



## St Peter's Parish, Surry Hills

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### Feast Days of the Week:

Mon 3 May

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

### MASS TIMES – Fifth week of Easter

Mon: 7:30am

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

Thur: 5:15pm

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

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

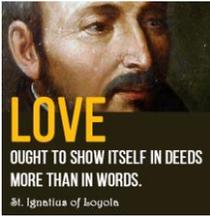
Every Thursday: Cenacle at 10:00am

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

Confessions: 9:30am Friday and Saturday

***Our prayers for the Sick*** – Mira Krcma, Josephine Finneran, Poppie Swiereb, Marija Barclay, John Yo-un and Dan Southee.

***We remember our deceased*** – Ken Leonhardt (18/4), Caterina Vieira (12/4), Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood, Margaret D Hailwood (21/9), Joyce Hailwood & Marge Heaney, Joan McEvoy, June Veronica Hailwood, Robin Bridgewater, Bernard Saddler, Lydia Garone (1<sup>st</sup> 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), Michele Ettore Plenzick 29/3 (*Dominic's father*), Michelle Perez Saldivar and Garry Hansen.



**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](mailto:mbwalk001@myacu.edu.au) Learn more about CLC at [www.clcaustralia.org.au](http://www.clcaustralia.org.au)

## PARISH GROUPS

### RCIA

**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

Legion of Mary

**Mother's Day Concert & High Tea**; Four fine chamber musicians from Sydney, violinists: Jacqui Carias and Elizaveta Laskova, Violist: Neil Thompson and cellist Ruben Palma come together to perform in a wonderful delectable soundscape of the 17<sup>th</sup> century music arranged for string quartet. Pieces include Handel's Water Music and the Royal Fireworks.

Following the performance, will be an exquisite High Tea to warm the hearts of our beloved mothers in St Peter's Courtyard straight after the concert. **Link to book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BPRGI>



### **Offertory Motet**

*Regina caeli* - A. Lotti (1667-1740)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!  
for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!  
has risen as he said, alleluia!  
Pray for us to God, alleluia!

### **Communion Chant**

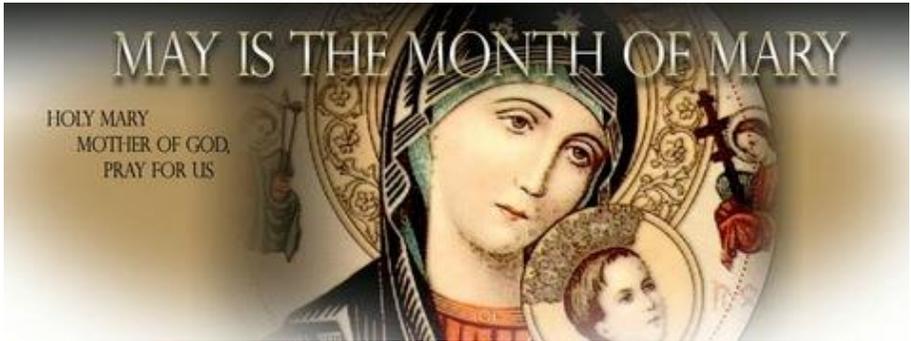
*Ego sum vitis vera*

I am the true vine, and you are the branches;  
he who abides in me and I in him,  
he it is who bears much fruit, alleluia, alleluia.  
Ÿ. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock. (Jn. 15: 5; Ÿ. Ps. 79(80): 2ab)

### **Communion Motet**

*Cantate Domino* - J.P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, bless His name;  
proclaim His salvation day after day.  
Declare His glory among the nations,  
His wonderful deeds among all peoples. (Ps. 95(96): 1-3)



The month of May ([Overview](#) - [Calendar](#)) is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (A *partial indulgence* is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding — even if only mentally — some pious invocation.

Excerpted from *Enchiridion of Indulgences*.

**Hail, holy Mother,  
thou who didst bring  
forth the King who rules  
heaven and earth  
forever and ever.**



### **The month of Mary and the Popes**

The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical *on the Sacred Liturgy (Mediator Dei)* characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops" (no. 182).

Paul VI wrote a short encyclical in 1965 using the [Month of Mary](#) devotion as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. He urged the faithful to make use of this practice which is "gladdening and consoling" and by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is honoured and the Christian people are enriched with spiritual gifts" (no. 2).

In May of 2002 Pope John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favourite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!"

### **Devotion to Mary**

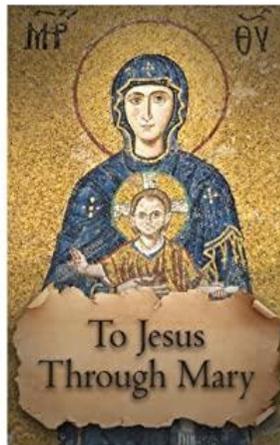
The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, as Pope Leo XIII reminded us, is the soul of the Church: All the activity and service of the members of the Church, beginning with the supreme participation of the Blessed Mother in the work of the Church, is vivified by the Holy Spirit as the body, in all its activities, is vivified by its soul. The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, Advocate, and Comforter which Christ Himself sent to be our consolation in the sorrowful mysteries of life, our source of moderation in the joyful mysteries of life, our added principle of exaltation in the glorious mysteries of life.

So He was for the Blessed Mother; so also He is for the least of us; so also He is for the rest of the Church, even for those who are its unconscious but conscientious members. Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary, because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us....

If, then, piety is the virtue which binds us to the sources of all life, to God, to our parents, to the Church, to Christ, certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary — or our acceptance of Christ and of the mystery of our kinship with Him is imperfect, partial, and unfulfilled.

— *Cardinal John Wright*

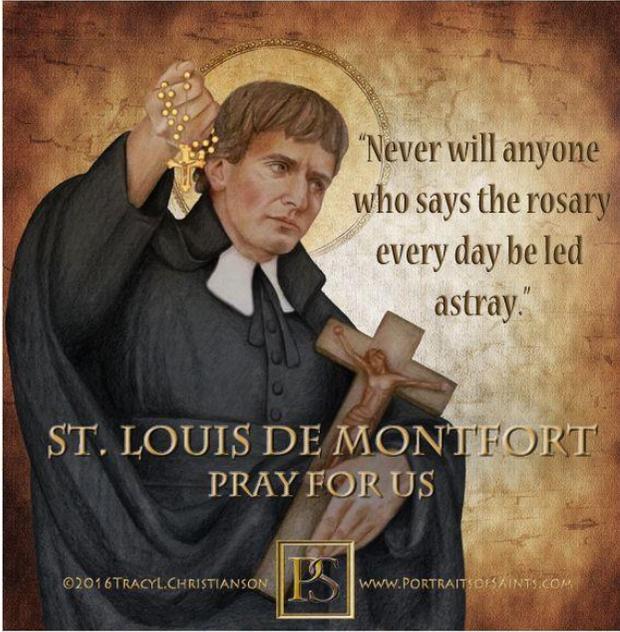


**TRUE DEVOTIONS TO MARY** by St Louis de Montfort  
**Commendations of the Popes** – eCatholic2000

**Blessed Pope Pius IX** (1846–78): Declared that Saint Louis De Montfort's devotion to Mary was the best and most acceptable form of devotion to Our Lady.

**Pope Leo XIII** (1878–1903): Granted a Plenary Indulgence to those who make Saint Louis De Montfort's act of consecration to the Blessed Virgin. On his deathbed he renewed the act himself and invoked the heavenly aid of Saint Louis De Montfort, whom he had beatified in 1888.

**Pope Saint Pius X** (1903–14): "I heartily recommend True Devotion to The Blessed Virgin, so admirably written by [Saint] De Montfort, and to all who read it grant the Apostolic Benediction." . . . "There is no surer or easier way than Mary in uniting all men with Christ."



**Pope Benedict XV** (1914–22): “A book of high authority and unction.”

**Pope Pius XI** (1922–39): “I have practiced this devotion ever since my youth.”

**Pope Pius XII** (1939–58): “God Alone was everything to him. Remain faithful to the precious heritage, which this great saint left you. It is a glorious inheritance, worthy, that you continue to sacrifice your strength

and your life, as you have done until today.”

**Pope Paul VI** (1963–78): “We are convinced without any doubt that devotion to Our Lady is essentially joined with devotion to Christ, that it assures a firmness of conviction to faith in Him and in His Church, a vital adherence to Him and to His Church which, without devotion to Mary, would be impoverished and compromised.”

**Blessed Pope John Paul II** (1978–2005): “The reading of this book was a decisive turning-point in my life. I say ‘turning-point,’ but in fact it was a long inner journey . . . This ‘perfect devotion’ is indispensable to anyone who means to give himself without reserve to Christ and to the work of redemption.” . . . “It is from Montfort that I have taken my motto: ‘Totus tuus’ (‘I am all thine’). Someday I’ll have to tell you Montfortians how I discovered De Montfort’s Treatise on True Devotion to Mary, and how often I had to reread it to understand it.”

**Vatican Council II** (1962–1965): ‘The maternal duty of Mary toward men in no way obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows its power.

All her saving influence on men originates not from some inner necessity, but from the divine pleasure. It flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on His mediation, depends entirely on it and draws all its power from it.' . . . 'The practices and exercises of devotion to her recommended by the Church in the course of the centuries [are to] be treasured.' (Lumen Gentium: 60, 67).

