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### Feast Days of the Week:

Sun 13 Jun	Saint Anthony of Padua (in other years)
Wed 16 Jun	Saint John Francis Regis
Fri 18 Jun	Venerable Matt Talbot

### MASS TIMES – Ordinary Time *Eleventh 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*** – Nerisa Williams, Rose Duffy, Florence Grech, Nathan Essey, Mira Krcma, Josephine Finneran, Marija Barclay, John Yo-un and Dan Southee.

***We remember our deceased*** – Lourdes Eulalia Martinez (10/6), 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, Joyce Hailwood & Marge Heaney, Joan McEvoy, June Veronica Hailwood, Michelle Perez Saldivar, Garry Hansen, Rita Azopardi, Pauline Micallef, Loreta Manawag, George Vorlicek, John Lehane, Oscar Vonwiller and Bernard Mills.

## Why a key to evangelization rests in Jesus' Heart

- [Philip Kosloski](#) - published on 06/06/08/21



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*St. John Paul II believed that our efforts to spread the Gospel will benefit from a devotion to the Heart of Jesus.*

Often we will try to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but be discouraged by our results. This experience may dissuade us and shake our courage to evangelize.

For St. John Paul II, a central key to evangelization that we may be missing is a devotion to the Heart of Jesus.

He writes about this topic in his *Letter on the 100th anniversary of the Consecration of the Human Race to the Divine Heart of Jesus.*

*In facing the **challenge of the new evangelization**, the Christian **who looks upon the Heart of Christ** and consecrates himself as well as his brothers and sisters to him, the Lord of time and history, rediscovers that he is the **bearer of his light**. Motivated by this **spirit of service**, he cooperates in opening to all human beings the prospect of being raised to their own personal and communal fullness. **“From the Heart of Christ, man’s heart learns to know the genuine and unique meaning of his life and of his destiny**, to understand the value of an authentically Christian life, to keep himself from certain perversions of the human heart, and to unite the **filial love of God with love of neighbour**”*

In particular, he believed this devotion could help humanity understand the **depth of God's love**.

*I have often urged the faithful to persevere in the practice of this devotion, which “contains a message which in our day has an extraordinary timeliness,” because “an unending spring of life, giving hope to every person, has streamed precisely from the **Heart of God's Son, who died on the Cross**. From the Heart of Christ crucified is born the new humanity redeemed from sin. **[Humanity] needs Christ's Heart to know God and to know himself; he needs it to build the civilization of love.**”*

When we look upon Jesus and his Sacred Heart, we witness the love he has for all of us, a love that should permeate us and urge us to love others.

It is a love of the Good Shepherd that gives us the inspiration we need to be evangelizers of God's love.

*Each person needs to be more committed to praying the Lord of the harvest (cf. Mt 9:38) to grant the Church “**shepherds after his own heart**” (Jer 3:15) who, **in love with Christ the Good Shepherd, will pattern their own hearts on his** and be ready to go out into the highways of the world to proclaim to all that he is the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

If you want to be a more effective evangelist of the Gospel, look to Jesus' Heart and learn from him how to love others.

**Jubilee Year of Mercy: The Mercy of the Sacred Heart** - FATHER PETER JOHN CAMERON, O.P.

*Jesus Christ was a brilliant, mind-boggling teacher whose lessons, insight, and wisdom left even erudite scholars awestruck. And yet there is no feast of the Sacred Mind.*

What the Church celebrates instead is the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

*Definitively loved*

Which, right from the get-go, reveals something to us: that what really matters in life is not what we do with our brain, but with our heart. The anonymous English author of *The Cloud of Unknowing* (14th century) writes: "No one can fully comprehend the uncreated God with his knowledge; but each one, in a different way, can grasp him fully through love. Truly this is the unending miracle of love: that one loving person, through his love, can embrace God, whose being fills and transcends the entire creation."

The mystery of the Sacred Heart is one of supreme mercy: Jesus gives us his own love so that we in turn can love God the way God deserves.

Honouring this mystery means, first of all, being ever open to receiving Jesus' love. We know how much we languish when lacking even a little human love. As the Catholic philosopher Josef Pieper observed, "What we need over and above sheer existence is to be loved by another person. Being created by God actually does not suffice, it would seem; the fact of creation needs continuation and perfection by the creative power of human love."

And how the experience of selfless human love leads us swiftly into the love of God. Just reflect on the story of Saint Josephine Bakhita. When but a girl in Sudan, she was abducted by slave

traders who brutalized and tortured her. However, thanks to the kindness and mercy of Christians she encountered, Josephine found a new and lasting home in a convent of the Canossian sisters. And there she said, "I am definitively loved and, whatever happens to me, I am awaited by this Love. And so my life is good."

The mystery of the Sacred Heart reassures us that our heart is made for his heart. Even if we have not suffered ordeals like those of Saint Josephine Bakhita, we go through torments and agonies of our own that leave us wondering if we will ever find love. Or, rather, if love will ever find us. The triumph of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is that it loves in us all the things we find most unlovable about ourselves.

The Jesuit poet and priest Gerard Manley Hopkins, contemplating the Sacred Heart, spoke of "the thoughts of the mind that vessel seems to harbor and the feelings of the soul to which it beats." Those thoughts and feelings are of us when we feel most alone, inadequate, and worthless to the world.

Saint John Paul II, in one of his plays, voices the angst that many of us feel: "The Son [of God]... is the living denial of all loneliness. If I knew how to immerse myself in him, if I knew how to implant myself in him, I would find in myself the Love that fills him." The Church's celebration of the Sacred Heart gives us a way to immerse ourselves, to implant ourselves in Jesus, and so partake of the love that fills him.

### The divine heartbeat

The mystic Caryl Houselander once remarked: "The ultimate miracle of divine love is this, that the life of the risen Lord is given to us to give to one another. It is given to us through our own human loves."

*We celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus so that we will never forget or betray Love.*



During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Heart of Christ is calling us to be people of heroic, prolific charity. There are so many people hurting, so many alone and confused, so many paralyzed by fear. The crucified Jesus allows his side to be pierced so that we can see the Sacred Heart bleeding for us within him, and lay hold of that love to help bear one another's burdens.

"God has not created us for human loving," wrote Servant of God Madeleine Delbr el, "but for that eternal awesome love with which he loves everything that he has ever created. If you forget Love you make yourself absurd; if you betray Love you become monstrous. Love is our life becoming eternal life."

We celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus so that we will never forget or betray Love. In all our thoughts, words, and actions, like Jesus, we want to be all heart! We take as our charge the words of Jesuit Father Alfred Delp, "Our hearts must become strong to make the divine heartbeat into the law of life again."



**ON THIS ROCK**  
a concert of sacred music  
for organ and choir

June  
**27**  
3:00  
pm

featuring  
**Eugene Raggio**  
organist, performing  
Messiaen: *L'Ascension*;  
*Apparition de l' glise  ternelle*  
Marty: *Vexilla Regis*

St Peter's Parish Choir  
performing  
Tallis: *Loquebantur*  
Duruff : *Quatre Motets*  
Martin: *Ur unum sint*

 St Peter's Catholic Church  
235 Devonshire St, SURRY HILLS  
\$20 | \$15 concession. Tickets available at the door

**Choir Concert: On this Rock** - To mark our patronal feast of Saints Peter & Paul, the parish choir presents a concert of sacred music for organ and choir themed around St Peter and the foundation of the Church. With repertoire drawn primarily from the 20th and 21st centuries, this promises to be a thrilling afternoon of music. The choir will be joined by Eugene Raggio, former director of music, on the organ. Sunday 27 June.- 3:00pm Tickets \$20 / \$10 concession, available at the door

**Save Our Graves E-Petition - Send a strong message to NSW MPs to reverse the decision to remove faith-based groups from the management of cemeteries**

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked for your support in signing an e-petition on this issue to be presented to the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, since the government's decision amounts to an attack on religious freedom in NSW.

For more than 150 years in NSW, Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust has been trusted not only by Catholics, but by the Islamic and Jewish communities and other

people of faith to bury the dead, maintain their graves respectfully and comfort grieving families.

The NSW Government wants to exclude faith groups from this precious ministry and replace them with a new and costly Government bureaucracy which has no understanding of religious customs around burials, including the importance of leaving graves undisturbed by future generations.

Sign the e-petition here: <https://saveourgraves.com.au/> You can also write to your local State MP to voice your concern about this proposal. Please also share the attached file on your parish social media platforms.

### **Alive in the Spirit: Being The Community Christ Calls Us to Be**

**A National Virtual Conference to Enliven Catholic Communities** -This innovative conference, from **8 to 10 July 2021** will feature over 30 on-demand workshops with prominent national and international guest speakers, exploring areas such as best practice for RCIA, planning for mission and renewal and supporting pastoral care. For more information, visit the conference website: [www.aliveinthspirit.com.au](http://www.aliveinthspirit.com.au)

## **PARISH GROUPS**

**RCIA** – The Duffy Hall – Thursday: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Neocatechumenal Way** – B16 - 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, Angelus, 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

### **Offertory Motet**

*Jesu dulcis memoria* - G.P. da Palestrina (1525-1594) *attr.*

Jesus, sweet remembrance,  
Granting the heart its true joys,  
But above honey and all things  
Is His sweet presence.

### **Communion Chant**

*Unam petii*

One thing have I asked of the Lord, this will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.  
Ÿ. The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
(Ps. 26(27): 4; Ÿ. 1a)

### **Communion Motet**

*Lead me, Lord* -

S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.  
(cf. Ps. 5: 9; Ps. 4: 10)

## Novena to the Sacred Heart [June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus]

O my Jesus, Thou has said: "Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek, and I ask for the grace of [state your request here].

- Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee.

O my Jesus, Thou hast said: "Truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." Behold, in Thy name, I ask the Father for the grace of [state your request here].

- Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee.

O my Jesus, Thou has said: "Truly I say to you, Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Encouraged by Thy infallible words, I now ask for the grace of [state your request here].

- Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

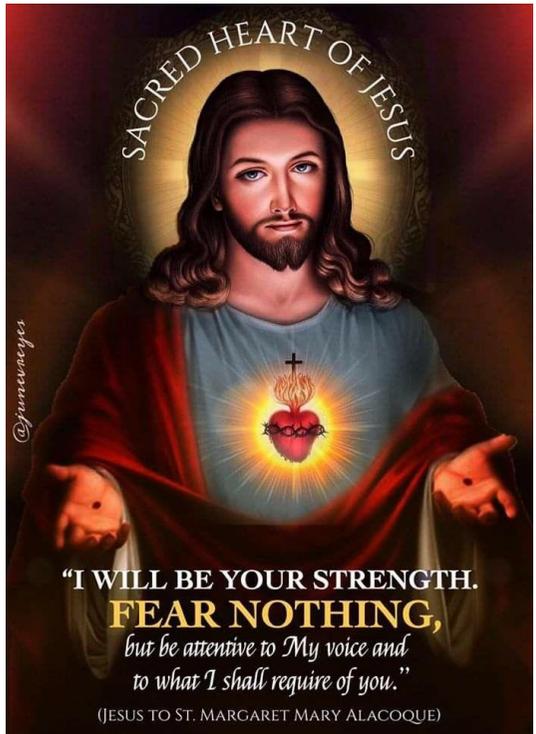
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee.

*Let us pray.*

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for Whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have mercy on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of Thee, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, thy tender Mother and ours.

- Hail, Holy Queen, etc.

St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.



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