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Feast Days – Twenty-eighth week in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Mon 11 Oct	Saint John XXIII, pope
Thur 14 Oct	Saint Callistus I
Fri 15 Oct	Saint Teresa of Avila
Sat 16 Oct	Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque
	Saint Hedwig
Mon 18 Oct	Saint Luke, Evangelist

We Pray For

Our sick – Fr Nick, Mafalda Triolo, Rose Ly-Schmitz, Aimi McEwen, 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 – Philip Adam, Charles Grech (25/9), Coralie Hinkley, Josephine (Maria Gracen's cousin) (1/9), 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 [Tyrell] (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

CONCERNING THE EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS

The new Premier, Mr Dominic Perrottet, together with his acceleration of the relaxation of some of the COVID restrictions, has repeatedly emphasised that the key to a safe reopening of Sydney and New South Wales is double-dose vaccination. His comments at his Thursday morning media conference made it clear that his ideal is for New South Wales to have approaching 100% of its population double-dose vaccinated against the corona virus. It is to state the obvious to say that the Premier's comments apply equally to the safe reopening of Saint Peter's Church and the adjoining parish property.

From Sydney Chancery Communications ...

Notwithstanding the easing of COVID restrictions from Monday 11 October, Catholic churches within the Archdiocese of Sydney will remain closed until New South Wales reaches 80% fully vaccinated – estimated date 25 October

At 80% fully vaccinated **we will open our churches and ceremonies to “mixed” congregations** (fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated and as yet unvaccinated); **the 4 sqm rule will apply, and masks must be worn indoors.** We will not be required to check a person's vaccination status. 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, we presume that a cantor or two will be allowed as before. 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.

Saint Teresa of Avila (Feast day Fri 15 Oct)



Detail from "St. Theresa" (1827) by François Gérard.

The great Carmelite showed the world that there is no such thing as a fearful saint, and that a life lived with God and for God—and with and for God's people—is one of both heavenly rapture and earthly confidence.

Fear is antithetical to the Catholic heart, as is retreating into seclusion out of fear. Ours is a boldly incarnational faith with an attitude of universal togetherness.

Teresa was a cheeky girl born in Ávila, Spain in 1515 to a romantic mother and a rigid father. When her mother died, fourteen-year-old Teresa was sent to an Augustinian convent, where she became very ill. With her recovery came a new sickness, however: the sickness of fear—fear for life's wasted opportunities, fear in her folly and weakness, fear of everlasting damnation. Consumed with fear, Teresa vowed to live a life of strict penance, and though the prospect distressed her sorely, she ran away from home to join the Carmelites.

The Carmelite Order was founded upon poverty and austerity, but in 16th century Spain it had become more like a club for single ladies, complete with a social life, fashionable pursuits, and pleasure trips. Teresa, with her quick wit, became popular among the sisters and, with easy living, effectively distracted herself from her anxiety.

Then something happened. While in prayer, Teresa collapsed before a crucifix, suddenly and strangely transported by Divine Love. When she emerged from her ecstasy, she was not afraid anymore. Her path was clear and bright. She would live courageously for Love alone and renounce all the worldly troubles that had hitherto held her from her heavenly Bridegroom.

The closer Teresa drew to Jesus, the more she saw how far afield the Carmelites had drawn. With characteristic cheer and spirit, she boldly undertook to return the order back to its roots of simplicity and selflessness. Though she was aggressively contested by the Inquisition for her

revolution, setting King Philip II and Pope Gregory XIII at odds over her efforts to reform the Carmelites, Teresa's charm, persistence, and wisdom overcame her opponents as she fearlessly founded new convents dedicated to the ancient canon.

Special agent of The Sacred Heart: Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

(Feast day Sat 16 Oct) - by Winifred Corrigan Catholic Link



October 16th and 17th (in the post- and pre-conciliar liturgical calendars, respectively) mark the feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. It is from this beautiful saint that the Church and the world came to practice the devotion to the [Sacred Heart of Jesus](#).

Under the care and formation of the Poor Clares from the age of eight, Margaret Mary had a sickly childhood, and in her limited physical state she developed an ardent love for the Blessed Sacrament. At the age of twenty-four, she entered the Visitation Order, and two years later she began to receive mystical revelations from Jesus Christ.

Our Lord informed Margaret Mary that she would be responsible for spreading a new devotion to His Sacred Heart, including the Nine First Fridays and Holy Hour, as well as advocating for the establishment of a feast day for the Sacred Heart.

Her efforts were opposed from within her own convent, as her private revelations provoked skepticism, but in ten years' time, she would prevail, and [devotion to the Sacred Heart](#) became observed privately within the Visitation convent. The work and writings of her confessor, St. Claude de la Colombière, SJ would be instrumental in gaining legitimacy and acceptance of St. Margaret Mary's revelations on a broader scale.

In 1688, a chapel was built in honour of the Sacred Heart in the convent's village of Paray-le-Monial, which continues to this day to be a beloved pilgrimage destination.

Saint John XXIII (Feast day 11 Oct)



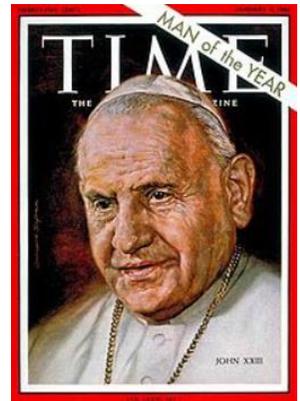
Pope John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, (25 November 1881 – 3 June 1963). He was head of the [Catholic Church](#) and sovereign of the [Vatican City State](#) from 28 October 1958 until his death in 1963. Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was one of thirteen children born to a family of [sharecroppers](#) who lived in a village in [Lombardy](#). He was ordained to the [priesthood](#) on 10 August 1904 and served in a number of posts, as [nuncio](#) in [France](#) and a delegate to [Bulgaria](#), [Greece](#) and [Turkey](#). In a [consistory](#) on 12 January 1953 [Pope Pius XII](#) made Roncalli a cardinal as the Cardinal-Priest of [Santa Prisca](#) in addition to naming him as the [Patriarch of Venice](#). Roncalli was unexpectedly elected [pope](#) on 28 October 1958 at age 76 after 11 ballots. Pope

John XXIII surprised those who expected him to be a caretaker pope by calling the historic [Second Vatican Council](#) (1962–1965), the first session opening on 11 October 1962.

John XXIII made many passionate speeches during his pontificate. His views on equality were summed up in his statement, "We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike." He made a major impact on the Catholic Church, opening it up to dramatic unexpected changes promulgated at the Vatican Council and by his own dealings with other churches and nations. In Italian politics, he prohibited bishops from interfering with local elections, and he helped the Christian Democratic Party to cooperate with the socialists. In international affairs, his "Ostpolitik" engaged in dialogue with the communist countries of Eastern Europe. He especially reached out to the Eastern Orthodox churches. His overall goal was to modernize the Church by emphasizing its [pastoral role](#), and its necessary involvement with affairs of state. He dropped the traditional rule of 70 cardinals, increasing the size to 85. He used the opportunity to name the first cardinals from Africa, Japan, and the Philippines. He promoted ecumenical movements in cooperation with other Christian faiths. In doctrinal matters, he was a traditionalist, but he ended the practice of automatically formulating social and political policies on the basis of old theological propositions.

He did not live to see the Vatican Council to completion. His cause for [canonization](#) was opened on 18 November 1965 by his successor, [Pope Paul VI](#), who declared him a [Servant of God](#). On

5 July 2013, [Pope Francis](#) – bypassing the traditionally required second miracle – declared John XXIII a saint, based on his virtuous, model lifestyle, and because of the good which had come from his having opened the Second Vatican Council. He was canonised alongside [Pope John Paul II](#) on 27 April 2014.^{[10][11]} John XXIII today is affectionately known as the "Good Pope" and in Italian, "*il Papa buono*".



Pope Francis at Sunday Angelus: The Lord holds us like a Father does his child - by Francesca Merlo
– Oct 3, 2021

Pope Francis addresses the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square and urges them to accept being small in order to grow big.

Reflecting on the day's liturgy, as he addressed the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis noted that Jesus is unusually indignant in the Gospel reading. What is most surprising about His indignation, continued the Pope, is that it "is not caused by the Pharisees who test Him with questions about the legality of divorce, but by His disciples who, in order to protect Him from the crowd of people, scold some children who are brought to Jesus". The Pope asked, Why does the Lord gets angry with those who take the children away from Him rather than with those who argue with Him?

The little are in need

The Pope recalled that Jesus teaches that "it is precisely the little ones, that is, those who depend on others, who are in need and cannot give back, who are to be served first". Those who seek God find Him there, in the little ones, in those in need, explained the Pope. Today the Lord takes up this teaching and completes it, adding "whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a child receives it will not enter it" (Mk 10:15). The Pope explained that the novelty lies here: "The disciple must not only serve the little ones, but recognise himself as a little one". Knowing oneself to be small is indispensable for welcoming the Lord, added the Pope.

The Pope went on to say that it is in recognising oneself as small that we then become big. Not so much in success, he continued, "but above all in moments of struggle and fragility". The mask of superficiality is falling and our radical fragility is re-emerging, continued Pope Francis, describing it as "our treasure" because "with God fragility is not an obstacle, but an opportunity".

Fragility means care

In fact, it is precisely in fragility that we discover how much God cares for us, continued the Pope. "Contradictions, situations that reveal our fragility are privileged occasions to experience his love", said the Pope, adding that "those who pray with perseverance know it well: in moments of darkness or loneliness, God's tenderness towards us becomes - so to speak - even more present". It gives us peace, added the Pope, bringing his discourse to an end. "It makes us grow", he said. Finally, Pope Francis stressed that in prayer, "the Lord holds us close to Himself, like a father with his child", and this, he concluded, "is how we become great".

Pope's Latin Mass decision hasn't affected his popularity, survey finds

Oct 7, 2021 by [Joshua J. McElwee](#)



A priest elevates the Host after consecrating it during a Latin Mass. (Creative Commons/Andrew Gardner)

Pope Francis' decision in July to reimpose restrictions on the celebration of the older form of the Latin Mass appears not to have affected his standing among U.S. Catholics, according to a report released Oct. 7 by the Pew Research Centre.

About 83% of Catholics in the country have a favourable view of Francis, based on responses from 1,374 Catholics to a Pew online survey in September.

Some 65% of the respondents said they had heard "nothing at all" about Francis' decision, which reversed a 2007 move by retired Pope Benedict XVI to allow priests to celebrate the form of the Mass used before the 1962-65 Second Vatican Council.

Francis [cited worries](#) that some groups celebrating the older Mass were rejecting the council itself, which brought about a number of reforms in the church. The pope now requires that individual bishops across the world specifically approve celebrations of the old Mass in their dioceses.

Of the 35% in the Pew survey who had heard at least "a little" about the changes, 14% declined to give an opinion about them, 12% disapproved and 9% approved.

Francis' overall favorability numbers appear steady among U.S. Catholics. The last Pew survey, conducted in March, found 82% of respondents [holding a favorable view](#) of the pontiff.

However, there continues to be polarization in the way Americans think about Francis. In the latest survey, 49% of Catholics who identified as Republican said Francis is "too liberal." Only 16% of Catholics who identified as Democrats said the same.

The Pew survey was conducted Sept. 20-26 among a total of 6,485 U.S. adults, with 1,374 of those identifying as Catholic. The margin of error is 1.9 percentage points for all respondents and 4.3 percentage points for Catholic respondents.

Pope Francis launches academic program for 'ecological conversion'

Oct 7, 2021 by Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service



Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, grand chancellor of Rome's Pontifical Lateran University; Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople; Pope Francis, Audrey Azoulay, director-general of UNESCO; and Vincenzo Buonomo, the university's rector, meet at the university Oct. 7. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

ROME — Academic institutions need to promote an "ecological conversion" that combines natural and social sciences with theology, philosophy and ethics to help humanity safeguard creation, Pope Francis said.

Responding to current challenges requires a new way of learning and doing that is built on "openness, creativity, wider educational offerings, but also sacrifice, dedication, transparency and honesty in choosing, especially in these difficult times," he said at Rome's Pontifical Lateran University Oct. 7.

"Let's permanently ditch this — 'it has always been done this way' — it's suicide," he said at the launch of a new chair and program of studies at the school. Such an attitude undermines credibility "because it creates superficiality and answers that are valid only in appearance," he added.

Francis and Audrey Azoulay, director-general of UNESCO, signed an agreement at the event establishing a new theological chair supported by UNESCO "On Futures of Education for Sustainability" at the pontifical university. The signing coincided with the launch, together with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, of a new academic program dedicated to "Care for our common home and safeguarding creation." Both initiatives are endorsed by the Catholic and the Eastern Orthodox churches.

Patriarch Bartholomew said the initiatives reflect the collaboration between the two "sister churches" and their commitment to work to protect "God's wonderful universe." They also reflect a needed interreligious and interdisciplinary approach to the urgent environmental challenges of today, especially concerning climate change, he added.

The chair will encompass the fields of theology, philosophy, law and socioeconomic aspects "in order to train and shape students [in] how to respond to the ecological crisis in a collaborative and conscientious manner," he said.

Francis praised the patriarch's decadeslong dedication to promoting the safeguarding of creation, quoting the patriarch's conviction that safeguarding "is a way of loving, of moving gradually away from what I want to what God's world needs. It is liberation from fear, greed and compulsion."

Addressing the complexity of threats to the planet, its inhabitants and the most vulnerable requires "responsibility, practicality and competence," the pope said.

The original mission of every university was to be a place where students and teachers dedicated to diverse fields of study could come together to discuss and find creative ways forward, he said. Today, he said, this includes forming an "ecological conscience" and conducting research on how to best protect creation.

"Academic activity is called to promote integral ecological conversion to protect the splendour of nature" by merging social and natural sciences with theological, philosophical and ethical reflection so as to impact regulations and legal standards as well contribute to "a healthy economic vision," Francis said.

The aim includes protecting creation "from nefarious deeds, perhaps inspired by policies, an economy and formation tied to immediate results that benefit a few," he added.

In a letter addressed to Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, grand chancellor of the Pontifical Lateran University, formally instituting the school's new program of studies and chair, the pope wrote that they reflect the church's efforts to live up to its duty to protect creation.

"We, believers and nonbelievers, have the duty to guarantee not an abstract [form of] sustainability or to proclaim the good of future generations, but to develop the tools for safeguarding diverse ecosystems" in ways that are scientifically valid and culturally courageous, he wrote.

The pope wrote that the new chair and studies in safeguarding creation are also meant to benefit church organizations, consecrated life, religious associations and movements and anyone who wishes "to acquire that conscience, knowledge and environmental competence needed for a commitment inspired by a just and sustainable model of the human being, life, society and a relationship with nature."

Pope Francis joins world faith leaders in urgent climate appeal ahead of COP26

Oct 4, 2021 by Brian Roewe

In response to the "grave threat" of climate change, heads of the world's major religions united at the Vatican to issue an unprecedented joint appeal to government leaders at next month's United Nations climate summit, calling for "urgent, radical and responsible action" to drastically curb greenhouse gas emissions and for the world's wealthiest countries to lead in healing the planet.

The nearly 40 religious figures, among them Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Islamic, Jewish, Buddhist and Hindu leaders, also pledged to increase awareness of the climate crisis and actions to address it within their own congregations.

"We are currently at a moment of opportunity and truth. We pray that our human family may unite to save our common home before it is too late," the declaration read. "Future generations will never forgive us if we squander this precious opportunity."

"We have inherited a garden: we must not leave a desert to our children," the faith leaders wrote.

The joint statement, issued Oct. 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the [patron saint of ecology](#), outlined the expectations of the world's major religions — representing about half the global population — for the COP26 U.N. climate conference, set for Nov. 1-12 in Glasgow, Scotland.

"We plead with the international community, gathered at COP26, to take speedy, responsible and shared action to safeguard, restore and heal our wounded humanity and the home entrusted to our stewardship," the faith declaration said.

"We appeal to everyone on this planet to join us on this common journey, knowing well that what we can achieve depends not only on opportunities and resources, but also on hope, courage, solidarity and good will."

A portion of the statement was read at a "Faith and Science Toward COP26" ceremony at the Vatican, where faith leaders, all wearing masks, signed the document. Francis, who signed last, handed the appeal over to Italian Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio and Alok Sharma of Britain, president of COP26. Officials from embassies to the Holy See from both nations, which are co-hosting the climate conference, worked with the Vatican [to organize the statement](#). Sharma described the appeal as "a powerful call to action for the world." He called for an alliance of faith leaders, scientists and youth to "turn the tide" on climate change.

"Doing so requires us all to play our part, every country in every part of society mounting a global effort led by those most human qualities, reason and morality, the head and the heart," he said.

Each religious leader present spoke briefly about the need to protect the environment. Those unable to attend because of the coronavirus pandemic sent video messages. At the conclusion, each poured soil into a potted olive tree to be planted in the Vatican gardens. They met

again in the afternoon to discuss how faith and science can work together to raise awareness and cooperate further.

In prepared remarks for the event, Francis said that the world's religious and spiritual traditions and science both stress the interconnectedness of our world. Recognizing the interrelations among species, he said, reveals not only the harmful effects of human activity on ecosystems, but also possible solutions.

"COP26 in Glasgow represents an urgent summons to provide effective responses to the unprecedented ecological crisis and the crisis of values that we are presently experiencing, and in this way to offer concrete hope to future generations. We want to accompany it with our commitment and our spiritual closeness," the pope said.

COP26 will be the first U.N. climate conference in two years. An [abbreviated, virtual meeting](#) was held in December 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic. This year's event is viewed as the most consequential climate summit since the 2015 COP21, which produced the landmark Paris Agreement in which the world's nations committed for the first time to cut emissions in an effort to limit global warming to 1.5 C above pre-industrial levels.

The faith leaders, who conferred throughout the year in multiple meetings with leading scientists, including Hoesung Lee, chair of the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, said that "time is running out" and that this decade may be the last chance left "to restore the planet."

Average temperatures already have risen by more than 1 C and are on track to reach 2.7 C by the end of the century, based on countries' current greenhouse gas emission reduction commitments, according to a [recent IPCC report](#).

"The degradation of our common home due to climate change is a symptom of deeper social ills," Joachim von Braun, president of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences told the gathering. "For this reason, it is essential that in addressing these challenges, science and faith combine forces."

Climate change solutions must include changes in consumption, technological breakthroughs and policies that recognize that human and ecosystem health are inextricably connected, the scientist said. The religious leaders urged governments to "achieve net zero carbon emissions as soon as possible." Wealthier nations, which are the major emitters, must lead that effort, they said, as well as follow through on long-promised financing— \$100 billion annually through the Green Climate Fund — to help less-industrialized nations curb emissions and adapt to climate change.

They also urged developed nations to commit to "loss and damage" payments to less-industrialized countries for climate-related destruction that has already occurred.

They advocated a new economic model that prioritizes human dignity, inclusivity, ecologically friendly practices over exploitation and excess, and "one based not on endless growth and proliferating desires, but on supporting life."

The statement also called for special attention to the rights of Indigenous peoples, an end to biodiversity loss, responsible financing by banks and investors, and a just transition to a clean energy economy, with particular attention to employment for people working in the fossil fuel industry.

Calling climate change a moral issue, they stressed the importance of education and the "crucial" role of religious traditions in bringing about an "ecological conversion" among all people. The faith leaders also pledged to more active political participation on environmental issues, and to take actions within their own communities to reduce emissions, pursue sustainability in their buildings and properties, encourage simpler lifestyles, seek out ethically produced goods and services, and apply environmentally and socially responsible standards to investments, including shifting from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

An interfaith program called "Faith Plans for People and the Planet," aimed at leveraging religious groups' assets and investments, was also launched Oct. 4.

To involve Catholics, the Vatican is creating the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#), a seven-year roadmap to sustainability for all types of Catholic institutions, from families and dioceses to hospitals and schools.

Religious leaders and institutions have increasingly [turned attention to climate change](#) in recent years.

Climate negotiators have said Francis' encyclical "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home," along with statements from other faith leaders [and the world's bishops](#), had a positive influence on COP21 in 2015. The hope is that this new interreligious appeal will yield similar results in Glasgow.

More and more, the Vatican has emphasized the importance of a united religious voice on climate change. In November, the Vatican's council on interreligious dialogue [hosted a multi-day interfaith event](#) to mark the five-year anniversary of *Laudato Si'*. And in September, Francis joined Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury in a [first-ever joint message on environmental sustainability](#) by the three Christian leaders.

Plans for the Oct. 4 faith appeal began in January. Since then, faith leaders have met eight times with scientists, including Lee of the IPCC and the heads of the Pontifical Academies of Sciences and Social Sciences.

Before the event, von Braun told EarthBeat he was "pleasantly surprised" with the faith leaders' openness to scientific advice and is optimistic the statement will deliver "a powerful message" to political leaders at COP26.

"This summit comes at a point in time when the world knows more, is concerned more and wants to see more action. And the people are moving together. That's why this new alliance between science and faith will matter at the COP," he said.

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 has mentioned in an earlier 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 supernatural 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.

Evangelium – Fr John will be speaking on “**Why do people call me, ‘Father’ ?**” for this Sunday’s Evangelium.

Zoom details as follows:

When: Sunday 12:00 noon Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89589677354?pwd=SC9UQnk2eIEvWEkwKz-ZoM3dtRks0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 895 8967 7354

Password: 793676

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.

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.

Special Prayer intentions requested by parishioners

Little Dio's family is very grateful for your prayers as their little one is making progress day by day. May the Holy Family protect and comfort the family as they continue to pray in hope for their precious little one complete healing.

We continue to pray for Larissa who is suffering from pressure on her lungs and heart which could result in cardiac arrest anytime.

Noel Allport who has been singing at the 9:00am mass on each third Sunday continues to receive treatment. Your prayers are requested for his healing in the name of Jesus. Lord Jesus please give Noel strength, courage and comfort so as not to lose faith in you. Please keep him in your heart always dear Jesus.

Please pray for Aimi who is receiving treatment for her recovery..

Lord we pray that you will keep Louise in your protective hands as you are the great healer. May Louise recover well with her chemotherapy. .

Please also remember David's place community in your prayers that God will bless and comfort them during this time of aloneness.

We pray for all mothers to be, that they will carry their baby to full term.

For all the special intentions in our hearts, we ask Our Lady of the Rosary to intercede for us and pray our continual healing and conversion. May we always turn to Christ as our Light.

Room for rent - Parishioner looking for a flatmate in Surry Hills which will be available from November 15. An awesome flat with its own bathroom, north facing sunny balcony, with gym in a lovely neighbourhood. \$360 weekly rent. Anthony can be contacted on 0411 098 300 for queries.

October 15 is World Mission Month

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ACTS 4:20

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OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY

“Recite your Rosary with faith,
with humility,
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and
with perseverance.”

Saint Louis de Montfort

St. Therese of Lisieux's Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, eternal Priest,
keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart,
where none may touch them.
Keep unstained their anointed hands,
which daily touch Your Sacred Body.
Keep unsullied their lips,
daily purpled with your Precious Blood.
Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,
sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.
Let Your holy love surround them and
shield them from the world's contagion.
Bless their labours wit abundant fruit and
may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and
consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and
everlasting crown.



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. You may

also want to speak with your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.