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Sunday Masses: 9:00am and 10:30am (Sung Mass)

Daily Mass: **Mon:** 7:30am; **Tue - Sat:** 10:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction: **Fri:** 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Confessions: **Fri:** 6:00pm – 6:45pm; **Sat:** 9:30am - 10:00am

Holy Rosary: Daily before Mass

Feast Days – Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C/2)

Wed 18 May Saint John I

Fri 20 May Saint Bernardine of Siena

Sat 21 May Saint Christopher Magallanes

We Pray For:

Our sick and injured: Fr. Bill Milsted, Bro. Max Scully, fsc, Maria de Los Angeles ('Angelines') Agudo, Nerisa Williams, Josephine Finneran, Ana Teresa Rodrigues, Mafalda Triolo, Aimi McEwen, Louise McCann, Marija Barclay, John Yo-un, Dan Southee, Matic (baby).

Our deceased: Gerard Watkins, Anthony Brien (Robert's carer), Peter Sweeney (31/3), Archbishop Michael Meier (3/4), Ana Ofelia Sierra Bustamante (22/3/2020) Indhira's mum), Robert Azzopardi (Pauline's nephew), Grace Maralyn Molyneux (13/3), Lina Mangion (26/2), Moira Welch, Bennett Alexander Schwartz, Sebastian Gomes, Neville Stapleton, Damien Carroll ((31/1), Julian Ciappara (28/1), Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood, Margaret D Hailwood, Joyce Hailwood & Marge Heaney, Joan McEvoy and June Veronica Hailwood, Philomena Smith (11/3).

Our house bound elderly: Shirley Kennedy, Anna Maria, Myra Krcma

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



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MEDIA STATEMENT

Wednesday, 11 May 2022

NEED TO PROTECT FAITH BASED MEDICAL AND AGED CARE PROVIDERS FROM “KILL BILL”

*A Statement from the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney,
Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP*

For the past two years society has been stopped in time. We have often been unable to gather, grieve, commiserate or celebrate with each other while enduring some of the most significant restrictions to personal autonomy ever experienced in a western democracy.

The purpose of these restrictions was to protect those most at risk in our community.

It is incredible that the same NSW parliament that put our lives on hold for more than two years in order to protect the most vulnerable has now passed a bill that sanctions their killing.

This “kill bill” divides us into two classes of people: those whose lives are protected by the state with the resources of healthcare, social services and law enforcement, and those whose deaths are facilitated because their lives are deemed to be “not worth living”.

It is a dramatic departure from parliament’s solemn obligation to pass laws for the good of its citizens and to protect the weak.

As Pope Francis has said, euthanasia and assisted suicide are the marks of a ‘throwaway culture’ where the forgotten, the downtrodden, the poor and the elderly will ultimately suffer.

I fear, that this bill will dehumanise the medical and nursing professions, creating a health industry where it might become more cost effective, or expedient to push people towards death.

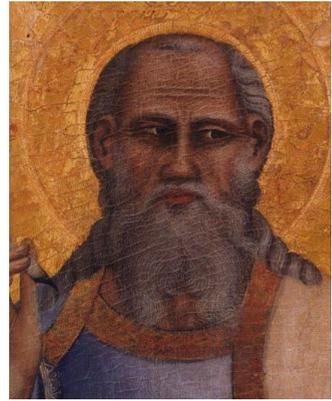
I fear also for families, that this bill will damage family life, creating tensions where someone is taking a long time to die and pressures on everyone for this to be “hurried up”.

And I fear for the dying themselves who are told by this bill that our parliament regards their lives as no longer inalienable, and who may more than ever feel they are regarded a “burden” on others and “better off dead”.

With amendments to this kill bill now due to be debated, I call upon our MPs, even those who are in favour of this bill, to agree to reasonable amendments to provide some limited protections for those most vulnerable and to ensure that faith-based providers of medical and aged care services can continue to offer a choice to residents who do not want to be associated with this lethal regime in any way.

Forcing Catholic or other religious providers to have euthanasia on their premises amounts to a grave attack on freedom of religion.

Pope John I inherited the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. Italy had been ruled for 30 years by an emperor who espoused the heresy, though he treated the empire's Catholics with toleration. His policy changed at about the time the young John was elected pope. When the eastern emperor began imposing severe measures on the Arians of his area, the western emperor forced John to head a delegation to the East to soften the measures against the heretics. Little is known of the manner or outcome of the negotiations—designed to secure continued toleration of Catholics in the West. On his way home, John was imprisoned at Ravenna because the emperor had begun to suspect that John's friendship with his eastern rival might lead to a conspiracy against his throne. Shortly after his imprisonment, John died, apparently from the treatment he received in prison. John's body was transported to Rome and he was buried in the Basilica of St. Peter.



Reflection We cannot choose the issues for which we have to suffer and perhaps die. John I suffered because of a power-conscious emperor. Jesus suffered because of the suspicions of those who were threatened by his freedom, openness, and powerlessness. "If you find that the world hates you, know it has hated me before you" (John 15:18).

Saint Bernardine of Siena (Feast day 20 May) –**Prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus**
Philip Kosloski - published on 01/14/19

The saint had a great passion for the name of Jesus and used this prayer regularly. One of the greatest promoters of devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus was Franciscan priest, St. Bernardine of Siena. He went so far as to create a sign with the monogram IHS on it and carry it wherever he went. He preached about reverence for the name of Jesus and the need to invoke Jesus' name in all things. Below is a brief prayer composed by St. Bernardine of Siena honoring the name of Jesus, placing oneself under his most watchful care.



Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love and strength! You are the refuge of those who repent, our banner of warfare in this life, the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who mourn, the delight of those who believe, the light of those who preach the true faith, the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick. To your devotion aspires; by you our prayers are received; we delight in contemplating you. O Name of Jesus, you are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.

Saint Christopher Magallanes (Feast

Day: May 21)

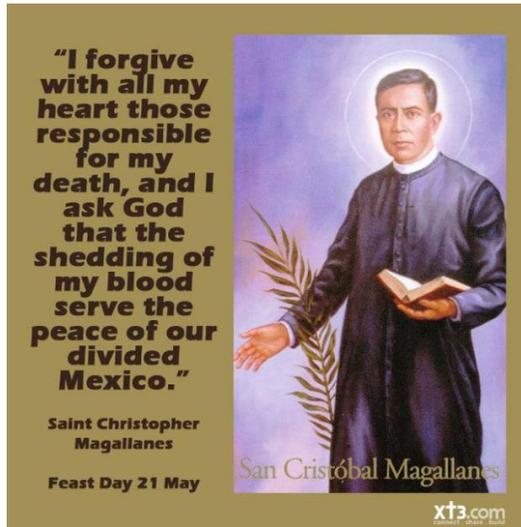
Christopher (Cristóbal) Magallanes (1869-1927), priest, missionary and teacher, was martyred during the Cristero War – the three-year resistance of the Mexican people against the government's effort to suppress the expression of faith and limit the power of the Church in the 1920s. Though Father Magallanes preached against armed violence, he was arrested on his way to say Mass and executed on charges of inciting rebellion. His final acts were to comfort and forgive. He reassured Father Agustin Caloca, who was executed with him, "Calm down, son, just a moment and then heaven."

He was born in 1869 in Totatiche, Jalisco, a state in southwestern Mexico. Christopher worked as a shepherd before enrolling in the seminary in Guadalajara at the age of 19. After ordination in 1899, Christopher became the chaplain of the School of Arts and Works of the Holy Spirit in Guadalajara before being assigned to serve his home parish in Totatiche. As a pastor, he was zealous in his efforts to educate and minister to the local people by schools and trade shops for carpentry. In his efforts to share the Gospel with the indigenous people of the area, he founded a mission in Azqueltan.

In 1914, the Mexican Government decreed that all religious schools were to be closed, including the seminary in Guadalajara, the seat of the diocese. To ensure that seminarians could continue their preparation for the priesthood, Father Magallanes opened the Auxiliary Seminary of Totatiche, and enrolled 17 students.

As the suppression of the faith became more severe, the Mexican people resisted. Though the government forbade any gathering for religious celebrations and closed all religious schools, Father Magallanes continued to say Mass, teach and promote devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

He was arrested on his way to say Mass on May 21, 1927, and was executed four days later. Before dying, Saint Christopher Magallanes absolved his executioners and gave them his remaining possessions. He was canonized with 24 other martyrs of the Cristero War in 2000 by St. John Paul II.



MAY: MONTH OF MARY, MONTH OF MOTHERS



"A mother is something so great and beautiful that even God wanted to have one... Mary!"
And since no one is more generous than God, from the Cross He gave the world such great and beautiful gift, our Mother... He gave us Mary, His own mother!
Mary is the living calyx that carried Jesus in her womb.
Mary's womb was home to He who neither Heaven nor Earth can hold.
Mary gave life to He who is the Life.
Mary gave light to He who is the Light of the World.
Mary fed the Living Bread that came down from Heaven with her virginal breasts.
Mary taught He who is the Way how to walk.
Mary taught the Word of God His first words.
In Cana of Galilee, Mary "advanced the hour" of the Eternal... He who is the Alpha and Omega.
That agonizing Christ, tells us from the Cross: "Behold thy mother"... and from that very moment Mary delivered us in the painful birth of Calvary."

Author: Raúl Hessier

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Queen of Heaven, please pray for us.



"The Rosary is a school for learning true Christian perfection."

~
Pope John XXIII

Our Lady, Queen of Families, please intercede for all families.

Pope's May prayer intention: 'For faith-filled young people', by Devin Watkins, Vatican News

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of May, and urges everyone to pray for young Catholics to be courageous in their response to God's call.

As the Church marks the Marian month of May and prepares for the upcoming World Meeting of Families in late June, Pope Francis is urging Catholics to pray for young people and their response to God's call to holiness.

The Pope released his monthly prayer intention on Tuesday in a video prepared by the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#).

He held up the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model for Christian family life.

"When I think of a model with whom young people can identify, our Mother, Mary, always comes to mind: her courage, the way she knew how to listen, and her dedication to service."



Building a better world

Pope Francis lauded Mary's courageous and determined "yes" to the Lord, and called on young Catholics to imitate her readiness to improve the world.

He said young people must learn to take risks, in order to "build something new, a better world."

"Don't forget that in order to follow Mary you need to discern and discover what Jesus wants from you, not what you might think you can do," said the Pope.

Wisdom of the ages

Grandparents, he added, can provide an excellent source of wisdom as we seek to discern God's will for our lives.

"In those words of grandparents, you will find a wisdom that will take you beyond the issues of the moment," he said.

Discernment, faith, service

Pope Francis wrapped up his video message by inviting everyone to pray for young people as they make their way through life.

"Let us pray, brothers and sisters, that all young people, called to live life to the fullest, may discover in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage of faith, and dedication to service."

Vocation to service

A press release accompanying The Pope Video said the prayer intention for May was produced in collaboration with the Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life.

May's prayer intention marks the first in a three-part series, with June's to focus on the family and July's on the elderly.

Fr. Federic Fornos, SJ, the International Director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, noted that Pope Francis has always insisted on the relationship between generations, especially between grandparents and grandchildren. He said the Pope is calling especially for young people to engage in service to others, as a result of mature discernment of God's call to holiness.

Pope: Mary is the road we must travel to reach Jesus, By Vatican News staff reporter

In a homily read by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, Pope Francis reflects on three words that find their fulfilment in Mary, the Mother of God: to bless, to be born, and to find. Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God, was celebrated on the morning of New Year's Day by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, standing in for Pope Francis, who is suffering a painful attack of sciatica.

In his homily, which was read by Cardinal Parolin, Pope Francis focused on three words from the day's readings: to bless, to be born, and to find, which he said "find their fulfilment in the Mother of God."

To bless Beginning with the first Reading, where God commands Moses to bless the people, Pope Francis writes, "This is no pious exhortation: it is a specific request." We need to be blessed, the Pope said; and at Christmas, we receive "not only the words of blessing, but the blessing itself: Jesus is Himself the blessing of the Father."

Whereas Jesus is the blessing, Mary is blessed through grace, and "in this way, brings us God's blessing. Wherever she is, Jesus comes to us," the Pope said. Similarly we too are called to bless, to speak well, of others, of society, and of ourselves, especially in a world so often "polluted" by speaking and thinking badly.

To be born In the second Reading, Saint Paul tells us Jesus was "born of a woman." "In these few words," said Pope Francis, "he tells us something amazing: that the Lord was born like us." Jesus was conceived and shaped in Mary's womb. Mary, said Pope Francis, "is not only the bridge joining us to God; she is much more. She is the road God travelled in order to reach us, and the road that we must travel in order to reach Him."

Pope Francis continued, saying, "We are in this world not to die but to give life." Mary is an example for us, "keeping all these things in our heart." From her we can learn "how important it is to keep our hearts pure, to cultivate our interior life and our prayer." When we do, we will be able to truly care for, "to cherish others, the world, and creation."

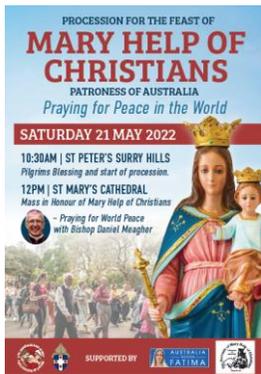
In this new year, the Pope said, "while we hope for new beginnings and new cures, let us not neglect *care*. Together with a vaccine for our bodies, we need a vaccine for our hearts. That vaccine is care." He added, "This will be a good year if we take care of others, as Our Lady does with us."

To find The third verb Pope Francis reflected on is "to find." At the first Christmas, the shepherds, led by grace, found God, not "in miraculous signs, but in a simple family." We, too, need grace to find Jesus; and once we have found Him, "we must not lose sight of Him."

In this new year, we are called, like the shepherds, to be active in order to receive grace. In this new year, Pope Francis said, "it would be good to *find time for someone*." "Time is a treasure that all of us possess," he continued, but that we often guard jealously. Instead, "Let us ask for the grace to find time for those who need someone to listen and show concern for them." He said, "If we can find time to give, we will be amazed and filled with joy, like the shepherds."

Pope Francis' homily concluded with a prayer: "May Our Lady, who brought God into the world of time, help us to be generous with our time":

Holy Mother of God, to you we consecrate this New Year. You, who know how to cherish things in your heart, care for us, bless our time, and teach us to find time for God and for others. With joy and confidence, we acclaim you: Holy Mother of God! Holy Mother of God! Holy Mother of God!



Mary Help of Christians (Feast day 24 May) Patroness of Australia. There will be a procession to honour Our Lady Help of Christians on **Saturday 21 May starting at 10:30am** from Ward Park in the heart of St Peter's Parish Surry Hills, with a Pilgrims blessing. The procession will end at **St Mary's Cathedral** and will be followed immediately by a Mass for **World Peace with Bishop Danny Meagher** presiding.

As part of the **Reclaiming Evangelisation** series, parishioners are warmly invited to watch **Fr Mike**

Schmitz's live, online address to the Sydney Archdiocese on Saturday 28 May from 10:00am – 11:30am.

Please scan this QR Code to attend the Live online with Fr Schmitz his address to the Archdiocese of Sydney.



Fr Schmitz is known to many Catholics as the host of the [Bible in a Year podcast](#) and as a frequent presenter with Ascension Press.



Sydney Fleadh: Irish Music Festival – 29 May

For further information please contact Marion O'Reilly on marionmartina3@gmail.com

Sunday 10.30am Mass Readers' Roster

Fourth Sunday: 15 May	John and Patricia O'Brien
First Sunday: 22 May	Alex Leech and Alexandra Vella
Second Sunday: 29 May	Brendan Byrne and Theresa Coyle
Third Sunday: 5 June	David Larkin and Sarah Moody
Fourth Sunday: 12 June	John and Susannah McCaughan

(If there is a fifth Sunday of the month, readers will be arranged *ad hoc* for that day.)

NB If you are unable to read on your rostered Sunday, and you have been unable to find a replacement, please contact the parish office.

Other parishioners are welcome to contact the office if they wish to read at either of the Sunday Masses.