circumstances of life. The Scriptures contain a prophetic impetus that makes them into a living force. It is necessary to provide instruction on how to listen and meditate on the Word of God through a variety of different approaches to proclamation[22], adopting clear and comprehensible means of communication that announce the Lord Jesus according to the ever new witness of the kerygma[23].

22. The celebration of the Eucharistic mystery is "the source and summit of the whole Christian life"[24] and accordingly, the essential moment for building up the Parish community. Therein, the Church becomes aware of the meaning of her name (Ecclesia): the coming together of the People of God to praise, implore, intercede and give thanks. In celebrating the Eucharist, the Christian community welcomes the living presence of the Crucified and Risen Lord, receiving the announcement of the entire mystery of salvation.

23. The Church perceives here the need to rediscover Christian initiation, which generates new life, as it is placed within the mystery of God's own life. It is a journey that is ongoing, that transcends celebrations or events, because, in essence, it is defined, not as a duty to fulfil a "rite of passage", but rather as a perpetual sequela Christi. In this context, it would be useful to establish a mystagogical itinerary that genuinely affects existence [25]. Catechesis needs to be presented as an ongoing proclamation of the Mystery of Christ, the objective of which is to foster in the heart of the baptised that full stature of Christ (cf. Eph 4:13) that is derived from a personal encounter with the Lord of life.

Pope Francis has recalled the need to "mention two false forms of holiness that can lead us astray: gnosticism and pelagianism. They are two heresies from early Christian times,

yet they continue to plague us” [26]. In the case of gnosticism, one is dealing with an abstract faith that is purely intellectual and made up of knowledge that is far from lived reality; meanwhile, pelagianism leads man to depend on his own abilities, thus ignoring the action of the Holy Spirit.

24. In the mysterious interplay between the action of God and that of man, the proclamation of the Gospel comes through men and women who give credibility to what they say through the witness of their lives, together with their interpersonal relationships that inspire trust and hope. In these times, marked as they are by indifferentism, individualism and the exclusion of others, the rediscovery of brotherhood is paramount and integral to evangelisation, which is closely linked to human relationships [27]. In this way, the Christian community makes Our Lord’s words their own, as they spur us to “put out into the deep” (Lk 5:4), trusting in the Master as we pay out the nets in the assurance of hauling a “large catch”[28].

25. The ‘culture of encounter’ is conducive to dialogue, solidarity and openness to others, as it is person-centred. Naturally, a Parish must be a place that brings people together and fosters long-term personal relationships, thereby giving people a sense of belonging and being wanted.

26. The Parish community is called truly to master the “art of accompaniment”. If deep roots are planted, the Parish will become a place where solitude is overcome, which has affected so many lives, as well as being “a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey and a centre of constant missionary outreach”[29].

[22] Cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, n. 174: AAS 105 (2013), 1093.

[23] Cf. *ibid.* n. 164-165: AAS 105 (2013), 1088-1089.

[24] Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church Lumen Gentium* (21 November 1964), n. 11: AAS 57 (1965), 15.

[25] Cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, ns. 166-167: AAS 105 (2013), 1089-1090.

[26] Francis, *Apostolic Exhortation on the call to holiness in the contemporary world Gaudete et Exultate* (19 March 2018), n. 35: AAS 110 (2018), 1120. The following words of Pope Francis with regard to gnosticism and pelagianism are also worth recalling here: “This worldliness can be fuelled in two deeply interrelated ways. One is the attraction of gnosticism, a purely subjective faith whose only interest is a certain experience or a set of ideas and bits of information which are meant to console and enlighten, but which ultimately keep one imprisoned in his or her own thoughts and feelings. The other is the self-absorbed promethean neopelagianism of those who ultimately trust only in their own powers and feel superior to others because they observe certain rules or remain intransigently faithful to a particular Catholic style from the past”. *Evangelii Gaudium*,

n. 94: AAS 105 (2013), 1059-1060; cf. also Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Letter Placuit Deo (22 February 2018): AAS 110 (2018), 429.

[27] Cf. Letter to Diognetus V, 1-10: Patres Apostolici, ed. F.X. Funk, vol. 1, Tubingae 1901, 398.

[28] Cf. John Paul II, Apostolic Letter Novo Millennio Ineunte (6 January 2001), n. 1: AAS 93 (2001), 266.

[29] Evangelii Gaudium, n. 28: AAS 105 (2013), 1032.

## Notices

**Emergency Appeal for Lebanon** – an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) with the endorsement and support of Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay of the Maronite Catholic Diocese of Australia and Bishop Robert Rabbat of the Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Australia and New Zealand seek your support. The deadly explosion on 4 August 2020 killed more than 200 people with many livelihoods have been lost. The funds raised will be used to support the immediate needs in Lebanon.



Emergency Appeal forms are available at the back of the Church tables or you can arrange your donation online at [www.aidtochurch.org.lebanon](http://www.aidtochurch.org.lebanon) or call 1800 101 201

**Aid to the Church in Need** – Parishioners who are interested to purchase 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mary Mackillop Rosary beads, you can either email the parish at [st61538@bigpond.net.au](mailto:st61538@bigpond.net.au) or call 02 96981948.. The costs of each rosary is \$30.

**Our prayers for the Sick** – Ettore Pelewzick (*Dominic's father*) and Callum Geier

**We pray for our deceased** - Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood, Margaret D Hailwood (21/9), Joyce Hailwood & Marge Heaney, Joan McEvoy, June Veronica Hailwood, Dr. E.K. Cheriachan (*Elsy's late husband* - 9/8), Abelina Capalihan, Ana Ofelia Sierra Bustamante (22/3), Brian Joseph Hetherington (9/7) and Ethel & Des Fitzgerald (23/8).

### **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.

**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 (*in single file please*).
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.



Remember our Retired Priest's this Father's Day. The Priests' Retirement Foundation Father's Day Appeal will be held on 5/6 September 2020. Your donation will help care for our sick and retired priests, please consider a gift towards this appeal.

## Music list for 10:30am Mass

### Offertory Motet

*Hear my prayer, O Lord* Z 15 - H. Purcell (1659-1695)

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee. (Ps. 101(102): 2)

### Communion Chant

*Qui vult venire*

If a man wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.  
✠. Bless the Lord at all times; praise of him be ever in my mouth. (Mt. 16: 24; ✠. Ps. 33(34): 2)

### Communion Motet

*Sitivit anima mea* - G.P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

My soul thirsts for the living God; when shall I come and appear before the face of my God?  
My tears have been my bread day and night, while men say to me daily: "Where is your God?"  
(Ps. 41(4)

