



## St Peter's Parish, Surry Hills

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### Feast days of the week:

Tue 8 Sep            The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed 9 Sep           Saint Peter Claver

Sat 12 Sep           The Holy Name of Mary

Mon 14 Sep          The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### 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 **Place for Prayer** between 6 – 7:00pm in the Duffy Hall. All are welcome.

### Evangelium Topics for the coming weeks:

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.



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

“Jesus taught us how to forgive out of love, how to forget out of humility. So let us examine our hearts and see if there is any unforgiven hurt -- any unforgotten bitterness! It is easy to love those who are far away. It isn't always easy to love those who are right next to us. It is easier to offer food to the hungry than to answer the lonely suffering of someone who lacks love right in one.”

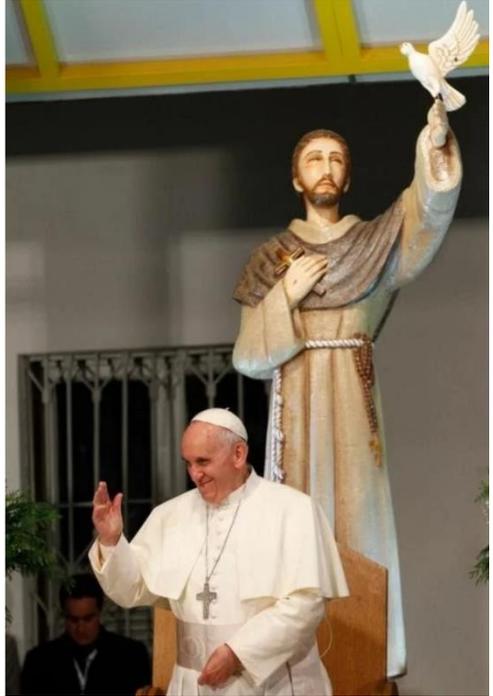
— Saint Teresa of Calcutta

## From Pope Francis:

On Sunday, Pope Francis announced a special “Season for Creation,” opening on the Sept. 1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and closing on the Oct. 4 feast of St. Francis.

Carrying the suggested theme, “Jubilee for the Earth,” the month-long event is part of a wider, year-long celebration marking the 5-year anniversary of Pope Francis’s eco-encyclical, *Laudato Si*, published in June 2015, and is designed to encourage communities to rethink their relationships with one other and with creation through a series of in-person and online events organized at a local level throughout the world.

Vatican sources have told *Crux* that the Season for Creation is expected to culminate with the publication of the pope’s new encyclical on human fraternity on Oct. 4, coinciding with the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.



Since the beginning of his papacy, Pope Francis has embraced and celebrated his namesake as a model for justice and brotherhood.

Speaking to some 5,000 journalists just days after his election to the papacy in 2013, Francis said he first thought of naming himself after the great 13th century saint when, after it was obvious he had won the necessary two-thirds majority vote, Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes, Archbishop Emeritus of Sao Paulo, hugged him and told him, “Don’t forget the poor.”

“Those words came to me: the poor, the poor. Then, right away, thinking of the poor, I thought of Francis of Assisi. Then I thought of all the wars, as the votes were still being counted,” he said at the time, adding that for him, St. Francis “is also the man of peace.”

“That is how the name came into my heart...For me, he is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation,” the pope said, calling St.

Francis, “the poor man who wanted a poor church. How I would love a church that is poor and for the poor.”

Since then, the fight against poverty and inequality, the pursuit of peace by renewing bonds of brotherhood, and care of the environment have all become staples in Francis’s papacy.

These were all topics that emerged as core themes of *Laudato Si’* – the title of which comes from a hymn to creation written by St. Francis – and they have resurfaced again in his weekly general audience catechesis on the coronavirus.

In his Aug. 12 audience, Francis told viewers of the livestreamed event that the pandemic “has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected we all are. If we do not take care of each other, starting with the least – those who are most affected, including creation – we cannot heal the world.”

In his Sept. 1 message for the World Day of Care for Creation, which is also celebrated by the Orthodox Church of Constantinople, Francis insisted that “everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others.”

### The Catholic Parish – (Cont.)

Inspired by Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’*, a Canberra parish is putting “care for our common home” into action and saving money in the process. Source: *Catholic Voice*.



Members of the *Laudato Si’* group with the solar power inverter data panel  
(*Catholic Voice*)

The *Laudato Si’* group at St Matthew’s and St Vincent de Paul Parish in Belconnen South has installed a 20kW solar power system at the parish centre. Not only is this reducing parish carbon dioxide greenhouse gas emissions, but also it is saving the parish money.

The parish already had a 6kW solar system at the presbytery in Page, providing

about 16 per cent of parish power needs. With an ACT Government rebate and a parishioner each chipping in \$5000, the parish was able to invest some savings to get better returns. Now more than 60 per cent of parish electricity needs are met from renewable solar on-site.

The group sees the encyclical as an opportunity for motivating Christian responses to global crises in areas such as climate, cross-species epidemics, biodiversity loss, water supply and pollution. It is reaching out to other parishes, particularly those still affected by drought and the bushfires.

## Notices

**Vinnies Bushfire Appeal Fete** - On Australia Day weekend this year St Peter's community held a fundraiser fete to support St Vincent de Paul's Bushfire Appeal. We are very grateful for the many efforts of all those who helped with preparations, donations and by volunteering on the day. St Vincent de Paul contacted us recently to provide an update on how the money raised has been used to assist those affected by the bushfires.

Nationally, St Vincent De Paul raised \$22.9 million. The great majority of this has already been spent through providing financial assistance, essential items, crisis accommodation and emotional assistance to those affected. The remaining funds are now being directed to rebuilding community through restoring halls, local businesses and other shared facilities. Thank-you once again to all who took part in our fete and please continue to keep those most affected by the bushfires in your prayers.



**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 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.

**The Cardoner Project** - The Two Wolves Community Cantina, Chippendale (the Catholic-run young adults ministry and Mexican restaurant), is now available for events and functions! Whether you are looking to book a Birthday Party, a Work Christmas Event or a Community



Reunion, we would love to accommodate you. Importantly, all profits go towards supporting the work of The Cardoner Project in Sydney and in the developing world. So, what better place is there to host your function? Enquire today at [events@thetwowolves.com.au](mailto:events@thetwowolves.com.au) for more information. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

**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), Ethel & Des Fitzgerald (23/8) and Custodio de Lima and Fraivcisco Baptista Deceset (6/9).

### **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.

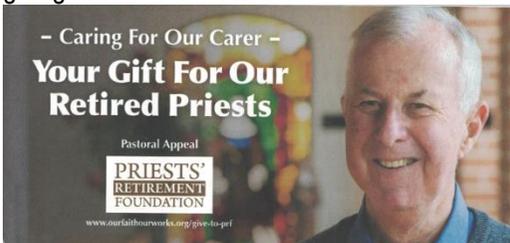
**(If at all possible, please bring your own pen to sign-in)**

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

## **PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION**

This weekend marks the start of the **Priests' Retirement Foundation Father's Day Appeal** – set up with the aim of looking after our sick and retired priests, it provides them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement.

As a way of expressing your gratitude for our priests who've nurtured your Catholic faith and provided guidance, friendship and mercy through the years, we hope that you'll consider giving back and donate to the Priests' Retirement Foundation.



To donate please pick up an envelope placed on the tables at the back of the Church. Thank you for your kind donations. .

## Music list for 10:30am Mass

### Offertory Motet

*Laudate nomen Domini* - Christopher Tye (1505-1572)

Praise the name of the Lord, you servants of the Lord; from the rising of the sun until the same setting.

The decrees of the Lord are just, and give joy to the heart: Praise the Lord you princes and all you people. (cf. Ps. 112(113): 1, 3)

### Communion Chant

*Vovete et reddite*

Make vows unto the Lord your God, and accomplish them, all you who gather around him to present offerings; to the awesome God who takes away the life of princes; he is greatly feared by all the kings of the earth.  $\Psi$ . God is made known in Judah; his name is great in Israel. (Ps 75(76): 12-13;  $\Psi$ . 2)

### Communion Motet

*Beati quorum via* - C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Blessed are the undefiled in the way,  
who walk in the law of the Lord. (Ps. 118(119): 1)

