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Feast Days – Thirtieth week in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Thur 28 Oct	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
Mon 1 Nov	All Saints (Solemnity)
Tue 2 Nov	All Souls

Daily Mass: **Mon:** 7:30am, **Tues to Sat:** 10:00am

Sunday Mass: 9:00am & 10:30am (Sung Mass)

Confessions: **Wed** (10:30am – 11:30am) & **Fri** (6:00pm – 7:00pm) during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat: 9:30am - 10:00am

We Pray For

Our sick – Mafalda Triolo, Aimi McEwen, baby Dio Onero, Noel Allport, Louise McCann, Nerisa Williams, Nathan Essey, Marija Barclay, John Yo-un and Dan Southee.

Our deceased – Bernard Laino (5/10 (Daniel Luke's brother)), Jane Ryan (24/10), Philip Adam, Charles Grech (25/9), Coralie Hinkley, Katie Brincat (27/7), 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 Vorliceck, 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 – Anna Maria, Myra Krcma 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

As of Monday 18th October 2021, Catholic Churches within the Archdiocese of Sydney were able to reopen.

At 80% fully vaccinated our churches are now places where “**mixed**” congregations (fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated and as yet unvaccinated) may gather together; attendees must check-in using the Service NSW App, or using a written record kept by the Parish; the 4 sqm rule will apply, and masks must be worn indoors. We continue to urge everyone to be vaccinated, and so to reduce their risk of serious illness or even death. We will do all that is reasonably possible to keep safe everyone who comes to church: there will be **good ventilation, social distancing, hand sanitising, no congregational singing**, etc. People who are especially vulnerable, who are vaccinated but anxious about mixing with the unvaccinated, or who are unvaccinated and do not want to risk contact with others, are free to remain at home and live-streaming of Masses from the cathedral and some parishes will continue. Although congregational singing is not permitted, but **a socially distanced choir of up to 10 fully vaccinated people is allowed**. We believe that in terms of legal liability, our compliance with the public health orders will mean that we have taken all reasonable steps to protect those who choose to gather in our churches.

We will continue to encourage our unvaccinated faithful to be vaccinated, to provide them with good information, and to offer them particular care since they (and certain vulnerable others) will be most at risk. We will also offer particular care to those faithful who, though fully vaccinated, are anxious about congregating with a mixed congregation.

Mission Sunday 24 October - An invitation to each of us

The theme of this year’s World Mission Day – “**We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard**” (*Acts* 4:20), is a summons to each of us to “own” and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts. This mission has always been the hallmark of the Church, for “she exists to evangelize” (SAINT PAUL VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 14). Our life of faith grows weak, loses its prophetic power and its ability to awaken amazement and gratitude when we become isolated and withdraw into little groups. By its very nature, the life of faith calls for a growing openness to embracing everyone, everywhere. The first Christians, far from yielding to the temptation to become an elite group, were inspired by the Lord and his offer of new life to go out among the nations and to bear witness to what they had seen and heard: the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They did so with the generosity, gratitude and nobility typical of those who sow seeds in the knowledge that others will enjoy the fruit of their efforts and sacrifice. I like to think that “even those who are most frail, limited and troubled can be missionaries in their own way, for goodness can always be shared, even if it exists alongside many limitations” (*Christus Vivit*, 239).

On World Mission Day, which we celebrate each year on the penultimate Sunday of October, we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home

and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its saving message.

Contemplating their missionary witness, we are inspired to be courageous ourselves and to beg "the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (*Lk* 10:2). We know that the call to mission is not a thing of the past, or a romantic leftover from earlier times. Today too Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion. He addresses this call to everyone, and in different ways. We can think of the peripheries all around us, in the heart of our cities or our own families. Universal openness to love has a dimension that is not geographical but existential. Always, but especially in these times of pandemic, it is important to grow in our daily ability to widen our circle, to reach out to others who, albeit physically close to us, are not immediately part of our "circle of interests" (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 97). To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May his compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

May Mary, the first missionary disciple, increase in all the baptized the desire to be salt and light in our lands (cf. *Mt* 5:13-14). St. Padre Pio said it best by saying, "Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."

We ask Our Lady of the Rosary to intercede and pray with us for the world, to bring comfort to the many suffering, to give peace to the troubled and to those who are struggling in the different Continents.

Extract from the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for World Mission Day 2021 on 6 Jan 2021



[This Catholic Life podcast on euthanasia with Archbishop Fisher](#)

As one of the world's leading bioethicists, Archbishop Fisher is widely respected for his contribution to public debate on pro-life issues such as euthanasia.

Archbishop Fisher will speak specifically about some of his deep concerns about the proposed euthanasia laws in NSW in an episode of the popular podcast, *This Catholic Life*, which will be available from Thursday 14 October here: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/category/podcasts/>

Please share this news with your parishioners. A social tile to promote the episode is available [here](#).

Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill (VAD) – Right To Life NSW CEO Dr Brendan Long initiated a silent protest in front of the NSW Parliament House on the 14 Oct, the day the Bill for VAD for debate into the NSW Parliament. It was encouraging to see many young people who came out to stand up against this contentious bill. The Missionaries of Charity Sisters also stood alongside with the team and sought Our Lady of the Rosary to intercede for us. We prayed for Alex Greenwich that he may be able to see the dignity of human life from natural birth to natural death. We had MPs who shared our stand for life



and cars tooting their horns in support of the Cause. For more information or to get involved: <https://righttolifensw.org.au> or contact Right To Life NSW on (02) 9299 8350
 Saint Teresa of Calcutta, lifting a street victim in her arms, cries out to the world “Life is Precious”. So why not love life. (Among our parishioners protesting against the VAD Bill, Estela Ponce was drenched to the skin after helping to hold up the banner shown in the above photo in the pouring rain.)

Evangelium – There will be no Evangelium this Sunday

PARISH GROUPS can resume meeting on the parish property provided everyone is fully vaccinated

- RCIA** – Thursday: 6:30pm – 7:30pm (fortnightly) (Online)
- Neocatechumenal Way** – B16 - Thursday: 7:30pm – 8:30pm
- Mother’s Group** – Courtyard – Friday: 2:30pm
- Christian Life Community (CLC)** – B16 Room - Tuesday: 7:30pm (fortnightly)
- Marian and Divine Mercy Groups** – before mass daily
- Cenacle** – Church – Tuesday after 10:00am Mass
- Liturgy Group** – B16 – after Sunday lunch

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY

When people love and recite the Rosary
 They find it makes them better.

- Saint Anthony Mary Claret
 (Feast day 24 Oct)

Saint Simon (Feast day 28 Oct) - Simon is eleventh in the list of the twelve Apostles. He is known as Simon the Zealot, but nothing else is known about him.

Saint Jude (Feast day 28 Oct) - Jude, also called Thaddaeus, is the apostle who at the Last Supper asked the Lord why he showed himself only to the disciples and not to the world. For many centuries he was scarcely venerated because people confused him with Judas Iscariot. He is the patron saint of lost and desperate causes.

