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Feast Days of the Week:

Wed 12 May	Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs Saint Pancras, Martyr
Thu 13 May	Our Lady of Fatima
Fri 14 May	Saint Matthias, Apostle

MASS TIMES – Sixth week of Eastertide

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

Saturday 15 May: 8:00am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Mass at 10:00am

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 (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 and Garry Hansen.



Our Lady of Fatima: Credit: Diocese of Calgary

May 13 is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6, between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917.

The story of Fatima begins in 1916, when, against the backdrop of the First World War which had introduced Europe to the most horrific and powerful forms of warfare yet seen, and a year before the Communist revolution would plunge Russia and later Eastern Europe into six decades of oppression under militant atheistic governments, a resplendent figure appeared to the three children who were in the field tending the

family sheep. "I am the Angel of Peace," said the figure, who appeared to them two more times that year exhorting them to accept the sufferings that the Lord allowed them to undergo as an act of reparation for the sins which offend Him, and to pray constantly for the conversion of sinners.

Then, on the 13th day of the month of Our Lady, May 1917, an apparition of 'a woman all in white, more brilliant than the sun' presented itself to the three children saying "Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you." Lucia asked her where she came from and she responded "I come from Heaven." The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. The woman asked them to pray and devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to "say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war." She also revealed that the children would suffer, especially from the unbelief of their friends and families, and that the two younger children, Francisco and Jacinta would be taken to Heaven very soon but Lucia would live longer in order to spread her message and devotion to the Immaculate Heart.

In the last apparition the woman revealed her name in response to Lucia's question: "I am the Lady of the Rosary."

That same day, 70,000 people had turned out to witness the apparition, following a promise by the woman that she would show the people that the apparitions were true. They saw the sun make three circles and move around the sky in an incredible zigzag movement in a manner which left no doubt in their minds about the veracity of the apparitions. By 1930 the Bishop had approved of the apparitions and they have been approved by the Church as authentic.

The messages Our Lady imparted during the apparitions to the children concerned the violent trials that would afflict the world by means of war, starvation, and the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father in the twentieth century if the world did not make reparation for sins. She exhorted the Church to pray and offer sacrifices to God in order that peace may come upon the world, and that the trials may be averted.

Our Lady of Fatima revealed three prophetic "secrets," the first two of which were revealed earlier and refer to the vision of hell and the souls languishing there, the request for an ardent devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the prediction of the Second World War, and finally the prediction of the immense damage that Russia would do to humanity by abandoning the Christian faith and embracing Communist totalitarianism. The third "secret" was not revealed until the year 2000, and referred to the persecutions that humanity would undergo in the last century: "The good will

be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated". The suffering of the popes of the 20th century has been interpreted to include the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in 1981, which took place on May 13, the 64th anniversary of the apparitions. The Holy Father attributed his escape from certain death to the intervention of Our Lady: "... it was a mother's hand that guided the bullet's path and in his throes the Pope halted at the threshold of death."

What is the central meaning of the message of Fatima? Nothing different from what the Church has always taught: it is, as Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict the XVI has put it, "the exhortation to prayer as the path of "salvation for souls" and, likewise, the summons to penance and conversion."

Perhaps the most well-known utterance of the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima was her confident declaration that "My Immaculate Heart will triumph". Cardinal Ratzinger has interpreted this utterance as follows: "**The Heart open to God, purified by contemplation of God, is stronger than guns and weapons of every kind. The fiat of Mary, the word of her heart, has changed the history of the world, because it brought the Saviour into the world—because, thanks to her** Yes, God could become man in our world and remains so for all time. The Evil One has power in this world, as we see and experience continually; he has power because our freedom continually lets itself be led away from God. But since God himself took a human heart and has thus steered human freedom towards what is good, the freedom to choose evil no longer has the last word. From that time forth, the word that prevails is this: "In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart; I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33). The message of Fatima invites us to trust in this promise.

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.vatcannews.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/>



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 17th 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>



A link to Chantal's write up on Jacqui's, Mother's Day Concert, and why The 1880 Hall is such a great venue - <https://www.cutcommonmag.com/how-a-church-hall-tea-and-your-mum-are-revamping-chamber-music-this-may/>



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 – 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

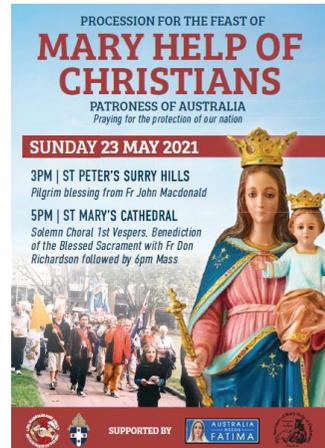
To be announced

Legion of Mary

The World Apostolate of Fatima (Sydney Archdiocesan Committee), invite you to their May celebration **in honour of Our Lady of Fatima**, interceding for Peace in the World and the Welfare of Australia. It will take place in **St Mary's Cathedral** on **Saturday May 15**, commencing at 11:30am with entrance procession in the Cathedral. Programme includes Litany of Loreto, Consecration, Rosary concluding with Holy Mass. For further enquiries please call 9984 8988 or mobile 0403478994

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.



Litany of St Joseph - On the feast of St Joseph the Worker (1st May) the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments published an updated version of the Litany of St Joseph, approved by Pope Francis.

The 112 year old litany now includes invocations mainly taken from modern papal texts about St. Joseph, including Pope Francis' December Apostolic Letter proclaiming a Year of St Joseph and St John Paul II's 1989 Apostolic Exhortation, "Redemptoris Custos".

The seven additions to the litany are: "Custos Redemptoris" (Guardian of the Redeemer); "Serve Christi" (Servant of Christ); "Minister salutis" (Minister of salvation); "Fulcimen in difficultatibus" (Support in difficulties); "Patrone exsulum" (Patron of exiles); "Patrone afflictorum" (Patron of the afflicted); and "Patrone pauperum" (Patron of the poor).

Printed copies of the Litany of St Joseph with the 7 new invocations are available. Please take a copy home.

Entrance Chant

*Voce*m* iucunditatis*

Spread the news with a voice of joy; let it be heard, alleluia;
speak it out to the very ends of the earth;
the Lord has liberated his people, alleluia, alleluia.
(cf. Is. 48: 20)

Offertory Motet

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit - T. Tallis (c.1505-1585)

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts,
and lighten our understanding,
that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name,
all the days of our life,
that we may know thee, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

Communion Chant

Ego vos elegi

I have chosen you from the world,
in order that you might go and bring forth fruit,
and that your fruit should last, alleluia.
Ÿ. Of your mercy, O Lord, I will sing for ever;
from generation to generation,
I will proclaim your faithfulness with my mouth.
(Jn. 15: 16; Ÿ. Ps. 88(89): 2)

Communion Motet

If ye love me - T. Tallis (c.1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you forever;
Even the spirit of truth;
(Jn. 14: 15-17)



OUR DEAREST QUEEN and MOTHER

On this day (Mother's Day) we look to you for guidance. We pray that all mothers will grow in your likeness and walk with you in the path of humility, faith, love, kindness, obedience, courage and perseverance.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, mothers-to-be and we also remember fondly mothers who have passed on.

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