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Feast Days – Twenty-first week in Ordinary Time, Yr. B:

Mon 23 Aug	Saint Rose of Lima
Tue 24 Aug	Saint Bartholomew
Wed 25 Aug	Saint Louis of France (King) Saint Joseph Calasanz
Fri 27 Aug	Saint Monica
Sat 28 Aug	Saint Augustine of Hippo

Saint Peter's Church - temporary COVID closure

In line with the directive of the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Sydney, Saint Peter's Church at Surry Hills will be closed until further notice.

We Pray For

Our sick – baby Dio Onero, Noel Allport, Louise McCann, Nerisa Williams, Nathan Essey, Mira Krcma, Josephine Finneran, Marija Barclay, John Yo-un and Dan Southee.

Our deceased – Katie Brincat (27/7), Johnny Heard (20/7), David Patrick Watson (18/7), Charles Xavier ((13/7), William Winterton (8/6), Peco Mitrevski (30/6/21), Muriel Rosemary Goddard [Tyrrell] (2/7)(Paula's mother), Helen McGuirk, George Vorlicek, Lourdes Eulalia Martinez (10/6), Anne Kelly (Deborah White's mum (14/5), Betty Harkins (12/5), Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood, Margaret D Hailwood, Joyce Hailwood & Marge Heaney, Joan McEvoy and June Veronica Hailwood.

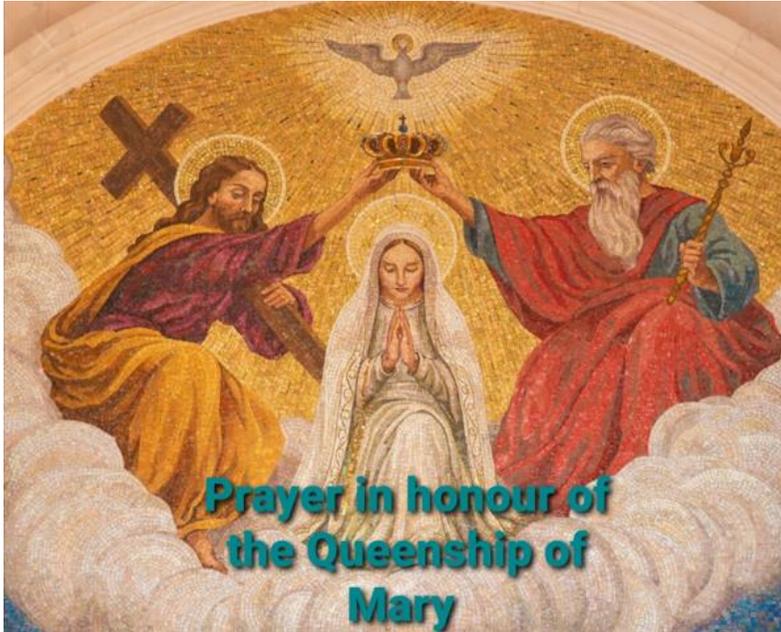
Our house bound elderly – Anne Maria, Myra and Robert Pearce

Partaking in the Eucharist commits us to others, especially the poor, teaching us to pass from the flesh of Christ to the flesh of our brothers and sisters, in whom he waits to be recognised, served, honoured and loved by us.

*Pope Francis
Catechesis on the Mass 2018*

Prayer in Honour of the Queenship of Mary (Feast: August 22)

(Because this feast falls on a Sunday in 2021 its liturgical celebration this year is superseded by the liturgy for the 21st Sunday in OT)



O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this distressed and suffering world. You know our misery and our weakness. O thou who art our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial.

Jesus has confided to you the treasure of His grace, and through you He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, your children come to you as their hope.

We recognize your Queenship and ardently desire your triumph. We need a Mother and a Mother's Heart. You are for us the luminous dawn which dissipates our darkness and points out the way to life. In your clemency obtain for us the courage and the confidence of which we have such need.

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, You Who did crown with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Saviour, grant that all her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognize her rights as Mother and as Queen.

Mary Immaculate Queen, triumph and reign! Amen. *(America Needs Fatima)*

Queenship of Mary (Feast 22 Aug) - Catholic News Agency

In this feast, particularly cherished by the Popes of modern times, we celebrate Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth.

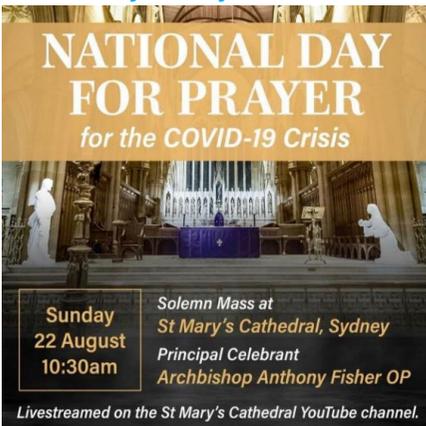
Pope Pius XII in the Papal Encyclical *Ad Coeli Reginam* proposed the traditional doctrine on the Queenship of Mary and established this feast for the Universal Church.

Pope Pius IX said of Mary's queenship: "Turning her maternal Heart toward us and dealing with the affair of our salvation, she is concerned with the whole human race. Constituted by the Lord Queen of Heaven and earth, and exalted above all choirs of Angels and the ranks of Saints in Heaven, standing at the right hand of Her only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, she petitions most powerfully with Her maternal prayers, and she obtains what she seeks."

And Pope Pius XII added the following: "We commend that on the festival there be renewed the consecration of the human race to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Upon this there is founded a great hope that there will rejoice in the triumph of religion and in Christian peace...
...Therefore, let all approach with greater confidence now than before, to the throne of mercy and grace of our Queen and Mother to beg help in difficulty, light in darkness and solace in trouble and sorrow...

. . . Whoever, therefore, honours the lady ruler of the Angels and of men - and let no one think themselves exempt from the payment of that tribute of a grateful and loving soul - let them call upon her as most truly Queen and as the Queen who brings the blessings of peace, that She may show us all, after this exile, Jesus, who will be our enduring peace and joy."

National Day of Prayer for the COVID-19 Crisis



**NATIONAL DAY
FOR PRAYER**
for the COVID-19 Crisis

**Sunday
22 August
10:30am**

*Solemn Mass at
St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney
Principal Celebrant
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP*

Livestreamed on the St Mary's Cathedral YouTube channel.

The National Council of Churches in Australia is leading a prayer for our nation this Sunday, where alongside fellow Christians, we can all unite in a prayer for an end to the COVID-19 crisis.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is inviting you to join with him in a prayer during the 10:30am Solemn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, livestreamed on the cathedral's YouTube channel. The theme for the event is 'Lord Have Mercy', recognising the tremendous impact this crisis is having on our nation. (The prayers which His Grace will use for this mass will be taken from the mass

in times of pandemic. Scripture readings will remain those for the 21st Sunday in OT.)

Here is the link - <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

Social Justice Sunday (29th August) – The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) have issued a Media Release on 5th August 2021 urging the Catholic Church to act on



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Catholic Church urges action to care for the earth, the poor

MEDIA RELEASE

August 5, 2021

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has made an historic commitment to work towards a more sustainable Church in its annual statement promoting social justice.

In the Social Justice Statement 2021-22 launched today, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, the bishops commit to a seven-year journey towards seven Laudato Si' Goals.

"We are facing an ecological crisis and Pope Francis wants the whole Church globally to act with a greater sense of urgency," said Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.

"In Australia, passionate individuals, religious institutes, schools and organisations have been working on ecological issues for a long time. I want to affirm and thank them all, and to urge the whole Catholic community to join them."

Bishop Long pointed out that "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been caring for country from time immemorial. The rest of us need to listen, and to learn how we can walk together to care for the whole of creation – including one another."

The statement explains that the Laudato Si' Goals "aim to put Pope Francis' [2015] encyclical into practice, making communities around the world sustainable in the spirit of the integral ecology of *Laudato Si'*".

The bishops invite Catholics to "uncover the sacramentality of creation" in recognising the divine presence in the world, and to respond with wonder and awe. They call for a "profound conversion expressed in a new way of living, both personally and collectively".

"We are being called to a new way of thinking, feeling, understanding and living," the statement says.

Speaking during the online launch of the statement, Bishop Long said: "My hope is that *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor* will encourage ever deeper and more effective Christian responses to the urgent cries of the earth and of the poor."

The statement urges families, schools, parishes, dioceses and organisations to join the bishops in signing up to the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

The platform, an initiative of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, will gather ideas for action from around the globe to help participants in their journeys. The Bishops Conference's Office for Social Justice has been involved in developing the platform.

At the statement's launch, Bishop Long also announced a new name for that agency – now known as the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace – affirming "social justice, ecology and peace are inseparable".

Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor and associated resources can be downloaded at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

caring for the earth and the poor. Here is the link to the media release: <https://www.catholic.org.au/acbc-media/media-centre/media-releases-new/2328-media-release-catholic-church-urges-action-to-care-for-the-earth-the-poor/file>

In the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, the Church is called to have "... a new way of thinking, feeling, understanding and feeling.". Furthermore, at the Laudato Si Action Platform launch, Bishop Long affirmed that "... social justice, ecology and peace are inseparable." For more information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or tel. (02) 6201 9845.

The following link also provides a video of the Bishops launching the Statement, as well as other materials associated with it:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>



"The Rosary is my favourite prayer. A marvellous prayer! Marvellous in its simplicity and its depth. In the prayer we repeat many times the words that the Virgin Mary heard from the Archangel, and from her kinswoman Elizabeth."

Saint Pope John Paul II

Act of Perfect Contrition:

O my God, I am sorry
and beg pardon for all my sins
because they have crucified my loving Saviour Jesus Christ
and most of all because they have offended your infinite goodness to me.
I firmly resolve by the help of your grace
never to offend you again
and to avoid the occasions of sin. Amen.

(This is the standard of Contrition which, together with our intention to go to the sacrament of reconciliation when we are next able to do so, ensures forgiveness for our sins. During the pandemic Pope Francis has encouraged those Catholics unable to go to the sacrament of confession to make a perfect act of contrition for the forgiveness of their sins.)

Spiritual Holy Communion:

As Fr. John mentioned in his Sunday's homily, Jesus Christ comes to us in Word and Sacrament: We always have access to Jesus as the Word of God via Sacred Scripture (see the attachment to this email or the parish website for this Sunday's readings). Moreover, when we do not have access to the Sacraments, we can make an act of perfect contrition (see homily) and a "spiritual communion".



Communion Prayers

The following prayers before and after Holy Communion may be helpful in normal times, and currently in the form of a "**spiritual communion**".

Prayers before Communion

Heavenly Father, you offer me the living and life-giving food that is Christ your Son. Humbly, I accept and I pray that this divine food may deepen, strengthen and make flourish the superantural life in me and in all who receive Him at this Mass.

Jesus, you became the Lamb of God, the victim for our sins. May I receive you with gratitude and love. May I absorb something of your love for the Father and of your love for all; and may all of us who receive you be filled with your Spirit and become more like you.

Holy Spirit of God, abiding in me, help me to receive with great reverence and love of this gift of the Father. Help me to surrender myself to Jesus and through him to the Father, and make stronger and more conscious the bond that unites us to one another in Christ Jesus.

Prayers after Communion: Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, You have given me this divine gift under the form of bread because you intend Him to be food for me. May, then, this living Bread give me life, his divine strength replace my weakness, his nourishment promote my spiritual health, his perfection transform me into the likeness of Jesus, Himself..

In You, Jesus, we are all united. Sharing your life, we are made one with you and with one another. How wonderful the bond that invites, how wonderful the charity that should animate us. Make my love for others a reflection of your love for us all.

May the Holy Spirit, the soul of the Mystical Body, dwell in my soul and enkindle it with the flame of true love.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and my mother, at this moment when I am so closely united with him help me to give him the love and worship that are his due. You knew him so intimately in his earthly life; you know him so wonderfully in glory: teach me to know him better:

Help me to become more like him in my thinking, in my imagining, in my desiring and in my living.

Sunday Mass collections – The parish kindly asks that we keep in mind the ongoing costs and expenses of the parish in the absence of the Sunday Mass collections. Please consider donating via i) a direct transfer to the parish church account **BSB**

No: 062 784 Acc. No: 10000281 or ii) by clicking on the yellow **“Support us”** button on the top right hand corner of the Homepage of the parish website.

Evangelium – The usual time and here are the Zoom details:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85429524136?pwd=WUhJVlFvZ2pCZzhjMTFwQVJNZC9udz09>

Meeting ID: 854 2952 4136

Passcode: 175175

Parishes for Mission Day – This has been postponed. 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 and lunch will be supplied.

University of Notre Dame (UND) Catholic Interfaith Group – Parishioner and UND Law Student Rebecca Rogan is seeking to establish a Catholic Interfaith group at UND. In order to satisfy one of the university’s requirements for the establishment of the group, Rebecca needs four current UND students to simply declare their signed support for the group.

Interfaith dialogue is a core requirement for every Catholic diocese. We commend Rebecca for her initiative at UND and ask any students who would like to declare their support for her project to contact the Parish by phone or email.

PARISH GROUPS should meet online until further notice

RCIA – The Duffy Hall – Thursday: 6:30pm – 7:30pm (fortnightly)

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 (fortnightly)

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 (Thur 9:00am)

Liturgy Group – B16 – after Sunday lunch

Legion of Mary – To be announced

Home visits during COVID - Fr John is available to visit parishioners in their homes in Surry Hills. This is allowable according to the lockdown regulations. If anybody would like to be visited by Fr John, or would like to recommend that he visits somebody else, please contact the Parish. Fr John also invites anybody to request a phone conversation with him.

Again, simply contact the Parish and Fr John will be in touch with you.

Prayer intentions

Baby Dio who is 10 days old, is currently in RPA intensive care unit has shown improvement. Little Dio is responding to the hand of his father. Please continue to pray for little Dio's recovery



Family Prayer

God made us a family.

We need one another.

We love one another.

We forgive one another.

We work together.

We play together.

We worship together.

Together we use God's word.

Together we grow in Christ.

Together we love all men.

Together we serve our God.

Together we hope for Heaven.

These are our hopes and ideals.

Help us to attain them.

O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Catholic Weekly

Digital copy of the Catholic Weekly is available for free during lockdown. Here is the link to read some of the articles in this issue are “Hope despite Lebanon’s pain”; “With a little help from Mary, faith overcomes lockdown”, “Our Eileen – Mass honours Eileen” - <https://week-lycatholicnews.com.au/2021/08/22/>



Saint Augustine of Hippo - Feast day 28 Aug

There can only be two basic loves... the love of God unto the forgetfulness of self, or the love of self unto the forgetfulness and denial of God.

Augustine Of Hippo

meetville.com



Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.