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Feast Days – Thirty-first week in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Mon 1 Nov	All Saints (Solemnity)
Tues 2 Nov	All Souls Day
Wed 3 Nov	Saint Martin de Porres
Thu 4 Nov	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

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 – Slyvia Abela (28/10), 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 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 – 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.

All Saints and All Souls Day



On this coming Monday and Tuesday of the 31st week in Ordinary Time, Holy Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of

ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED respectively.

We are all called to be saints, regardless of our background and our state in life, but few take up the invitation seriously. As Pope Francis has observed: Many people are interested in the lives of the saints and are devoted to them, but very few really want to be saints themselves! Many of us settle for second best and aspire to enter the heavenly kingdom via purgatory.

The Parish's own patron Saint is of course Saint Peter. Peter's greatest claim to fame is that he is the first Bishop of Rome, the first "Pope", and the Vicar of Christ on earth. Jesus Christ signals his intention to appoint Peter to this unique office when he says to

him, “I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven: whatever you bind on earth, consider bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth, consider loosed in heaven.” (Mt. 16:19) This Petrine Office has been inherited by each of the 266 popes down to the present day and held by them until either their death or their resignation.

We have recently celebrated the feast days (strictly speaking “memorials”) of two great modern saint-popes - Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II, on October 11 and 22 respectively. What follows are the texts of two critically important presentations for the life of the contemporary Church and the contemporary world of these two Supreme Pontiffs.

I am referring to Pope John XXIII’s opening address to the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council and Pope John Paul II’s homily at the Mass in which he took formal possession of the See of Rome and the Petrine Office.

From the opening address of Pope John XXIII to the Second Vatican Council: The loving Church is the mother of all

Today, Venerable Brethren, is a day of joy for Mother Church: through God’s most kindly providence the longed-for day has dawned for the solemn opening of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, here at St Peter’s shrine. And Mary, God’s Virgin Mother, on this feast day of her noble motherhood, gives it her gracious protection.

Certain it is that the critical issues, the thorny problems that wait upon man’s solution, have remained the same for almost twenty centuries. And why? Because the whole of history and of life hinges on the person of Jesus Christ. Either men anchor themselves on Him and His Church, and thus enjoy the blessings of light and joy, right order and peace; or they live their lives apart from Him; many positively oppose Him, and deliberately exclude themselves from the Church. The result can only be confusion in their lives, bitterness in their relations with one another, and the savage threat of war.

In these days, which mark the beginning of this Second Vatican Council, it is more obvious than ever before that the Lord’s truth is indeed eternal. Human ideologies change. Successive generations give rise to varying errors, and these often vanish as quickly as they came, like mist before the sun.

The Church has always opposed these errors, and often condemned them with the utmost severity. Today, however, Christ’s Bride prefers the balm of mercy to the arm of severity. She believes that present needs are best served by explaining more fully the purport of her doctrines, rather than by publishing condemnations.

Not that the need to repudiate and guard against erroneous teaching and dangerous ideologies is less today than formerly. But all such error is so manifestly contrary to rightness and goodness, and produces such fatal results, that our contemporaries show every inclination to condemn it of their own accord – especially that way of life which repudiates God and His law, and which places excessive confidence in technical progress and an exclusively material prosperity. It is more and more widely understood that personal dignity and true self-realization are of vital importance and worth every effort to achieve. More important still, experience has at long last taught men that physical

violence, armed might, and political domination are no help at all in providing a happy solution to the serious problems which affect them.

The great desire, therefore, of the Catholic Church in raising aloft at this Council the torch of truth, is to show herself to the world as the loving mother of all mankind; gentle, patient, and full of tenderness and sympathy for her separated children. To the human race oppressed by so many difficulties, she says what Peter once said to the poor man who begged an alms: “Silver and gold I have none; but what I have, that I give thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise and walk.” In other words it is not corruptible wealth, nor the promise of earthly happiness, that the Church offers the world today, but the gifts of divine grace which, since they raise men up to the dignity of being sons of God, are powerful assistance and support for the living of a more fully human life. She unseals the fountains of her life-giving doctrine, so that men, illumined by the light of Christ, will understand their true nature and dignity and purpose. Everywhere, through her children, she extends the frontiers of Christian love, the most powerful means of eradicating the seeds of discord, the most effective means of promoting concord, peace with justice, and universal brotherhood.

**Inaugural homily of Pope John Paul II:
'Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ.'**

Peter came to Rome! What else but obedience to the inspiration received from the Lord could have guided him and brought him to this city, the heart of the Empire? Perhaps the fisherman of Galilee did not want to come here. Perhaps he would have preferred to stay there, on the shores of Lake of Genesareth, with his boat and his nets. Yet guided by the Lord, obedient to his inspiration, he came here!

According to an ancient tradition, Peter tried to leave Rome during Nero's persecution. However, the Lord intervened and came to meet him. Peter spoke to him and asked, “Quo vadis, Domine?” — “Where are you going, Lord?” And the Lord answered him at once: “I am going to Rome to be crucified again.” Peter went back to Rome and stayed here until his crucifixion.

Our time calls us, urges us, obliges us, to gaze on the Lord and to immerse ourselves in humble and devout meditation on the mystery of the supreme power of Christ himself.

He who was born of the Virgin Mary, the carpenter's Son (as he was thought to be), the Son of the living God (as confessed by Peter), came to make us all “a kingdom of priests”.

The Second Vatican Council has reminded us of the mystery of this power and of the fact that Christ's mission as Priest, Prophet-Teacher and King continues in the Church. Everyone, the whole People of God, shares in this threefold mission. Perhaps in the past the tiara, that triple crown, was placed on the Pope's head in order to signify by that symbol the Lord's plan for his Church, namely that all the hierarchical order of Christ's Church, all “sacred power” exercised in the Church, is nothing other than service, service with a single purpose: to ensure that the whole People of God shares in this threefold mission of Christ and always remains under the power of the Lord; a power that has its

source not in the powers of this world, but instead in the mystery of the Cross and the Resurrection.

The absolute, and yet sweet and gentle, power of the Lord responds to the whole depths of the human person, to his loftiest aspirations of intellect, will and heart. It does not speak the language of force, but expresses itself in charity and truth.

The new Successor of Peter in the See of Rome today makes a fervent, humble and trusting prayer: Christ, make me become and remain the servant of your unique power, the servant of your sweet power, the servant of your power that knows no dusk. Make me a servant: indeed, the servant of your servants.

Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power. Help the Pope and all those who wish to serve Christ and with Christ's power to serve the human person and the whole of mankind.

Do not be afraid. Open, I say open wide the doors for Christ. To his saving power open the boundaries of states, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development. Do not be afraid. Christ knows "that which is in man". He alone knows it.

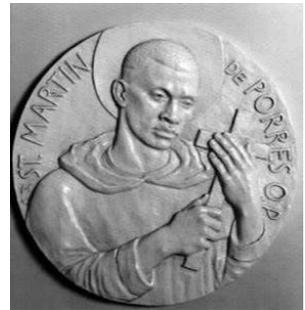
So often today, man does not know that which is in him, in the depths of his mind and heart. So often he is uncertain about the meaning of his life on this earth. He is assailed by doubt, a doubt which turns into despair. We ask you, therefore, we beg you with humility and with trust, let Christ speak to man. He alone has words of life, yes, of life eternal.

Saint Martin de Porres - (Feast Day Nov 3) - Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia

Imagine a social worker's case that goes something like this: two mixed race children are abandoned by their father. The children's food and clothing are inadequate. The older child, a boy, is made to go out and do the shopping and the household chores. The mother, distraught with grief at being abandoned, subjects the boy in particular to verbal and physical abuse, telling him that he is responsible for his father's leaving. Yet the child is found to be sweet-natured, intelligent and obliging, tirelessly eager to please the mother who seems not to want him. What would you make of the situation?

The case just described is not from the twenty-first century but from the seventeenth. The boy just described, whose heroic charity was evident from the time he was young, grew up to become one of the Dominican Order's most beloved saints: Martin de Porres.

Martin was eventually able to leave behind the greatest cross of his childhood when his father, a Spanish nobleman serving as a provincial official in Peru, finally acknowledged his dark skinned twelve year old son as legitimate and apprenticed Martin to a barber surgeon. Martin quickly acquired a following of patrons due to his charity and his skill in medical care.



However, after several years, Martin discerned Jesus calling him to enter the Dominicans in Lima. He shared two strong devotions dear to the Order and its saints: devotion to the Rosary and to the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and a powerful love of the Eucharist. Martin did not aspire to be a preaching friar, nor even a lay brother, but asked for the lowest position in the convent as a “helping” brother. After nine years and significant contributions to the community, he would go on to make solemn vows as a lay brother.

Martin was put to work doing menial chores, work that he welcomed and never complained of doing. On the contrary, he regarded his chores as if they were the highest honours. The community also used Martin’s previous training as a barber and a surgeon, eventually assigning him to the infirmary due to his remarkable expertise in healing. Stories abound of his cures: of his coaxing a sick friar’s appetite by miraculously producing out-of-season fruit, and of life-threatening fevers and infections instantly abating at the mere touch of Martin’s hand. It is said that he knew ahead of time whether a friar would recuperate or die.

St. Martin could well be called the “St. Francis of Assisi” of the Dominican Order for his love of animals. The story of his relocation of a large number of destructive mice, while incredible, is regarded as true. Recognizing the havoc the rodents were causing, Martin was seen escorting an orderly line-up of several hundred mice out of the convent and into the garden where they were promised a daily feeding by their kind hearted benefactor.

Perhaps with his own childhood in mind, Martin had a great love for street urchins, orphans and unwanted babies in Lima. It became known that Martin would accept unwanted children born out of wedlock. At first he placed them with his sister Juana, but numbers grew so great that a separate home became necessary. By his own efforts, Martin built the Orphanage of the Holy Cross from the ground up. The orphanage still exists in Lima today as the Colegio de Santa Cruz.

Martin literally lived the Last Will and Testament of St. Dominic: “Have charity, guard humility, make your treasure out of voluntary poverty.” His love of poverty was unaffected; he had been poor all his life, and would have nothing to do with what he considered “luxuries.” Martin wore the most ancient habit in the convent, yet never allowed it to look shabby. He preferred old shoes to new ones.

Martin died a holy death surrounded by the friars of the Holy Rosary Convent chanting the *Salve Regina*. His symptoms were the same as those that defined St. Dominic’s last moments. In fact, toward the end, when asked, Martin indicated that his holy father was actually present, along with St. Vincent Ferrer.

When Martin was canonized in 1962 by St. John XXIII, the Pope observed in the canonization ceremony, “Martin was not an academic but possessed ‘the true science that ennobles the spirit,’ the ‘light of discretion’ of which St. Catherine of Siena speaks.” Guy Bedouelle adds that “the Church... has need of authentic intellectuals [but] looks first for holiness of attitude, the fruit of humility.” St. Martin preached Christ through his charity, humility and poverty. He stands as a holy reminder that, in a religious order known for glorifying God by intellectual achievement, “the greatest of these is love.”

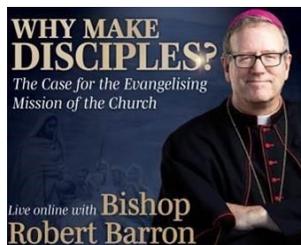
[Bishop Robert Barron launches Sydney's Reclaiming Evangelisation Series](#) Live Online, Saturday 13 November 2021, 11 AM – 12:30 PM

You are invited to attend Bishop Robert Barron's live online address to the faithful of Sydney as he launches our renewal series, *Reclaiming Evangelisation: How Jesus' Great Commission Will Renew Our Parishes*. During this first talk of the series, Bishop Barron will be speaking on the topic 'Why Make Disciples? The Case for the Evangelising Mission of the Church'.

The Reclaiming Evangelisation series will continue in 2022, featuring a number of inspiring speakers who will lead a conversation about why and how our parishes can be renewed through seeking to live more fully the mission given to us by Our Lord to call disciples, baptise them, and teach them.

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[Join the Friends of Eileen O'Connor Association](#)

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is inviting Sydney Catholics to support the cause for canonisation of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor by signing up as a member of the Friends of Eileen O'Connor Association.

Association members will receive a commemorative gift to coincide with the centenary year of her death and updates on her pathway to canonisation. Eileen is best remembered for her pioneering work in co-founding Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, an organisation committed to caring for the sick poor in their own homes, which still continues today.

Membership is available online [here](#).

Parishes are also invited to promote the association by sharing [this social tile](#)

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The Holy Spirit proceeds through prayer to the altar
 and the Holy Spirit is kind to the souls
 of the departed.

November Masses

November Mass offerings – November being the month of the Holy Souls, we remember our loved ones who have gone before us especially by offering masses. Envelopes for Mass offerings are available on the tables in the Church.



You are invited to
 Ordination of
Adrian William Simmons
 to the Diaconate

On
 Tuesday 23rd November
 (The Feast of St Columbanus)
 At 6pm
 At
 Christ The King Catholic Church,
 Yagoona
 3 Cantrell Street Bass Hill NSW, 2199

Evangelium – Evangelium postponed until further notice.

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 and Thursday after 10:00am Mass

Liturgy Group – B16 – after Sunday lunch



A PRAYER FOR
ALL SAINTS
 DAY

God, source of all holiness,
 You have enriched Your church
 with many gifts in the saints.
 Direct, O Lord, our actions
 by Your holy inspirations,
 and carry them on
 by Your gracious assistance,
 that every prayer
 and work of ours
 may always begin with You,
 and through You
 be happily ended.
 Amen.

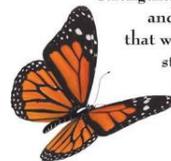
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All Souls' Day

November 2

*J*esus, dear Savior,
 on this day we prayerfully remember
 all our loved ones who have died.
 Please give them comfort and hope
 and may they be at peace,
 knowing that they will
 rest in God's arms eternally.
 Thank You for our memories of them
 and for the good times we shared.

We ask You, please,
 through their intercession,
 to deepen our faith,
 strengthen our hope
 and increase our love
 that we, too, may someday
 stand before You,
 ready to enter Your
 Holy Kingdom.



Amen.

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