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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

Please note Tuesday 10:00am Mass, 24 May will be at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians in honour of Her feast day

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

Tues 24 May	Our Lady Help of Christians
Wed 25 May	Saint Bede
	Saint Gregory VII
	Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi
Thur 26 May	Saint Philip Neri
Fri 27 May	Saint Augustine of Canterbury

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*



Friday, 20 May 2022

Yesterday was a truly a dark day for New South Wales.

I am deeply saddened that the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021* has passed the NSW Parliament.

The disturbing nature of this legislation is compounded by the way the debate over amendments was conducted. All amendments put forward by those who would seek to make this deadly regime even a little bit safer were rejected.

That no meaningful amendments were accepted speaks to a 'winner takes all' approach by the proponents of this bill and reveals an ugliness that has invaded our politics. This does not bode well for the protection of our most vulnerable citizens.

The 57th Parliament of NSW will be remembered as having the shameful record of passing two of the most anti-life pieces of legislation that exist in Australia, and indeed around the world.

If a civilisation is to be judged by how it treats its weakest members, the NSW parliament has failed miserably and has set a dark and dangerous path for all posterity, determining a new and disturbing definition of what it means to be human.

I thank those few members in both houses of parliament who spoke out against this bill, often in the face of disdain and disparagement from their parliamentary colleagues, from pro-euthanasia lobby groups and from the media.

I also thank members of the medical and legal professions, religious leaders of many faiths and pro-life groups who lobbied on behalf of the sick and elderly and their right to receive real choice at the end of life.

Despite our disappointment, our fight for life does not end with this vote. If anything, it begins anew. We must redouble our efforts to care for those who are victims of the 'throwaway culture' and instead rebuild a culture of life and love in this state.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Pope at Canonization: Like new saints, let's live God's dream joyfully, By Deborah Castellano Lubov, 15 May 2022

During the canonization Mass, Pope Francis proclaims ten new saints in St. Peter's Square. In his homily, he reminds the faithful to recognize how God loves us unconditionally and how the path to holiness is "so simple" and requires seeing Jesus in others.

As God had a dream for the new saints, He has a dream for our lives, which we are called to welcome with joy and live throughout our daily lives.

Pope Francis gave this encouragement during the Canonization Mass for ten new saints in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, reminding the some fifty-thousand faithful gathered in the Vatican how God has a dream for each and every one of our lives.

Canonization Mass

Canonization of ten new Saints

At the beginning of the liturgical celebration, the Pope proclaimed ten new saints: Titus Brandsma; Lazzarus Devasahayam; César de Bus; Luigi Maria Palazzolo; Giustino Maria Russolillo; Charles de Foucauld; Maria Rivier; Maria Francesca of Jesus Rubatto; Maria of Jesus Santocanale;

Maria Domenica Mantovani. **The Holy Father**

began recalling how in today's Gospel according to St. John, Jesus told His disciples, "Even as I have loved you, so you must love one another." This, the Pope said, is the legacy that Christ bequeathed to us, "the ultimate criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly His disciples, the commandment of love." The Pope

considered two elements of this Commandment: **Jesus' love for us, and the love He asks us to show to others.**



Love, defines our being Christian

Jesus loved us so much, the Pope reminded, that He gave the total gift of Himself.

"Let us never forget this. Our abilities and our merits are not the central thing, but rather the unconditional, free and unmerited love of God."

Our Christian lives, the Pope said, "do not begin with doctrine and good works, but with the amazement born of realizing that we are loved, prior to any response on our part."

The Pope warned that the world frequently tries to convince us that we are valued only for what we can produce, but yet the Gospel reminds us that we are loved. Being loved, he highlighted, is an integral part of our Christian identity and our strength.

Rethinking the meaning of holiness

Acknowledging this truth requires a conversion in the way we often think of holiness.

"At times, by over-emphasizing our efforts to do good works," the Pope observed, "we have created an ideal of holiness excessively based on ourselves, our personal heroics, our capacity for renunciation, our readiness for self-sacrifice in achieving a reward. In this way, we have turned holiness into an unattainable goal. We have separated it from everyday life, instead of looking for it and embracing it in our daily routines."

"Being disciples of Jesus and advancing on the path of holiness means first and foremost letting ourselves be transfigured by the power of God's love."

The love that we receive from the Lord, the Pope said, is the force that transforms our lives, and opens our hearts and enables us to love.

"In practice, what does it mean to live this love?" the Pope asked. **"To love means this: to serve and to give one's life.** To serve, that is, not to put our own interests first: to clear our systems of the poison of greed and competitiveness; to fight the cancer of indifference and the worm of self-referentiality; to share the charisms and gifts that God has given us."

Specifically, we should ask ourselves, "What do I do for others?"



Small acts of daily love

Giving one's life, the Pope said, is about more than simply offering something of ours to others, "it is about giving them our very selves." It requires, he underscored, "surmounting our selfishness in order to make our lives a gift, by looking after the needs of those at our side, by making an effort to help others, or just by listening patiently, spending time with

them, making a phone call."

Holiness, does not consist of a few heroic gestures, but of many small acts of daily love.

"Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain (Gaudete et Exsultate, 14)."

Our calling, the Pope said, is to serve others and offer our lives without expecting anything in return.

Pope at Canonization Mass: God's dream for your life

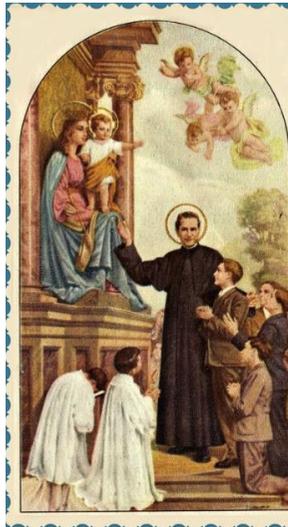
"That was how our fellow travellers canonized today lived their holiness. By embracing with enthusiasm their vocation – as a priest, as a consecrated women, as a lay person – they devoted their lives to the Gospel. They discovered an incomparable joy and they became brilliant reflections of the Lord of history."

The Holy Father called on faithful to follow their example, in pursuing our own call to holiness, a form of holiness all our own, "not a photocopy of someone else's holiness."

Pope Francis concluded by reminding the faithful that **"God has a dream for your life. Welcome that dream, and pursue it with joy."**

Our Lady Help of Christians (Feast day 24 May)

In honour of Our Lady Help of Christians, this year the 10:00am Tuesday Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady's Shrine on Her feast day. Let us come together and give thanks to Our Lady for Her protection and motherly love for us.



"Have faith in Mary, Help of Christians, and you will see what miracles are"

- Saint John Bosco

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12 May 2022

Priests of the
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Brothers in Christ,

The WALK WITH CHRIST Returns: Sunday 19 June 2022

I am most pleased to invite you and your parishioners to the first Walk with Christ Pilgrimage in two years, which we had postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we invite all the faithful in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to unite and honour the real presence by attending the Walk with Christ Eucharistic procession through the streets of Sydney.

The walk will take place on Sunday 19th June commencing at 2:30pm from the corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place.

In preparation for the event, packages containing promotional material will be distributed at the upcoming May 19th clergy conference. If you would like to receive a package but will not be attending the conference, please contact Kathy Campbell at Kathy_campbell@sydneycatholic.org to arrange for a package to be mailed to you.

The Archdiocese is able to assist parishes by providing bus transportation to the city. To request this, please email www@sydneycatholic.org by 1st June.

I look forward to celebrating this most solemn event with you and your parish community.

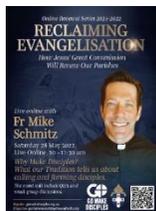
Yours in Christ,

Bishop Richard Umbers
Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney

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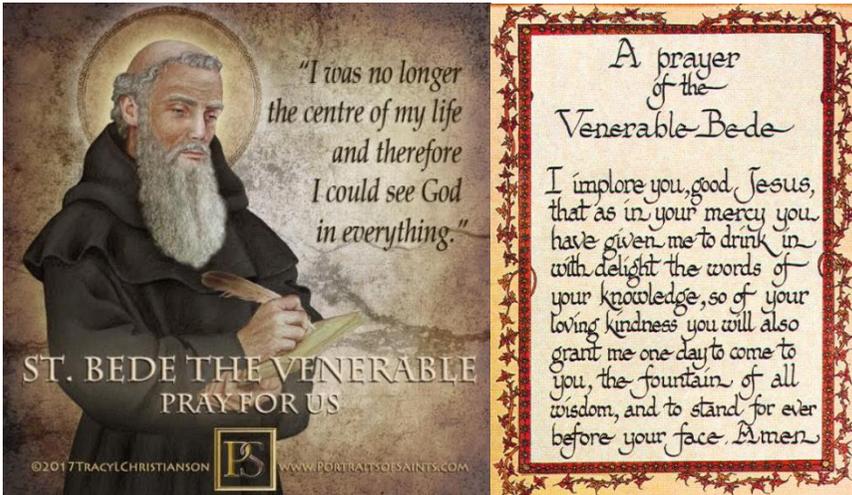
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As part of the **Reclaiming Evangelisation** series, parishioners are warmly invited to watch **Fr Mike Schmitz's live, online address to the Sydney Archdiocese on Saturday 28 May from 10:00am – 11:30am**. Please scan this QR Code to attend the Live online with Fr Schmitz his address to the Archdiocese of Sydney.



Saint Bede (Feast day 25 May)



Pope Saint Gregory VII (May 25 - Optional Memorial)

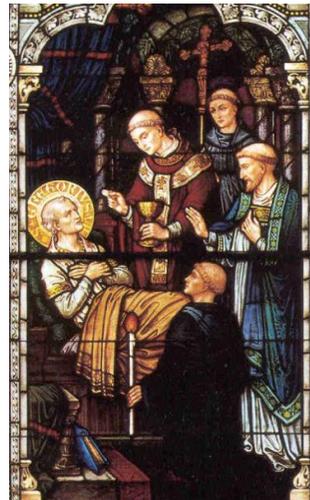
c. 1015–1085

A pope dies on the run

The last words spoken by Pope Saint Gregory VII were “I have loved justice and hated iniquity, that is why I die in exile.” His enemies would have claimed that they loved justice equally as much but understood it differently, which is why the pope had to die on the run. No one really wins epic battles for power, though one side may prevail in the short run. Everyone loses something in a fight: some their dignity, others their property, their position, or maybe their teeth. There is no such thing as a win-win outcome. Pope Gregory VII was a scrappy fighter who boxed his powerful opponents for years. Yet he didn't fight for his own honor, wealth, or position, but because he believed that “the blessed Peter is father of all Christians, their chief shepherd under Christ, (and) that the holy Roman Church is the mother and mistress of all the churches.” He battled for the right of the Bishop of Rome to govern the Church's internal life free of interference from worldly powers.

Pope Gregory's victories and losses colored all of medieval history and established key precedents for the perennial tensions between Church and State which continue until today.

Gregory VII was baptized as Hildebrand in the Tuscany region of Italy. He received an excellent education from Roman tutors, including one who later became Pope Gregory VI. Most of his adult life was dedicated to serving various popes in important diplomatic and administrative roles. He was one of the most essential papal advisers of his era, even helping to craft the Church law limiting papal conclaves to cardinals alone. While still a deacon, Cardinal Hildebrand was chosen

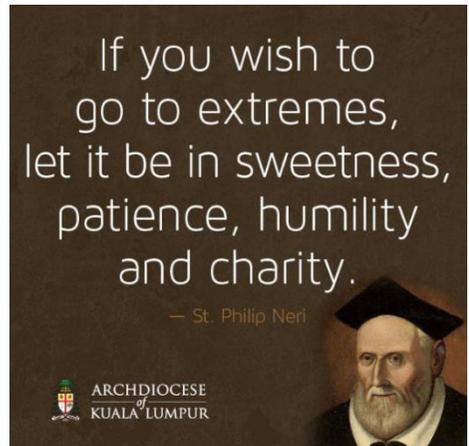


Pope in 1073 by popular acclamation. He refused to be seated on the papal throne as the result of such an outlaw election and went into hiding. Not until a proper vote of the cardinals took place did Hildebrand accept his election as canonically legitimate. He was shortly thereafter ordained a priest and bishop and then crowned Pope Gregory VII on the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, June 29, 1073.

When Pope Gregory VII first sat on the throne of Saint Peter and gazed out at the universal church, he did not peer through rose-colored glasses. Long firsthand experience of the world made him no novice, so he set about with great determination to implement needed reforms. His twelve-year papacy would be one of the most consequential in history. Gregory first sought to carve out a space for the papacy to operate free from German meddling in its internal affairs. It was common at the time for princes, kings, and other powerful laymen to appoint clerics to their positions and to “invest,” or clothe, new bishops at their Ordination Masses with the symbols of office, such as their pastoral staff, miter, and ring. Gregory decreed an end to this practice, not least because of the confusion it engendered about who was the source of the bishop’s authority. But the “lay investiture” battle would continue for centuries, leading to recriminations on all sides, including Gregory’s dramatic excommunication of Emperor Henry IV and Henry’s deposition—and driving into exile—of the pope. Incredibly, as late as 1903, the Holy Roman Emperor still directly intervened in a papal conclave, exercising his ancient right of veto to block a cardinal from being elected pope.

Pope Gregory VII used every lever of power at his disposal to make priestly celibacy compulsory, sought to heal the Schism of 1054 with the Orthodox Churches, railed against simony (the purchasing of church offices), and encouraged the recovery of the holy sites in Jerusalem, a harbinger of the Crusades which were to commence soon after his death. Gregory also memorialized in the clearest of terms the Church’s theology of the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, a statement of faith that presaged the deep devotion to the Blessed Sacrament so characteristic of the High Middle Ages. Long before the popes were known as “Vicars of Christ,” they were called “Vicars of Peter.” Pope Gregory VII was a model medieval pope above personal reproach, ambitious only for the health and freedom of the Church. He represented both Christ and Saint Peter well.

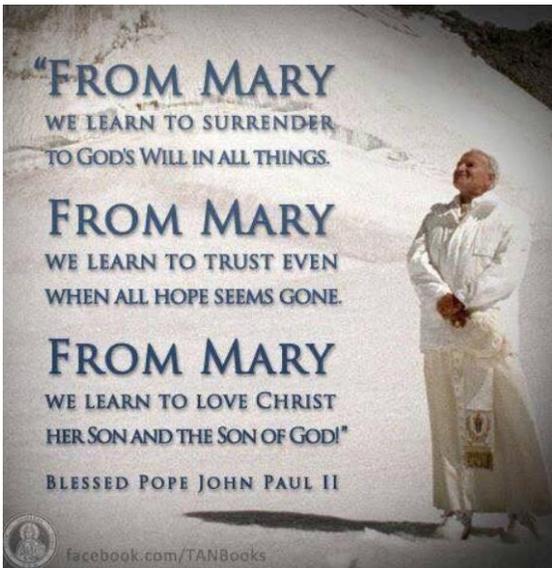
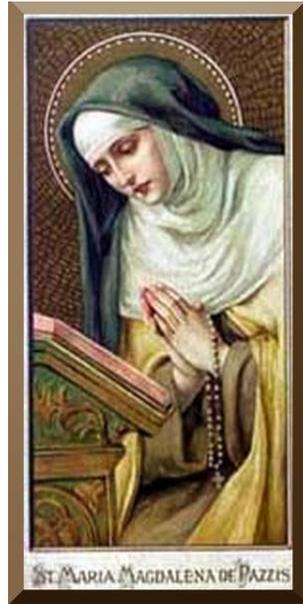
Pope Saint Gregory VII, may your earthly example and heavenly intercession sustain and inspire the leaders of the Church to act impetuously, to fight ceaselessly, and to forgive generously when confronted by forces inimical to the well-being of the Church.



Saint Philip Neri (Feast day 26 May)

Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi (Feast day 25 May) (1566-1607)

Prayer ought to be humble, fervent,
 resigned, preserving
 and accompanied with great reverence.
 One should consider,
 that he stands in the presence of a God
 and speaks with a Lord, before whom,
 the angels tremble from awe and fear.



Sunday 10.30am Mass Readers' Roster

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.