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Feast days of the week:

Wed 17 Mar Saint Patrick

Thu 18 Mar (commemoration of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem)

Fri 19 Mar Saint Joseph

MASS TIMES

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

Friday during Lent: 9:30am Stations of the Cross

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

Confessions: 9:30am Friday & Saturday

RCIA – The group meets on **Thurs 18 Mar 2021** at 6:30pm 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, Josephine Finneran and Poppie Swiereb.

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, Edith Macdonald (6/2/1971) and John Carolan.

Cardinal Tagle delivers 2021 Trócaire/St. Patrick's College Maynooth Lenten Lecture

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples (“*Propaganda Fide*”), and regularly touted as Pope Francis’s likely successor, has delivered a major speech in Dublin on populist leaders and inter-religious dialogue.

Speaking after he delivered the 2021 Trócaire/St. Patrick’s College Maynooth annual Lenten lecture March 9 on “Caring for the Human Family and our Common Home,” the Filipino prelate warned, “There is a growing sense in the world today of divisiveness, and unfortunately religion is being used to further division; sometimes even within the same religious affiliation you have divisions.”

Referring to the recent rise of populist leaders, Tagle described the phenomenon as “the return of the powerful big-boss-type of people,” some of whom “hijack religion.”

These so-called populist leaders know where the pockets of disgruntled people are, and they present themselves as messiahs, he said. They use religion as a “convenient way” of getting followers, he added.

The president of Caritas Internationalis noted that in the encyclical “*Fratelli Tutti*,” Pope Francis devoted several paragraphs to the matter of populist leaders who claim that they are defending the people, when in fact they are defending a certain group.

Speaking via Zoom from Rome, the cardinal stressed, “We need to study carefully why these leaders get followers; why do they become popular?” He suggested that the pandemic could make the exclusion of people such as the poor and migrants worse, and that was why Caritas Internationalis had issued two documents calling for greater access to COVID-19 vaccines for the Global South.

“I hope this pandemic will teach us the lesson that we are really connected with one another and to the earth, and that what happens in one part of the world can have a universal impact. I hope we will grow in responsibility to others,” he said.

A close collaborator of Pope Francis, Tagle said that although the pandemic may be restricting some exercise of the faith, it might also “lead to pastoral creativity, especially within families.”

Speaking to *Catholic News Service*, the Filipino prelate recognized that the pandemic has brought “a lot of suffering.”

The prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples admitted, “for us in the church, part of the suffering is that we want to provide pastoral help and pastoral guidance, but we cannot do it the way we were used to.” However, he set the pandemic-related restrictions on worship in the context of the suffering of Christians banned from the practice of their faith. He said he had been inspired by Japan’s “hidden Christians.”

Recalling how they had kept their faith alive for 200 years, Tagle highlighted how Japan banned Christianity in the 17th century, and when it reopened its doors to Christianity in the 19th century, the French missionaries who went to Nagasaki were surprised to discover Christians who had survived all those years without church structures.

“In the midst of restrictions, it’s the families, the laypeople, especially the mothers and the grandmothers, who passed on the faith. They were creative,” the cardinal said.

Acknowledging that the pandemic had disrupted parish life and the church’s usual way of delivering services and catechetical formation because of the restriction on movements, he said this offered an opportunity to identify those aspects of Christian life and church life that “we have not paid attention to sufficiently,” including “the role of the family in the transmission of the faith and the formation of families in the social teachings of the church.”

“In the past, the transmission of the faith, the teaching of prayers and the catechism happened in homes. It was the parents or the grandparents who did it.” But with the development of specialized ministries such as religious education and catechists, this had declined.

“With the lockdown, children could not be brought to Sunday school, and catechists and teachers could not do their usual work. Are parents equipped to form their families, their children, their grandchildren and each other in faith and mission?” he asked.

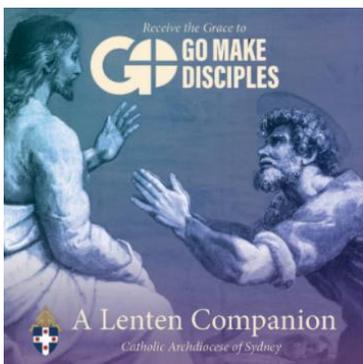
“I think that the pandemic has opened up possibilities for us, but it has also become a mirror showing us where have we been weak in terms of Christian formation.”

“This pandemic has led many churches and dioceses to reassess our usual ways of conducting mission and pastoral engagement. Even here in the Vatican, we are invited to reflect on what we call the ‘normal’ customary ways, to see how we can respond more adequately to the changing situation.” The mission does not stop, he said, and the question is “How do we do it in a changed situation?”

Tagle said his Trócaire Lenten reflection was an attempt to bring together the themes of Pope Francis’s encyclicals, “Laudato Si’, on Care for Our Common Home,” and “Fratelli Tutti,” the call for universal social friendship.

“We see an intimate connection between the two encyclicals,” the cardinal said and noted Pope Francis’ warning that “the degradation of the ecology of our common home happens side by side with the degradation of human relationships. The disregard of human beings is manifested also in our disregard for our common home, which is God’s gift for all of us.”

He pointed out that many economic or political choices today are detrimental to the survival of the earth. “The irresponsible use of creation now prevents not only the transmission of a livable, habitable world to future generations, but it also violates a key element of the church’s social teaching, which is that the goods of the earth are for all and must be shared by all.” (Sarah MacDonald, Catholic News Service & UCA News)



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.

Project Compassion - An essential part of the Churches Lenten tradition is looking after the poor in various ways. Via Project Compassion, as a wealthy country, the Church in Australia tries to be generous to our less fortunate brothers and sisters throughout the world. The Project Compassion donation box is located next to the collection plate on the Sign-in table. Alternatively, you may like to collect a Project Compassion box for your own home.

“ASPIRE NOT TO HAVE MORE, BUT TO BE MORE” – *Saint Oscar Romero*



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 on 16 Mar at 7:30pm

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

PARISH GROUPS

RCIA – Duffy Hall – Thursday: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Neocatechumenal Way – Duffy Hall - Thursday: 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Mother's Group – Courtyard – Friday: 2:30pm

AA Surry Hills Group – Duffy Hall – Tuesday: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Christian Life Community (CLC) – B16 Room - Tuesday: 7:30pm

Young Adults – Sunday: 11:30am – 2:00pm (morning tea, Angelus, Evangelium & pub lunch)

Marian Group – before mass daily

Divine Mercy Group – before mass daily

Cenacle – Church – Tuesday: 10:30 am to 11:30am

Cenacle – Church – Thursday: 10:00am

Bible Group – Church – Monday: 8:00am

Liturgy Group – B16 – after Sunday lunch

To be announced

St Vincent de Paul Society
Legion of Mary

Music List for Sung Mass – 4th Sunday of Lent

Entrance Chant

Laetare Ierusalem

Rejoice, O Jerusalem;
and gather round, all you who love her;
rejoice in gladness, after having been in sorrow;
exult and be replenished with the consolation
flowing from her motherly bosom. (cf. Is. 66: 10-11)

Offertory Motet

Super flumina Babylonis - G.P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

By the waters of Babylon,
there we sat down and wept,
when we remembered you, O Zion.
On the willows there
we hung up our lyres. (Ps. 136(137): 1-2)

Communion Chant

Ierusalem, quae aedificatur

Jerusalem, built as a city whose parts are bound firmly together!
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
to give thanks unto your name, O Lord.
V. I rejoiced when it was said unto me:
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Communion Motet

Civitas sancti tui - W. Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Your holy city has become a wilderness.
Zion has become a wilderness,
Jerusalem has been made desolate.

The Solemnity of St Joseph, Truly A Saint For Our Times – Catholic-Link – guest author, Andrew Chanco

The Gospel of Matthew gives emphasis to St. Joseph, for it is through him that the legal, filial line passed from King David to Jesus. The following are virtues we all stand to learn from St. Joseph.

St. Joseph's Silence

If we look at Sacred Scripture, there is not one word uttered by St. Joseph that was recorded. God speaks to us in the depths of our hearts, for he knows our deepest desires.

In our world full of distraction especially through social media and those plug into our ears, we pause for a while and look at the beauty of nature and see His masterpiece.

St. Joseph's Trust

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, explaining that the child in Mary's womb had been conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, and so when he awoke, he "did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him" (Mt 1:24).

Trusting in the Lord meant putting everything in His hands. We must choose not to worry ourselves with all the superficial things of daily life, but rather rely on His Holy Will, for He who is the source of everything will not let us go astray.

St. Joseph's Responsibility

"He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel" (Mt 2:21). Being the earthly father of Jesus, he took the responsibility of raising the child of God with the help of Mary. It is in his arms that the child Jesus felt love and care.

Responsibility means carrying out the task at hand wholeheartedly and with dedication.

A Family Man

Surely, St. Joseph would not have needed to discipline the child Jesus. Still, we were moved by this *StoryCorps* vignette about a strong, silent, hard-working father, and the kind of influence he wields, even without words (like St. Joseph). Listen as a son reflects back on his upbringing and his father, who – with a mere stern glance – and the gravitas that only a father who has earned his God-given authority, can manifest.

St. Joseph is a saint for all times, but truly and especially a saint for our times. In an age where the crisis in families, absentee fathers, proliferation of pornography, and any other number of distortions pertaining to [masculinity](#) seem to wound every family and community, surely Saint Joseph is a patron for us in many ways. Let us turn to him with our aches and intentions as a special intercessor.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Dear Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for our fathers.

Saint Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for our husbands.

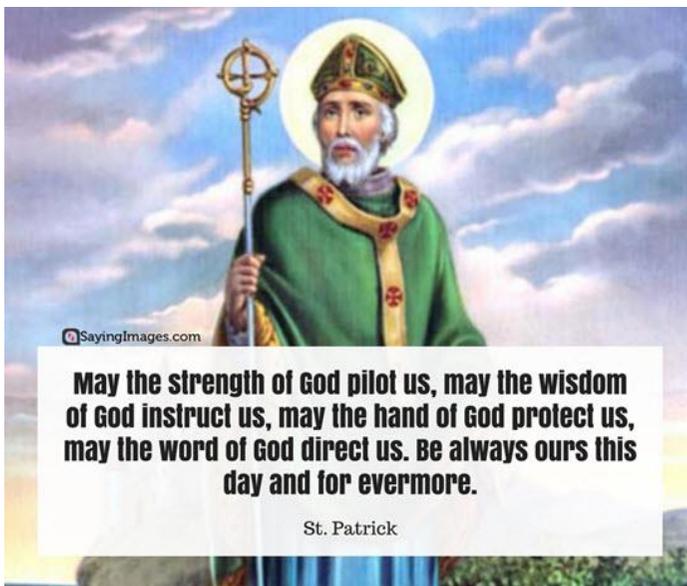
Saint Joseph, protector and provider of the Holy Family, pray for men.

Saint Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, pray for our priests, and for all of us.

Amen.



Feast of St Patrick – 17 March 2021



May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us, may the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. Be always ours this day and for evermore.

St. Patrick