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Feast Days of the Week:

Mon 21 Jun	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
Tue 23 Jun	Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More
Wed 23 Jun	St. Paulinus of Nola
Thu 24 Jun	The Nativity of St John The Baptist

MASS TIMES – Ordinary Time *Twelfth week*

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 9:00am)

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

Confessions: 9:30am Friday and Saturday

Next Sunday the parish will celebrate the patronal feast of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul at both masses.

Our prayers for the Sick – Nerisa Williams, Nathan Essey, Mira Krcma, Josephine Finneran, Marija Barclay, John Yo-un and Dan Southee.

We remember our deceased – Helen McGuirk, George Vorlicek, 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 Azzopardi, Pauline Micallef, Loreta Manawag, George Vorlicek, John Lehane, Oscar Vonwiller and Bernard Mills.

Holy Father's Appeal - Our parish will hold next weekend for which we ask your support. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

Saint John the Baptist's Story (Feast day – 24 June) - Franciscan Media

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John...." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "[Y]et the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).



John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "I need to be baptized by you" (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any

good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

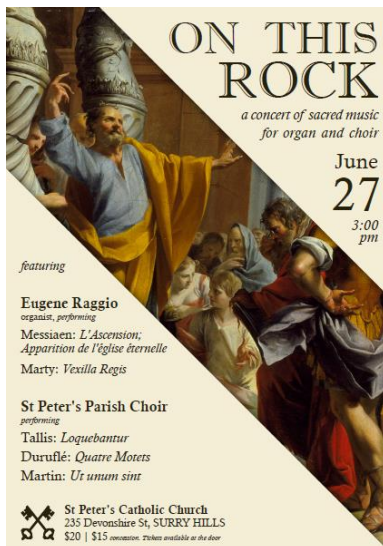
Perhaps John's idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus' answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself

would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

Reflection

John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity—total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation. Yet the least in the kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil—all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God.

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 memorable afternoon of music. The choir will be joined by Eugene Raggio, former St. Peter's choir director, on the organ. Sunday 27 June.- 3:00pm Tickets \$20 / \$10 concession, available at the door




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'Église éternelle
Marty: *Vexilla Regis*

St Peter's Parish Choir
performing
Tallis: *Loquebantur*
Durufle: *Quatre Motets*
Martin: *Ut unum sint*

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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 9:00am)

Bible Group – Church – Monday: 8:00am

Liturgy Group – B16 – after Sunday lunch

Legion of Mary – To be announced

Parishes for Mission Day – On Saturday 21 August, St Peter's Parish will host the neighbouring parish of Redfern, Rosebery and Waterloo for a "parishes for mission" day between 9:00am to 4:00pm. Fr. John is calling for expressions of interest any parishioners who would like to attend. This event which will be held in our parish Hall (1880). Program for the day will be aimed at helping to form us for the Archbishop's missionary project "Go Make Disciples". There is no cost associated with this event.

Offertory Motet

O nata lux - Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

Communion Chant

Circuibo

I shall walk round about his sanctuary,
offering a sacrifice of jubilation;
I will sing and recite a psalm to the Lord.
V̇. The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? (Ps. 26(27): 6; V̇. 1a)

Communion Motet

Omni die dic Mariae - G. Górczycki (c.1665-1734)

Every day, my soul, speak praises to Mary.
Her feasts and her feats honour most devoutly.
Contemplate her and admire her exaltation:
say "Happy Mother"; say "Blessed Virgin".

Honour her, that she may free you from your load of crimes.
Appeal to her, lest a storm of vices overcome you.
This person has conferred on us heavenly gifts;
this Queen has illumined us with divine grace.

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]*.

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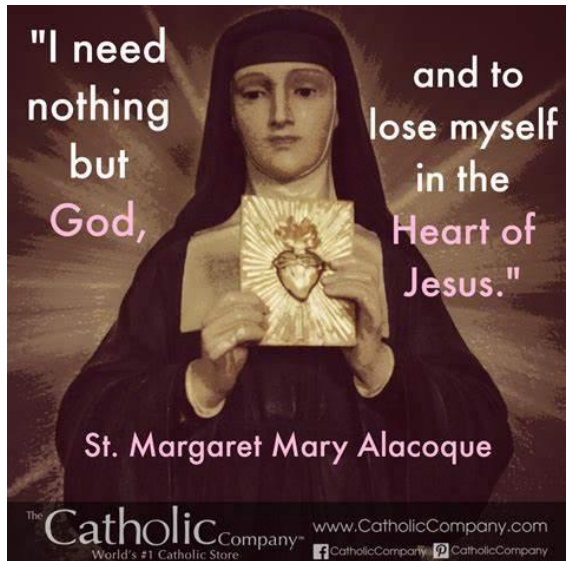
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Let us pray.

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.



Don't miss this list of things that Benedict XVI says you'll get from a few minutes with God each day - [Tom Hoopes](#) - published on 09/17/18



Amy Velazquez | CCo

Here's how and why to get started with a regular prayer routine

Prayer is an absolute necessity for human beings. Here's how — and why — to do it.

Pray to get what you need to face life.

God has made us greater than everything else he created. Greater than animals, mountains, or the angels. Therefore, nothing on earth will satisfy us. Only God.

“Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, Lord,” said St. Augustine.

This is because God made everything, and wrote the rules of the universe. The only way to be happy is to be in tune with everything. The only way to do that is to have frequent contact with God. Pope Benedict once spelled out what we get if we spend time with Jesus Christ, and make him our friend:

Knowing Jesus “can give a person what he or she needs to face life: serenity and interior enlightenment, an aptitude for thinking positively, broadmindedness with regard to others, the readiness to pay in person for goodness, justice and truth.”

Times to Pray

Imagine your best friend was also your roommate, co-worker, and constant companion. Pray at all the times you would talk to God if he was that friend. Because he should be. Pray when you rise, when you eat, when you make a major decision, when you travel and when you go to bed. Pray for comfort in suffering, patience in adversity, gratitude in good times, and resignation in bad times. Speak to God about anything momentous or trivial that concerns you and devote special time to conversation with God every day in meditation.

How to meditate

Saints say daily contemplative prayer is an absolute must — meditation on God and the truths of the faith. Here is one method for daily meditation that I have found helpful. Find one that works for you.

If it's all you can do, start out by praying five minutes a day. Gradually add more time.

1. Enter God's presence.

It's not a matter of making God present, but of reminding yourself of his presence. Kneel or sit respectfully. Your body and soul are one. The way you carry your body encourages you to remember and reverence God's greatness. Make an act of faith, hope, and love in your own words or use those given here.

An act of faith: My God, I believe in you and all that your Church teaches, because you have said it, and your word is true. An act of hope: My God, I hope in you, for grace and for glory, because of your promises, your mercy, and your power. An act of charity: My God, because you are so good, I love you with all my heart, and for your sake, I love my neighbour as myself.

2. Express Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication (Petition): "A.C.T.S."

Your imagination can help prayer along. If it helps, imagine Jesus Christ sitting with you. Then go through each of these categories.

Adoration – Repeat "Oh my God, I adore you. You are so great and I am so small." Or say the Glory Be slowly and meditatively. Adore God as simply as the shepherds did at Bethlehem, or Mary at the cross.

Contrition – Recall your sins and offer reparation for the sins of the world. Say "Jesus, I am so sorry for having offended you. Please forgive me. I love you." If it helps, imagine kissing each of his wounds as you express your sorrow.

Thanksgiving – Thank Jesus for all he has done for you, your family, your friends, your community, and the world. Thank him especially for your faith. Be specific and thorough. Thank him for this time of prayer.

Supplication – Speak directly and honestly to God about what others need and you need. Ask for what you need most in the spiritual life and pray for guidance and for strength to follow any lights you have received. Pray for those in need in your family, city, nation, and throughout the world. Pray for the grace to persevere in prayer.

3. Meditate

Christ is the best object of meditation, and the Gospels are the best place to start. The first four books of the New Testament – the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – recount what Jesus actually did and said, and his interactions with people.

Read a brief Gospel passage. Imagine what it would be like to there during the story. Notice how Christ respects, cares for and challenges people. Read the passage again, applying its lessons to your life.

4. Commit

Commit to some act that will help draw your prayer into your day — for instance, a good deed or a kind word. Close by thanking God for this time of prayer.

And that's it. - There is an ocean of grace waiting to flow into your life if you just start opening up the channel a little. You do that through prayer.

