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### Feast Days of the Week:

Wed 9 Jun

Saint Ephrem

Fri 11 Jun

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity

### MASS TIMES – Ordinary Time *Tenth 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*** – Florence Grech, Nathan Essey, 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, 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.

**Why Thomas Aquinas believed the Eucharist is Jesus - [Kathleen N. Hat-trup](#)** - published on 06/23/19

*One of the poems he wrote in honour of Corpus Christi explains the reason for his faith.*

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote five beautiful hymns to the Eucharist at the request of Pope Urban VI, who established the feast of Corpus Christi in 1264.

Various translations exist for his hymn *Adoro Te Devote*, written in Latin.

Spending time in prayer with more than one translation can help us go deeper in the beauty of the poetry and the faith that brought it about.

For example, the verse rendered below in three different translations emphasizes how God, Truth himself, simply cannot utter untruth. Perhaps an analogy can help us think about this: a hot fire simply cannot put off a cool breeze.



Therefore, what God has told us can be believed, even when the senses of touch and seeing “tell” us something different.

Enliven your faith in the Eucharist today by meditating with this verse:

Not to sight, or taste, or touch be credit. Hearing only do we trust secure; I believe, for God the Son has said it — Word of truth that ever shall endure. Seeing, touching, tasting are in Thee deceived: How says trusty hearing? That shall be believed; What God’s Son has told me, take for truth I do; Truth Himself speaks truly or there’s nothing true. Sight, touch, and taste in Thee are each deceived; The ear alone most safely is believed: I believe all the Son of God has spoken, Than Truth’s own word there is no truer token.

**Not a walk in the park: Synod journey requires listening, patience** - Cindy Wooden, May 30, 2021, CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

The Holy Spirit, traditionally depicted as a dove, is pictured in a stained-glass window at St. John Vianney Church in Lithia Springs, Ga., in this May 4, 2015, file photo. In remarks about the upcoming Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis said that synodality is “an ecclesial journey that has a soul, which is the Holy Spirit.”

ROME — “Today some think synodality is holding hands and going for a walk, having a party with young people or surveying opinions (like), ‘What do you think about women priests?’” Pope Francis told members of the International Theological Commission in 2019.

But really, he said, synodality is “an ecclesial journey that has a soul, which is the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, there is no synodality.”

In his continuing efforts to promote a synodal process that involves the whole church and focuses on listening to one another and to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Pope Francis in May approved major revisions to how the Synod of Bishops will work, starting with a full diocesan-level process of consultation. “The synod must begin from the bottom up,” he told Italian bishops May 24, just three days after details of the new process were announced.

“This will require patience, work, allowing people to talk so that the wisdom of the people of God will come forth because a synod is nothing other than making explicit what ‘Lumen Gentium’ said: The whole people of God — all of them



(Credit: Michael Alexander/Georgia Bulletin via CNS)

from the bishop on down — is infallible in belief,” the pope said. “They cannot err when there is harmony among all.”

But the process of listening and consultation also may require some management of expectations or fears: Explaining to people who want immediate, radical change that discernment takes time and requires fidelity to God's will; and explaining to those scandalized by the questions that perhaps there are better ways to explain church teaching and live the Gospel

Pope Francis frequently repeats that a synod is not a parliament, but a process of discernment.

St. Paul VI, who revived the Synod of Bishops for the universal Catholic Church, felt it necessary to make the same point.

On the eve of the opening of the third general assembly of the synod in 1974, the pope said the process involves "questioning the signs of the times, and even more trying to interpret the divine plan in depth" by bringing together the world's bishops for a "common study of the conditions of the church and by seeking agreed solutions to questions pertaining to her mission." "It is not a council; it is not a parliament; it is a synod with a special nature," he added during his Angelus address.

Over the past five decades, that special nature has increasingly involved wider consultation with laypeople, religious and priests before bishops are elected or appointed to attend the synod assembly.

Given Pope Francis's emphasis on imbuing the church with a synodal spirit, the International Theological Commission in 2018 published a document, "Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church."

Synodality, the document said, promotes the baptismal dignity and call of all Catholics, values the presence of different gifts given by the Holy Spirit and recognizes the specific ministry entrusted to pastors and bishops in communion with the pope for the preservation of the faith and the renewal of the church. But putting all of that together can be tricky, especially making sure that laypeople feel heard, but also accepting the role of bishops and the pope in discerning what to do. And making sure bishops exercise their ministry only after hearing what their people have to say.

For Pope Francis, it is not just a matter of process, but a requirement of taking seriously the truth of the church — as St. Ignatius of Loyola said, and the pope often repeats — being both "our hierarchical holy Mother Church" and also "the holy, faithful people of God."

In his 2018 document on the synods, Pope Francis said, “the bishop is both teacher and disciple. He is a teacher when, endowed with the special assistance of the Holy Spirit, he proclaims to the faithful the word of truth in the name of Christ, head and shepherd. But he is a disciple when, knowing that the Spirit has been bestowed upon every baptized person, he listens to the voice of Christ speaking through the entire people of God.”

While people may look at the 2014 and 2015 assemblies of the Synod of Bishops on the family or the 2019 synod for the Amazon as occasions where the voice of the laity calling for bold change was ignored, bishops at the gatherings really wrestled with the issues and the best ways to respond.

Closing the synod assembly in October 2015, Pope Francis said the discussions showed “the vitality of the Catholic Church, which is not afraid to stir dulled consciences or to soil her hands with lively and frank discussions.” The input and discussions also are designed to serve Pope Francis’ goal of helping every Catholic understand that she or he has a role to play in the church and in its mission in the world.

After some 300 young adults gathered in Rome in March 2018 for reflection and discussion ahead of the Synod of Bishops on young people, they issued a final statement that included the note: “We have been thrilled to be taken seriously by the hierarchy of the church and we feel that this dialogue between the young and the old church is a vital and fruitful listening process. It would be a shame if this dialogue were not given the opportunity to continue and grow! This culture of openness is extremely healthy for us.”

**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 tile on your parish social media platforms.

### **Come, Follow Me: Discipleship Retreat Days with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia** - *What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus and how can I grow as a disciple?*

The Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia are working with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation to offer three **one-day retreats**. Come and experience the love and mercy of Jesus, and enter more deeply into your own experience of being His disciple. The talks include: *Making the most out of Mass, Prayer: How to Grow in your Relationship with Jesus, Breaking open Scripture* and *A Cloud of Witnesses: Growing closer to Mary and the Saints*. There will also be time for Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession.

#### **Date and locations**

13 June, St Mary's Cathedral

26 June, Regina Coeli Parish, Beverly Hills

17 July, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

**Registration essential at** [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/)

Cost: \$10 per person, with light lunch included. All welcome!

### **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.aliveinthespirit.com.au](http://www.aliveinthespirit.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

**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.



### **Offertory Motet**

*Ave verum, Op.2, no.1* - E. Elgar (1857-1934)

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for man,  
from whose pierced side blood truly flowed:  
be for us a foretaste [of heaven] in the trial of death!  
O clement, O merciful, O sweet Jesus, Son of Mary.

### **Communion Chant**

*Qui manducat*

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood,  
abides in me, and I in him, says the Lord.  
✠. Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.  
(Jn. 6: 57; ✠. Ps. 118(119): 1)

### **Communion Motet**

*Tantum ergo Op.10 no.4* - M. Durufé (1902-1986)

Therefore so great a Sacrament let us fall down and worship,  
and let the old law give way to a new rite;  
let faith stand forward to make good the defects of sense.

To the Father and the Son be praise and joy,  
health, honour and virtue and blessing,  
and to him proceeding from both be equal praise. Amen.

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