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Feast days of the week:

Wed 17 Feb **Ash Wednesday (Masses at 10:00am & 5:15pm)**

Mon 22 Feb **Saint Peter's Chair**

MASS TIMES FROM 8 FEB

Mon: 7:30am

Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat: 10:00am daily

Thur: 5:15pm

Sundays: 9:00am and 10:30am (Sung Mass)

Every Tuesday: Cenacle (after 10:00am Mass)

Every Thursday: Cenacle at 10:00am

Every Friday and Saturday: 9:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Confessions: 9:30am Friday & Saturday

RCIA – These sessions resume on **Thurs 18 Feb 2021** at 6:00pm in the Duffy Hall. All parishioners are welcome as a way of revising their own knowledge of the faith.

Our prayers for the Sick – Ettore Pelewzick (*Dominic's father*), Mira Krcma and Josephine Finneran

We remember our deceased - Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood, Margaret D Hailwood (21/9), Joyce Hailwood & Marge Heaney, Joan McEvoy, June Veronica Hailwood, Robin Bridgewater, Ethel & Des Fitzgerald, Brian McFadden, Giles Auty, Bernard Saddler, Lydia Garrone (1st Anniversary 4/12), Elaine Buchhorn, Bro. Kevin Francis Guthrie (28/12), Fr. Solomon Tumba (30/12), Rosa De Jesus, Celestino Simoes, Custodio De Lima (14/1), Francisco Baptista, Mari Do Carmo, Kenneth Finn, Fr. Barry Swift, Bishop Emeritus Luc Matthys, Martin Tierney, Arthur Horder, Mila Ignacio and Edith Macdonald (6/2/1971)

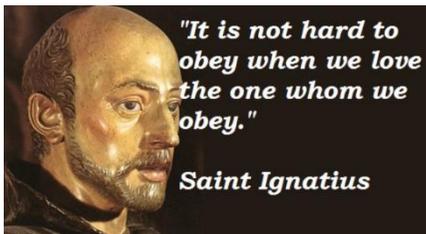
From Fr. Andrew Grace (the “Responsible” for the Marian Movement of Priests in Australia) – Jan 28, 2021 – Feast of St Thomas Aquinas

During the troubling year of 2020, the Church, as a compassionate Mother, conscientiously maintained a healthy balance of spiritual and physical well-being. This is the perennial message of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, who came to offer us Eternal Life and even now, heal the sick and set the downtrodden free (Lk. 4). This balance is always challenging and yet always afresh with the Holy Spirit’s sanctifying grace.

Relatively early into the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, Pope Francis, on the Feast of the Annunciation at a general Audience, reminded the world that it was exactly 25 years since St. John Paul II released his famous encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life – 25/3/95). The Vicar of Christ said, “I reaffirm with renewed conviction the appeal he addressed to everyone 25 years ago”: that is to “respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (EV, n.5).

Fr. Donal McIlraith (the “Responsible” for Oceania) jovially stated on our 2019 annual retreat: “we can’t be more catholic than the Pope”. If we think we are, we are in opposition to the very essence of the Marian Movement of Priests. A humble Confession, however, will rescue and revive you from falling into apostasy. At every Cenacle we consecrate, promising Her “to be united with the Holy Father” and “to be apostles of this sorely needed unity of prayer and love for the Pope, on whom we invoke your special protection”.

I encourage you to live in the Immaculate Heart of Mary through your Cenacles, to spread the Cenacle to so many of Her poor children needing their Mother and finally to pray for the Holy father who “will be greatly abandoned” as the Church is being purified and renewed. You are thereby, praying for an end to the physical and spiritual pandemic.

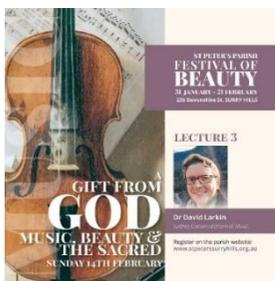
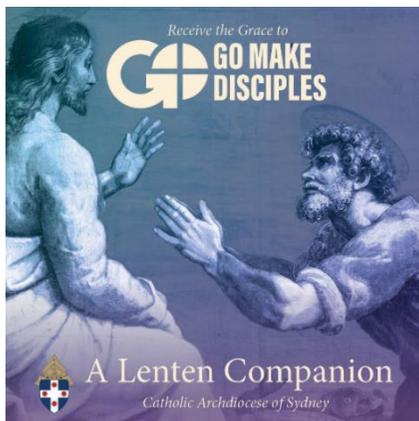


Christian Life Community (CLC) - Where was God in my month? All are welcome to a 'review of the month' in the form of the Ignatian examen at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3 March.

The examen is a prayer exercise developed by Ignatius Loyola to recall and savour those moments where God was present to us (and not all might be moments of peace and tranquillity!) We will be guided through the exercise with an opportunity for sharing at the end. Presented by Christian Life Community, the Ignatian association for lay people. A limited number of people can attend in person in the BXVI Room under St Peter's Surry Hills or you can participate via Zoom. RSVP your attendance to mbwalk001@myacu.edu.au Learn more about CLC at www.clcaustralia.org.au

Go Make Disciples - The plan has come after over five years of consultation with clergy and laity through the 'Parish 2020' process, focused on how best to ensure our parishes are true centres of the new evangelisation so they can nurture the faith of future generations of Catholics.

Visit the Go Make Disciples website (<http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au>) where you'll find a downloadable copy of the full plan and a summary version.



Festival of Beauty St Peter's Parish Surry Hills: 31 Jan - 21 Feb 2021

Lecture 3 for this Sunday is on Gift from God on Music, Beauty and The Sacred, presented by David Larkin and will be held in the 1880 Hall at 12.15pm. All are invited. Due to COVID restrictions, a maximum of 100 people is permitted. Please register via this link: [https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/festival-](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/festival-of-beauty-registration-136910169001)

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A copy of the brochure can be downloaded from the Parish website. You can also click on the homepage slider, you will be led to a registration page for the event. For those who may not be able to attend the talk this Sunday, this event is live streamed via the Parish webpage.



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Ash Wednesday – 1st day of Lent (11 Feb 2021)

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "**Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**" Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "**Repent and believe in the Gospel.**"

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday Mass.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

MUSIC List for 10:30am Sung Mass

Entrance Chant

Esto mihi

Be unto me a protecting God
and a house of refuge, to save me;
for you are my support and my refuge;
and for the sake of your name you will lead me and nourish me.
(Ps 30(31): 3-4)

Offertory Motet

Cantate Domino - G. Pitoni (1657-1743)

Sing a new song to the Lord,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,
let Zion's sons exult in their king. (Ps. 149: 1-2)

Communion Chant

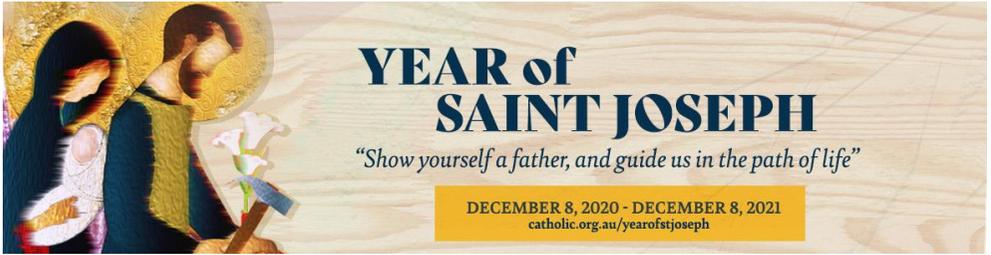
Manducaverunt

They ate and were fully satisfied;
the Lord gave them all that they desired;
they were not deprived of their wants.
☩. Attend, O my people, to my law;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth. (Ps. 77(78): 29, 30; ☩. 1)

Communion Motet

Exultate justi - L. Viadana (c.1560-1627)

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the lyre,
with a ten-stringed harp sing him songs.
O sing him a song that is new,
play loudly, with all your skill. (Ps. 32(33): 1-3)



This litany, approved by Pope St. Pius X (1903-14), shows the growing devotion to Saint Joseph in the 20th century. Pope John XXIII (1958-63) also had a deep devotion to [Saint Joseph](#), and he composed [A Prayer for Workers](#), which is addressed to Saint Joseph. The list of titles applied to Saint Joseph, followed by his saintly attributes, reminds us that the foster father of Jesus is a perfect example of the [Christian life](#). Fathers and families, in particular, should cultivate a devotion to Saint Joseph.

The Litany of Saint Joseph

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Mary, *pray for us.*
Saint Joseph,
Illustrious Scion of David,
Light of Patriarchs,
Spouse of the Mother of God,
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,
Foster-father of the Son of God,
Watchful defender of Christ,
Head of the Holy Family,
Joseph most just,
Joseph most chaste,
Joseph most prudent,
Joseph most valiant,

Joseph most obedient,
Joseph most faithful,
Mirror of patience,
Lover of poverty,
Model of workmen,
Glory of home life,
Guardian of virgins,
Pillar of families,
Solace of the afflicted,
Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of demons,
Protector of Holy Church, *pray for us.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*
V. He made him lord over his house,
R. And the ruler of all his possessions.

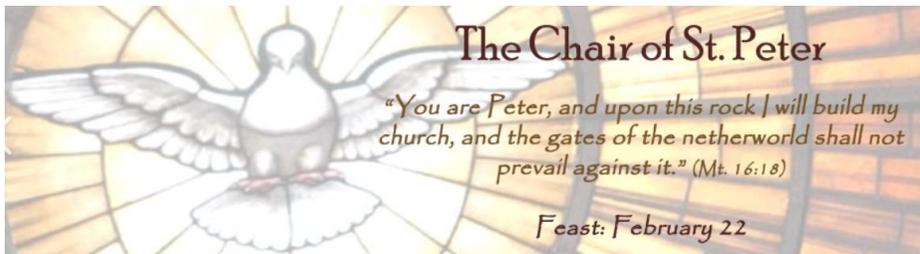
Let us pray.

O God, who in Thine ineffable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may have him for an intercessor in heaven, whom we venerate as our protector on earth. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

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Prayer by Pope Francis to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



“You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.” (Matt. 16:18)