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Feast Days of the Week:

Tue 18 May	Saint John 1, Pope, Martyr
Thu 20 May	Saint Bernardine of Siena
Fri 21 May	Saint Christopher Magallanes and his Companions
Sat 22 May	Saint Rita of Cascia

MASS TIMES – Seventh week of Eastertide

Mon: 7:30am

Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat 10:00am daily (**NO Mass on Sat 22May**)

Thur: 5:15pm

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

Every Tuesday: Cenacle (after 10:00am Mass) (Thurs 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 Xwierieb, 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 (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), Michele Ettore Plenzick 29/3 (*Dominic's father*), Michelle Perez Saldivar, Garry Hansen, Rita Azzopardi and Loreta Manawag.

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima for healing and strength – by Philip Kosloski 6/5/21

Pray this traditional prayer to Our Lady of Fatima to receive extraordinary spiritual graces from God.

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in 1917 to three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal. She spoke to them for several months, culminating in a miraculous vision seen by hundreds of witnesses. Ever since then she has been invoked under the title of “Our Lady of Fatima,” as well as “Our Lady of the Rosary.”



She is known for her powerful intercession, especially for **healing and strength** to endure any trial. Here is a traditional prayer to Our Lady of Fatima that many have prayed over the years for special graces from God.

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Church’s essential task is to teach prayer, Pope - Catholic News Service - April 21, 2021 By Carol Glatz

Pontiff warns against group-think as a poor foundation for the Church’s mission and reform. Without prayer, everything crumbles and any initiatives for church reform will just be proposals by some group and not the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Pope Francis said. **“Everything in the Church originates in prayer and everything grows thanks to prayer,”** the Pope said April 14 during his weekly general audience.

If there is no prayer, the Church becomes “like an empty shell” that has lost its bearings and “no longer possesses its source of warmth and love,” he said, and it ends up being made up of groups of “entrepreneurs of faith” that are well organized and busy with charitable activities but lack faith.

Continuing his series of talks on prayer, the Pope reflected on the role of the Church as a school of faith and prayer. **“The breath of faith is prayer,”** the Pope said. “We

grow in faith inasmuch as we learn to pray,” and over time, especially after crises or difficult periods in life, “we become aware that without faith, we could not have made it through and that our strength was prayer.”

That is why groups or communities that are dedicated to prayer “flourish in the Church” and can become “centres of spiritual light, small oases in which intense prayer is shared and fraternal communion is constructed day by day,” breathing life into the Church and society itself, he said.

“Praying and working in community keeps the world going,” Pope Francis said. When the devil wants to attack the Church, he starts with sapping its strength by hindering prayer, he said. For example, he said, “we see this in certain groups who agree to promote Church reforms, changes in the life of the Church” and they may be very well organised and have wide media outreach, “but you don’t see any prayer.” The groups may have interesting ideas and proposals, but these only emerged from talking and through the media, not prayer, the Pope said.

“Prayer is what opens the door to the Holy Spirit,” who inspires the path forward, he said. “Changes in the Church without prayer are not changes made by the Church, they are changes made by groups.”

Prayer gives people strength, he said, leading one’s life “securely forward” no matter how lowly, imperfect or weak one’s life may be.

“Holy women and men do not have easier lives than other people” since they have problems, too, and face opposition, he said. But with prayer, the saints “nourish the flame of their faith” and even though they often “count for little in the eyes of the world, they are in reality the ones who sustain it, not with the weapons of money and power, of the communications media and so on, but with the weapon of prayer.”

Christians, he said, should ask themselves whether they pray and reflect on how they pray, for example, “like parrots or do I pray with my heart?”

Do people pray with the Church or “do I pray a bit according to my ideas and then make my ideas become prayer? This is a pagan prayer, not Christian,” he added. The essential task of the Church, the Pope said, is **to pray and to teach people how to pray and to hand down the “lamp of faith and the oil of prayer from generation to generation.”**

“Without faith everything collapses; and without prayer faith is extinguished,” he said. But as long as “there is the oil of prayer,” the lamp of faith will always be lit on earth.

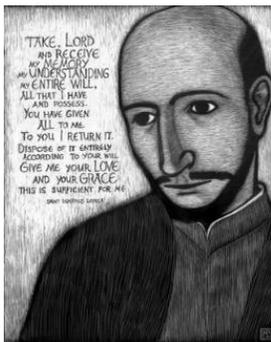


Sydney City Procession for the Feast of Mary Help of Christians Patroness of Australia - 3.00pm Sunday 23 May 2021

Commences 3.00pm from St Peter's Surry Hills with a pilgrim blessing by Fr Danny and then on to St Mary's Cathedral for the 5.00pm Solemn Choral First Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please contact the Servants of Mary Help of Christians or Steven Buhagiar from the Archdiocesan Life Marriage and Family team if you require more information.



Worldwide Rosary Relay May 2021 - The Marian marathon convened by Pope Francis for the month of May to pray for an end to the pandemic brings to the fore the power of prayer in times of danger, and in particular, the intercession of the Virgin, to whom Christians have had recourse since the dawn of the Gospel...
 Read all: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-04/prayer-rosary-sanctuaries-mary-marathon-pope-francis.html>
 and link to Shrine list and daily intentions - <https://www.sydney-catholic.org/life-marriage-and-family/month-of-may-worldwide-rosary-relay/>



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 and RSVP your attendance to mbwalk001@myacu.edu.au Learn more

about CLC at www.clcaustralia.org.au

PARISH GROUPS

RCIA – The 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 – Sun 11:30 – 2:00pm (morning tea, Regina Coeli, Evangelium & pub lunch)

Marian Group – before mass daily

Divine Mercy Group – before mass daily

Cenacle – Church – Tuesday: 10:30 am to 11:30am (Thurs 10:00am)

Bible Group – Church – Monday: 8:00am

Liturgy Group – B16 – after Sunday lunch

To be announced

Legion of Mary

Irish Music Festival - Special Mass at 12:30pm on Sunday 30 May 2021 at St Peter's Parish Surry Hills to bless the attendees at the Irish music festival in the Gaelic Club on the weekend. Fr Brendan Purcell will be the celebrant. For more information, please contact Marion on 0410679599

Government of Ireland
Emigrant Support Programme

COMHALTAS
Sydney
Est. 2010

Sydney Fleadh
28th, 29th, 30th MAY 2021

- Irish Traditional Music & Song Concerts
- Ceili (Irish Dancing) Event
- Music Workshops - Adult & Junior
- Irish Language Singing Lessons
- Irish Traditional Music Sessions

Locations: Gaelic Club & Quaker Hall
Devonshire St, Surry Hills Sydney

For more info;
www.comhaltassydney.com  Comhaltas Sydney



Ordinary

Messe Royale du premier ton - H. Du Mont (1610-1684)

Entrance Chant

Viri Galilaei

Men of Galilee, why are you gazing in astonishment at the sky? alleluia;
just as you have seen him ascend into heaven,
so, in like manner, shall he return, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
(Acts 1: 11)

Offertory Motet

Terra tremuit - W. Byrd (c.1540-1623)

The earth trembled and was still,
when God arose in judgment, alleluia.
(Ps. 75(76): 9b-10a)

Communion Chant

Signa eos

These signs will accompany those who believe:
they will cast out demons,
and when they lay their hands upon the sick,
these will recover, alleluia.
✠. Bless the Lord at all times;
praise of him be ever in my mouth.
(Mk. 16: 17-18; ✠. Ps. 33(34): 2)

Communion Motet

Ascendit Deus - P. Philips (c.1560-1628)

God has gone up amidst shouts of joy,
the Lord to the sound of the trumpet, alleluia.
The Lord has prepared his seat in heaven, alleluia.
(Ps. 46(47): 5; Ps. 102(103): 19a)

"HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER"

659 "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." ⁵³¹ Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys. ⁵³² But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. ⁵³³ Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand. ⁵³⁴ Only in a wholly exceptional and unique way would Jesus show himself to Paul "as to one untimely born", in a last apparition that established him as an apostle. ⁵³⁵



660 The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: "I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ⁵³⁶ This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension.

661 This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. ⁵³⁷ "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man." ⁵³⁸ Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness. ⁵³⁹ Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us. ⁵⁴⁰

662 "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." ⁵⁴¹ The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension

into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands . . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." ⁵⁴² There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him". ⁵⁴³ As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the centre and the principal actor of the liturgy that honours the Father in heaven. ⁵⁴⁴

663 Henceforth Christ is *seated at the right hand of the Father*. "By 'the Father's right hand' we understand the glory and honour of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified." ⁵⁴⁵

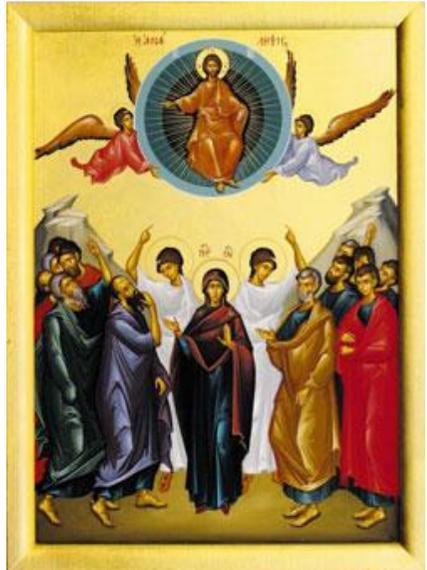
664 Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." ⁵⁴⁶ After this event the apostles became witnesses of the "kingdom [that] will have no end". ⁵⁴⁷

In Brief

665 Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. *Acts 1:11*); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. *Col 3:3*).

666 Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever.

667 Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church



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