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Feast Days of the Week:

Mon 24 May	Our Lady Help of Christians
Tue 25 May	Saint Bede
	Saint Gregory VII
	Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi
Wed 26 May	Saint Philip Neri
Thu 27 May	Saint Augustine of Canterbury
Sat 29 May	Saint Paul VI

MASS TIMES – Ordinary Time *Eighth week*

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) (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 – Anne Kelly (Deborah White's mum (14/5), Betty Harkins (12/5), 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 Garrone (1st Anniversary 4/12), 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.

Catholic action on environment set for massive multiplication this Laudato Si' Week - Inspiration, presentations, collaboration: Get ready for May 16-25 May 14, 2021 - by [Brian Roewe](#)

The Vatican's celebratory year for Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology is coming to a close, but organizers hope its end will mark the beginning of a major movement within the global Catholic Church to turn its message about preserving creation into actions to create a more sustainable world for all.

In May 2020, the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development declared a Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year to mark the fifth anniversary of Francis' 2015 encyclical "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home." Bookending the year have been two [Laudato Si' Weeks](#), sponsored by the dicastery and other Catholic organizations.

Laudato Si' Week 2021 begins May 16 and runs until May 25. The time frame coincides with the date, May 24, 2015, when Francis signed his first solo encyclical and the first-ever papal document centred on the environment.

This year's Laudato Si' Week pulls its theme from part of the pope's appeal in the document's introduction: "For we know that things can change." The events will celebrate the church's progress so far in acting on the landmark encyclical, with the goal of launching a massive multiplication of Catholic engagement around conservation, sustainability and changing the current trajectory of global warming.

Christina Leaño, associate director of the Global Catholic Climate Movement, one of the partner organizations, said the theme is both an acknowledgement of environmental work undertaken by Catholics already and an invitation to advance those efforts even further.

"We've seen the tremendous initiatives, all the work that Catholic institutions have done around the globe, and individuals, because of *Laudato Si'*," she said.

Salesian Fr. Joshtröm Kureethadam, coordinator of the dicastery's ecology and creation sector who's been at the center of planning the Laudato Si' Year, told EarthBeat that the year has unfolded "even beyond our expectations."

He highlighted numerous projects, among them a [major tree-planting initiative in Bangladesh](#), the creation of Laudato Si' Gardens, countless webinars and a [Living Chapel installation](#) in Rome. Religious orders have been among the most active, he said, with his own Salesian province in India committing to solar energy.

"We're very optimistic, because as I said, we are seeing a movement from below, and as Pope Francis often says, from the peripheries," Kureethadam said.

Virtual events will take place each day, including presentations by Cardinals Peter Turkson and Luis Tagle, along with *Laudato Si'*-inspired concerts and contests. But one of the main events will come on May 25, when the dicastery will hold a "soft launch" of its much-anticipated Laudato Si' Action Platform.

The platform, [announced during Laudato Si' Week 2020](#), will outline a series of benchmarks for Catholic organizations large and small to achieve "total sustainability" in the spirit of the encyclical within a seven-year period.

The ambitious project seeks to animate Catholics at the grassroots — in families, dioceses, religious communities, schools, universities, health care centres and businesses, including farms — to meet seven sets of sustainability benchmarks. Among them: achieving carbon neutrality, reducing plastic use and meat consumption, incorporating ecological themes into liturgies and education, defending all forms of life, divesting from the fossil fuel sector and investing in renewable energy.

Kureethadam said the platform is intended to offer Catholics a strategic way to live out the spirit of integral ecology described in *Laudato Si'*, at a time when the crises of the coronavirus pandemic and climate change have made more and more people recognize a new way of living is necessary for the sake of the world's most vulnerable populations and endangered ecosystems.

"We cannot go on like this, and I think *Laudato Si'* offers an alternate path," he said.

Catholics engaged in environmental work have eagerly awaited the Vatican-backed platform as a potential game changer that may move more Catholics to seriously address ecological issues. Scientists say this decade is critical for dramatically cutting greenhouse gas emissions to limit the most catastrophic impacts of climate change.

Jose Aguto, associate director of Catholic Climate Covenant and a point person for U.S. preparations for the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform, described its potential as "transformational."

"It is the proverbial pebble on top of the mountain to get the big old snowball going," he [told EarthBeat in January](#).

The Vatican will hold a press conference to announce the soft launch of the platform, which is expected to further preview the initiative, debut a new website and ask Catholics to begin discerning how they might become engaged. More of the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform will then be rolled out on Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, at the conclusion of the annual ecumenical Season of Creation.

Since the release of *Laudato Si'* in June 2015, Francis has brought the church's moral voice to international talks on climate change, biodiversity loss, deforestation and increasing threats to Indigenous communities and others who are highly vulnerable to the impacts of a warming world.

The pope has called Catholics and others to an "ecological conversion" based on heeding "the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor." As the coronavirus has surged around the globe, he has urged countries not to return to normal, but to regenerate a world that better conserves its natural resources and cares for the people and creatures living in it.

"Both the global catastrophes, Covid and climate change, prove that we do not have time to wait," [Francis said in an Earth Day message](#). "Time urges us, and as COVID-19 demonstrated, we do have the tools to face the loss. We have the instruments. This is the moment to act. We are at the edge."

Before the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform launch event, the week will offer a series of webinars featuring several cardinals, numerous development officials and climate activists and artistic presentations highlighting biodiversity threats. The pope may also comment on *Laudato Si'* Week during his Angelus messages in St. Peter's Square on May 16 and 24.

The first webinar of the week, on May 17, will focus on Catholic participation in two upcoming United Nations summits, COP 15 on biodiversity, held in China in October, and the COP 26 climate conference in Glasgow in November.

That dialogue, which is expected to highlight the church's support of holding global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius, will include Fr. Augusto Zampini, adjunct secretary of the integral human development dicastery; Christine Allen, director of the U.K.-based development agency CAFOD; José Gregorio Díaz Mirabal of COICA, a network of Indigenous organizations in the Amazon Basin; and Ditebogo Lebea, a youth climate activist from South Africa. The second session of the week, May 18, will spotlight strides in incorporating the pope's environmental encyclical into education in universities and other settings, and will include a representative of the *Laudato Si'* Research Institute at Oxford University.

On May 19, a virtual event will turn attention to energy, the health impacts of fossil fuels and the question of divestment. Participants will include Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, president of the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union, which [announced in November](#) it would avoid fossil fuel investments, and climate activist Bill McKibben, who has led the international Go Fossil Free campaign.

The latest joint [divestment announcement](#) by the Global Catholic Climate Movement is also expected during the week.

Religious orders will take the spotlight on May 20, sharing ways they have responded to *Laudato Si'*, including through the [Sowing Hope for the Planet initiative](#) led by the International Union of Superiors General. Franciscan Sr. Sheila Kinsey, co-coordinator of UISG's Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission, will co-lead an international panel of women and men religious.

The event will also feature the launch of the Creation Care Prayer Network, which will coordinate monthly intentions, retreats and other ways to connect people through prayer for the preservation of creation.

A global day of creation care action on May 21 will be followed the next day by a *Laudato Si'* Festival featuring "Songs for Creation," where artists and musicians will highlight threats to biodiversity across the globe. Winners of *Laudato Si'*-inspired photo and story contests will also be honored at the festival, and the Vatican is expected to issue a message for World Biodiversity Day.

Tagle, the Philippine cardinal who heads the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and Caritas Internationalis, will lead a closing prayer gathering on May 23, the feast of Pentecost. The ceremony will begin in Assisi with a message from Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino, and will include a missionary-like send-off of ecological ministers, including the Global Catholic Climate Movement program's *Laudato Si'* animators, to spread the message of creation care.

On May 24, Turkson, prefect of the integral human development dicastery, will take part in a virtual event on the [Vatican's WASH project](#), which seeks to expand access to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene in Catholic health care facilities around the world.

Leaño said that organizers see the week as a way to energize, educate and ultimately give people direction on specific ways they can take action, whether they be first steps or the next project.

"Our hope is that it can be a week that inspires, as we listen to each other and the ways that we've been bringing *Laudato Si'* to life," she said.

Meditate on Pentecost with this simple exercise - *Philip Kosloski* - published on 05/30/20

This method breaks down the events of Pentecost into bite-sized meditations for use during the Rosary.

If you are looking to enter into the mystery of Pentecost more deeply, one way is to take apart the biblical event into smaller segments, reflecting on every action that occurs. This can be done effectively during the Rosary as you meditate on the Glorious Mysteries.

The Rosary is meant to be a **meditative prayer**, where you are **immersed into the life of Jesus Christ** and his mother. However, at times we can get lost in the prayers and forget to meditate on the mystery.

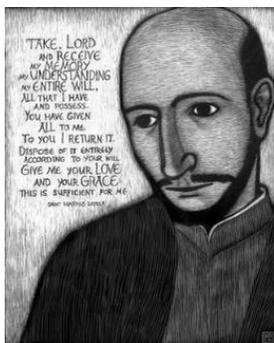
One way to stay focused on the mystery and grow deeper in love and knowledge of Pentecost is to **focus on the following short sentences before praying each Hail Mary**. These sentences are found in Fr. John Procter's *Rosary Guide* and are a great way to focus our prayer in a simple way.

It is hoped that the sentences will bring our attention back to the mystery we are meditating on, fight distractions and help us grow deeper in love of God.

1. *Mary and the Apostles prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. [Hail Mary...]*
2. *Jesus sends the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost [Hail Mary...]*
3. *A mighty wind fills the house. [Hail Mary...]*
4. *Fiery tongues rest on Mary and the Apostles. [Hail Mary...]*
5. *They are all filled with the Holy Spirit. [Hail Mary...]*
6. *They speak with numerous tongues. [Hail Mary...]*
7. *Men of all nations are gathered to hear them. [Hail Mary...]*
8. *Filled with zeal, the Apostles preach to them. [Hail Mary...]*
9. *Three thousand souls are added to the Church. [Hail Mary...]*
10. *The Holy Spirit fills our souls with grace. [Hail Mary...]*

Archbishop Fisher has released a **Video Message** for **Pentecost Sunday** available for download here: https://www.drop-box.com/s/kbm2374kyl3twsj/20210513_archbishop_pentecost_LONG_v.01.mp4?dl=0.

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.sydneycatholic.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 – Sun11:30 – 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. Fr Brendan Purcell will be the celebrant. For more information, please contact Marion on 0410679599



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 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

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What happened between the Ascension and Pentecost? - *Philip Kosloski* - published on 05/17/21

The apostles and the Virgin Mary joined together in prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost, waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In the *Acts of the Apostles*, there is a short interval of days between the Ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

What happened during those days? What did the apostles do between the Ascension and Pentecost?

Devoted themselves to prayer - Immediately following Jesus' ascension, the apostles and the Virgin Mary gathered together in the **upper room** to pray. This is the same



location where Jesus celebrated the **Last Supper**.

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer.

Acts 1:14

Replaced Judas with Matthias

- Besides prayer, they were also quite active during these days.

The *Acts of the Apostles* explains,

“During those days ... they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles” (Acts 1:15, 26).

Gathered for the Jewish feast of Pentecost - The apostles and the Virgin Mary made the necessary preparations for the Jewish feast of Pentecost.

Pentecost is the Greek name for the festival known as the Feast of Weeks, or *Shavuot* in Hebrew. It is, together with *Pesach* and *Sukkot*, one of the three pilgrimage feasts of Israel, during which each adult male was **required to be present in Jerusalem** (cf. Ex 23:14-17).

This helps explain why all were present in Jerusalem, and also gives some insight into what they may have been doing during this time.

Offertory Motet

Iam Christus astra ascenderat - C. de Morales (c.1500-1553)

Christ had already ascended on high,
returning from whence he had come,
to bestow, as the Father had promised,
the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The solemn day drew nigh,
on which the earth, having revolved seven times
in the mystical sevenfold,
announces the blessed time.

Communion Chant

Factus est repente

Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind,
in the place where they were sitting, alleluia;
and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit,
and announced the great things God had done, alleluia, alleluia.

∩. Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
and let those who hate him flee before his face.

(Acts 2: 2, 4; ∩. Ps. 67(68): 2)

Communion Motet

Factus est repente - G. Aichinger (c.1565-1628)

Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind,
in the place where they were sitting. (Acts 2: 2)

Confirm, O God, that which you have accomplished in our midst;
from your holy temple which is in Jerusalem. (Ps. 67(68): 29)

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