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Feast Days of the Week:

Mon 5 Apr	Easter Mon (in other years Saint Vincent Ferrer)
Tues 6 Apr	Easter Tues (in other years Saint Crescentia Hoess)
Wed 7 Apr	Easter Wed (in other years Saint John Baptist de La Salle)
Thurs 8 Apr	Easter Thurs
Fri 9 Apr	Easter Fri
Sat 10 Apr	Easter Sat
Sun 11 Apr	Divine Mercy Sunday (in other years Saint Stanislaus)

MASS TIMES – Octave of Easter

Mon: 10:00am

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 Sat: 9:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Confessions: 9:30am Friday & Saturday

Our prayers for the Sick – Mira Krcma, Josephine Finneran, Poppie Swiereb, Marija Barclay and JohnYo-un.

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, Bernard Saddler, Lydia Garrone (1st Anniversary 4/12), Elaine Buchhorn, Celestino Simoes, Francisco Baptista, Mari Do Carmo, Kenneth Finn, Martin Tierney, Arthur Horder, Mila Ignacio, John Carolan and Oscar McKinnon (18/3) and Ettore Pelewzick 29/3 (*Dominic's father*).

EASTER Message from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP: link - https://www.dropbox.com/s/o0onbhqxd9jka6w/200210325_easter_msg_final_v.04.mp4?dl=0



Stopping sacramental ‘freefall’ with Go Make Disciples plan

By **Marilyn Rodrigues**

March 30, 2021

Archbishop looks to renew church life across Sydney

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has encouraged clergy from across the city to make use of all the support made availa-

ble through the *Go Make Disciples* archdiocesan mission plan.

Speaking at a clergy conference held in Lilyfield last Tuesday, the archbishop said that *Go Make Disciples* was necessary to address the many challenges faced by parishes and chaplaincies.

Reception of some sacraments “is in free-fall”, particularly marriage and confession, many congregations shrinking and ageing, while some parishes struggle to support paid staff and recruit volunteers, he said, trends only accelerated by the COVID pandemic.

Go Make Disciples was launched last December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe who is patron of the New Evangelisation, and will be brought to parishes and deaneries throughout this year.

Archbishop Fisher explained that the plan is unique in three major ways. “One, its sheer practicality, offering not just motherhood statements about an idealised parish, but facts about each parish and practical strategies,” he said.

“Secondly, the sheer range and depth of practical ideas in this plan has few parallels, and reflects the size, gifts and opportunities that make so much more possible for the Church of Sydney than for many dioceses.

“Thirdly, this plan does not put all the burden of implementation on the shoulders of priests alone: we have a very able team at the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation focussed wholeheartedly on backing you up and bringing existing and new parishioners on board, and a big range of resources in the plan.”

Director of the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation Daniel Ang told *The Catholic Weekly* that it was a privilege to spend the day with the archdiocesan clergy to share the vision for the Church in Sydney outlined in the plan.

Mr Ang said it was also an opportunity to share resources and practical support available to the clergy and gain insights into the practical challenges that priests and deacons are already navigating and responding to in their communities.

“As we know, we are in an era of mission, sharing the Gospel with a society largely unfamiliar with the Christian story, sceptical of the goodness of the Church but marked all the same by an immense hunger for God,” Mr Ang said.

“*Go Make Disciples* provides a map and tools to respond to that challenge, suggesting ‘new wine’ and also ‘new wineskins’ or ways to organise ourselves for this mission. It was a day to gather and look ahead with gratitude for the gifts we have been given here in Sydney and also to be frank about the challenges that lie ahead.

“Rather than ignoring underlying issues which impact on the ministry of so many of our ordained each and every day and those communities they serve, *Go Make Disciples* provides a clear scaffold for local communities to address those issues for the sake of the Gospel and for present and future generations to come.

“I sensed great excitement and hope about the future as well as a healthy realism too that we need to engage with our present circumstances, exercise leadership and creativity in a time when many are weighed with cynicism or tempted to be somnolent.” Manager of the parish renewal team, Elizabeth Arblaster, said that her priority was to provide parishes with as much practical support as possible in carrying out their local plans for renewal.

“When a priest and his leadership team decide to take steps to strengthen the foundations of their parish life, my aim is to provide them with access to as many resources and as much support as they can to implement those changes,” she said.

“This accompaniment is our commitment, whether that’s assisting a parish to introduce a program to invite those who do not know Christ into an encounter with Him, helping them provide spiritual and intellectual formation for their parishioners, or providing other support as they implement one of many other initiatives in *Go Make Disciples* which can help our parishes be renewed as places of encounter with the living Christ.”

Bondi Catholic parish priest Fr Anthony Robbie said that when he called on the assistance of the parish renewal team [in recent weeks](#), their advice was “practical, professional and really interesting and helpful”.

“Clergy in particular can get a bit blasé about these sorts of operations and think we’ve heard all of this before, but this wasn’t like that at all. I have to take my hat off to them and commend them.”

Administrator of St Peter’s parish, Surry Hills, Fr John Macdonald said that the *Go Make Disciples* presentation has helped inspire him in his own parish. “I found it very reassuring that we are on song with the Archbishop’s vision in what we are trying to do,” Fr Macdonald said. “I thought it was congruent with the mantra of Pope Francis, that to be Catholic is to be a missionary and to be a Catholic parish is to be a missionary parish.”

What is Go Make Disciples?

Go Make Disciples is about the renewal of our parishes by placing the Great Commission of Jesus to “go and make disciples” at the heart of all we do. We want our communities to be places of deepening encounter with Jesus and widening outreach for Him.

Why are we implementing Go Make Disciples?

We are called to be faithful to our Lord who sent us to proclaim the Good News in word and deed.

How are we going to do this?

By focusing on strengthening five foundations of parish life by which people are called and formed as disciples: evangelisation, leadership, community, formation and worship. The ‘new wine’ of spiritual renewal also needs to be supported by the ‘new wineskins’; that is, structures which support the mission of our parishes.

Who is doing this?

All of our parishes, migrant chaplaincies and other Eucharistic communities are called to enter into this springtime of renewal, calling on the Holy Spirit to bring new life and inspiration to our communities, that we may be radiant witnesses to Jesus to the people of Sydney.

Pope at Audience: The Cross of Christ, a beacon of hope

In his Catechesis during the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis looks ahead to the Easter Triduum and the celebration of the saving mystery of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection.

By Vatican News staff reporter

On the eve of the Easter Triduum, Pope Francis, during his Wednesday General Audience focused on these central days of the Liturgical year, celebrating the mystery of the Lord’s Passion, Death and Resurrection.

A new commandment of love

Looking ahead to Holy Thursday and the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Pope recalled Christ's washing the disciples' feet, His new commandment of love, and His institution of the Eucharist as the abiding memorial of the sacrifice of His body and blood for the salvation of all.

Adoration of the Cross

Turning his attention to Good Friday, Pope Francis said, in the intensity of the rite of Liturgical action, we will be presented with the Crucifix to adore. By adoring the Cross, we will relive the journey of the innocent Lamb sacrificed for our salvation."

On that day, he continued, "We will carry in our minds and hearts the sufferings of the sick, the poor, the rejected of this world; we will remember the "sacrificed lambs", innocent victims of wars, dictatorships, daily violence, abortions."

"Before the image of the crucified God," the Pope underlined, "we will bring in prayer the many, the too many who are crucified in our time, who can only receive from Him the comfort and the meaning of their suffering."

"Ever since Jesus took upon himself the wounds of humanity and death itself," said Pope Francis, "God's love has irrigated these deserts of ours, he has enlightened our darkness."

Speaking off the cuff, the Pope asked, Why is the world in darkness? He answered by saying that we live in a world beset by wars, a world where children are starving and lack education. Many people take drugs in order to feel a little better. It's a catastrophe, it's a desert," he said. There are small islands, the Pope explained; these are the people of God "who keep in their hearts the desire to be better. But let's face it: in this Calvary of death, it is Jesus who suffers in his disciples."

Pope Francis went to say that by Christ's wounds we have been healed, and by his death we have all been regenerated. Thanks to him, abandoned on the cross, "no-one will ever again be alone in the darkness of death," he said.

Mother of believers

Dwelling on Holy Saturday, Pope Francis described it as "the day of silence, experienced in weeping and bewilderment by the first disciples, shocked by Jesus' ignominious death." He noted that, this Saturday is also "Mary's day," as she too lives it in tears, "but her heart is full of faith, full of hope, full of love."

The Mother of God, said the Pope, remained at the foot of the cross, with her soul pierced. But when everything seemed to be over, "she kept vigil, she kept her hope in the promise of God who raises the dead."

Pope Francis explained that by doing this "in the darkest hour of the world, she became Mother of believers, Mother of the Church and a sign of hope. Her witness and intercession sustain us when the weight of the cross becomes too heavy for us."

Again, speaking off the cuff, the Pope warned against denying what one believes in for the sake of money, just like Jesus' enemies at the tomb who denied that He had risen.

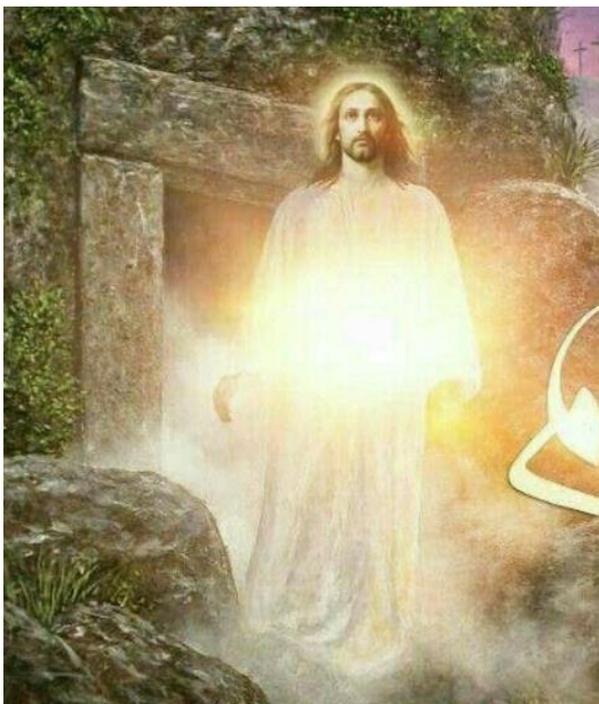
In the darkness of Holy Saturday, continued the Pope, "joy and light will break through with the rites of the Easter Vigil and the festive singing of the Alleluia."

Beacon of hope

Concluding his catechesis, Pope Francis noted that again this year the faithful will be celebrating Easter in the context of the pandemic.

But he stressed that despite the many situations of suffering, "the Cross of Christ is like a beacon that indicates the port to ships that are still afloat on stormy seas.

"It is the sign of hope", he said, "that does not let us down; and it tells us that not even one tear, not one cry is lost in God's plan of salvation."

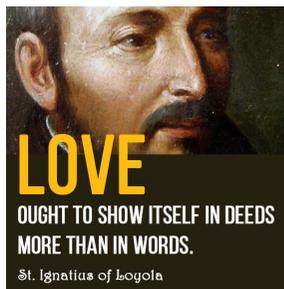


"The same power that raised Christ from the dead is living in you"

[Rom. 8:11]

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.

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 (resumes at a date to be advised)

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

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day

Our Lord's Divine Mercy Sunday grants forgiveness of all sins and punishment on the Feast of Divine Mercy, Mercy Sunday, mercy for even the most hardened sinners! It is the Sunday of Divine Mercy, the Feast of Mercy! Divine Mercy Sunday will be on April 11th, 2021



"Great love can change small things into great ones, and it is only love which lends value to our actions. And the purer our love becomes, the less there will be within us for the flames of suffering to feed upon, and the suffering will cease to be a suffering for us; it will become a delight! By the grace of God, I have received such a disposition of heart that I am never so happy as when I suffer for Jesus, whom I love with every beat of my heart." (303, page 140)

From Saint Faustina's Diary