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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 – Ordinary Time 10 (Year C/2)

Mon 6 Jun	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Say 11 Jun	Saint Barnabas

We Pray For:

Our sick and injured: Catorina Mandelli, Camilla Pascoe, 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).

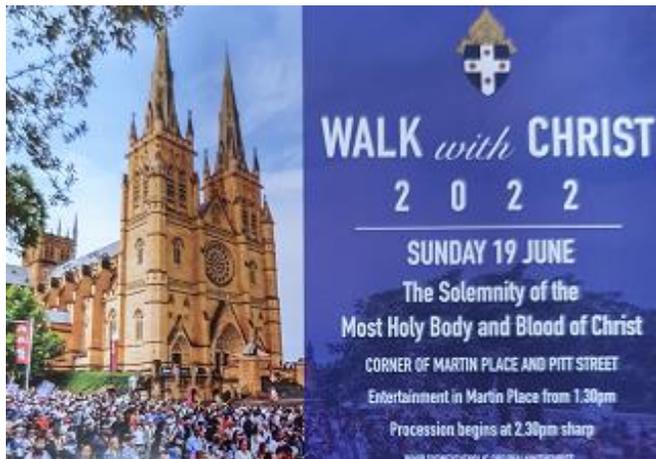
Our deceased: Roy Smoother, Henrietta Pham, Brendan Ellison (Merita’s bro.), Tadeusz and Joanna Wolski, Maria Asumptha Medho (3/4/22), Carmen Lanegar, (6/4/22), John Micaloff, Jean Lorna Large (nee Warman), Gerard Watkins, Anthony Brien (Robert’s carer), Archbishop Michael Meier (3/4), Robert Azzopardi (Pauline’s nephew), 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*

Memorial Service for Roy Smoother on Monday 6 June, at St Peter’s Parish at 11:00am (Men wear a Hawaiian shirt if possible – by request), followed by light refreshments courtesy of Sue Buckingham and St Peter’s Parish in the Duffy Hall.



Faith and Reason

12 May 2022

Priests of the
Archdiocese of Sydney

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.

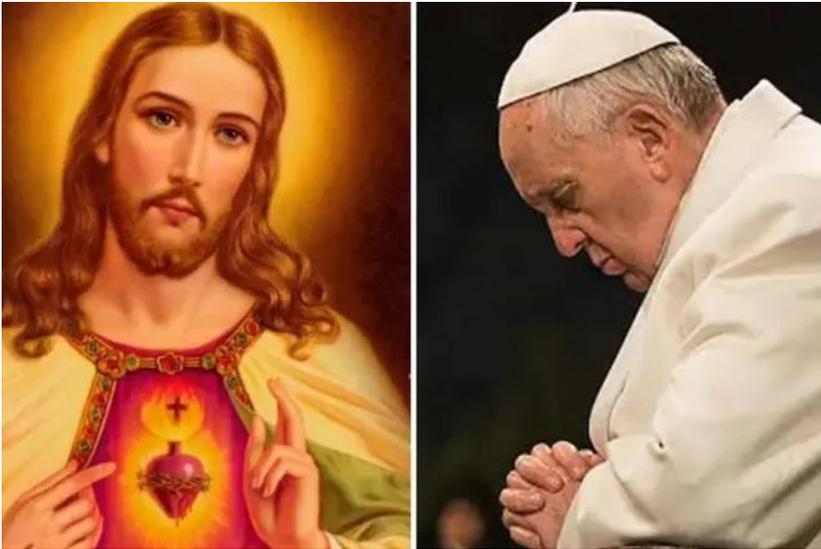
I look forward to celebrating this most solemn event with you and your parish community.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Richard Umbers
Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney

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Pope Francis: Bring the love of Jesus' Sacred Heart 'to the ends of the earth',
by [Courtney Mares](#), Vatican City, Jun 1, 2022 / 07:25 am



Pope Francis photo courtesy of Vatican Media.

On the first day of June, Pope Francis urged Catholics to look to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a source of love and to bring Christ's love "to the ends of the earth."

"Today we begin the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, source of love and peace," the pope **said** on June 1.

"Open yourselves to this love and take it 'to the ends of the earth,' witnessing to the goodness and mercy that flow from the Heart of Jesus."

Speaking in St. Peter's Square at the end of his Wednesday **general audience**, the pope said that this message was especially aimed at young people, particularly those who will meet next weekend in Lednica, west-central Poland.

Tens of thousands of Catholic young people gather near Lake Lednica each year in June to pray and worship God together. The **youth festival** dates back to 1997 and has drawn up to 180,000 participants in past years. The entire month of June in the Catholic Church is traditionally dedicated to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**.

The **feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** falls on the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost in the Church's calendar. Many Catholics prepare for this feast by beginning a novena to the Sacred Heart on the **feast of Corpus Christi**, the week prior.

Devotion to Christ's Sacred Heart became popularized when **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** (1647-1690), a Visitation nun, had a personal revelation involving a series of visions of Christ as she prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. During her visions, St. Margaret Mary learned ways to venerate the Sacred Heart of Christ.

These devotions include the concept of a holy hour on Thursdays, the creation of the feast of the Sacred Heart after Corpus Christi, and the reception of the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month. Alacoque wrote: "He disclosed to me the marvels of his Love and the inexplicable secrets of his Sacred Heart."

Pope Leo XIII promulgated the **encyclical** *Annum sacrum*, which consecrated the entire world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in 1899. He called the encyclical and the subsequent consecration the "great act" of his papacy.



The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit, illustrated, [Tom Hoopes](#) - published on 05/18/18 (Aleteia)

Having a visual image for each of the gifts helps remember what they are and how they work.

The readings for Sunday (2018), [Pentecost Sunday](#), tell the story of the dramatic way the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles and Mary.

But the Holy Spirit comes to each of us in less dramatic ways: The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, bestowed on us in Baptism, are crucial to the Christian life.

The gifts can be hard to understand and difficult to tell apart. Here is how I remember them.

1: Think of Wisdom like the anointing.

Wisdom is the gift of "relishing what is right" — to be wise is to know God not just with our minds, but with our hearts.

In other words, Wisdom comes from knowing God not like a student — but like family. We can know him that way because that's what we are.

When we are anointed at Baptism and Confirmation — sealed with the Holy Spirit — we are incorporated into a new family with God as our Father, Jesus Christ as our brother, and the Holy Spirit as our bond of love with all the saints.

As we enter this family, priests anoint both our hearts (the chest of an infant being baptized) and minds (our foreheads at Confirmation) — a beautiful sign of true Wisdom.

2: Think of Understanding like the tongues of fire.

Many have had the experience of reading Scripture and seeing a word suddenly leap off the page. You had never noticed it there in that Gospel story before, but suddenly it makes a new sense of the whole thing.

You can illustrate that with a lightbulb above someone's head — or you can do it the way the First Reading does: “there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.”

These are the insights that the Holy Spirit's gift of Understanding gives — not just in Scripture but throughout our lives.

3: Think of Counsel by thinking of Peter on Pentecost morning.

Counsel is the gift that allows us to see the will of God clearly.

In the first reading for Pentecost, we hear how speakers of several languages were all able to understand the Galilean apostles.

On Easter Sunday we heard the message they were listening to: St. Peter speaking with boldness, decisiveness, but also attractiveness, about Jesus.

He doesn't condemn, insult or talk down to the people because of their weakness; he challenges them and calls them to greatness, each in their own language.

The Holy Spirit's gift of Counsel gives each of us the clarity to see what God's will is, and breaks down the barriers to articulating it.

4: Think of Fortitude like the strong driving wind.

Fortitude means courage, but the Holy Spirit does not simply make us brave; he gives us the courage that comes from trusting in God's strength.

In today's first reading, the coming of the Holy Spirit is described this way: “Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house.”

Fortitude is a strong driving wind for your soul; a wind at your back that gives you confidence to face the end of your race, knowing that your efforts are being pushed along by an unseen power.

5: Think of Knowledge like the dove.

The Holy Spirit is often depicted as a dove, and that has a very specific meaning in Scripture. In Noah's Ark, the dove was the bird that went out over the waters and found dry land, bringing hope.

The Holy Spirit's gift of Knowledge works the same way for us — he brings us a God's-eye view of the information we take in.

Jesus says “When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will



not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.”

6: Think of Piety like living water.

Discouragement is a major threat against leading a holy life. We can easily look at the call of Christ, then look at our lives, and give up.

The Gospel for the vigil of Pentecost tells the story of Jesus standing up and exclaiming, “Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. As Scripture says: Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me.”

“He said this in reference to the Spirit,” adds John — the Spirit’s gift of Piety, like water, refreshes and revivifies our spiritual life.

7: Think of Fear of the Lord like the pillar of cloud.

At various key points in the Old Testament — the Red Sea, Mount Sinai, and elsewhere — God’s presence among his people is indicated by a pillar of cloud.

But it isn’t a dark cloud: It’s a cloud of light. It is a sign of the awesome mystery of almighty God. We should think of God with the same reverence and awe that the pillar of cloud must have given as the Israelites looked on. Fear of the Lord makes that possible.

Pray for these gifts. “The Spirit,” says Paul, “comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.”

The parish has been blessed in being granted our first choice of Pentecost Sunday for the ten children who will be confirmed by Bishop Danny Meagher this Sunday at the 10:30am Mass.

Prayer to The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Feast day June 6)



*O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
to you we commend ourselves and the entire Church.*

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and guard our Holy Father and our Bishops in fulfilling their apostolic mission entrusted to them from Jesus Christ our Lord through St. Peter, the rock of the Church and first shepherd of Christ’s flock.

Oh most Holy Mary, our Mother and our model, by your obedience and patience you have taught us how to be true children of God. Continue to nurture our vocation so that we may be faithful in our mission as faithful disciples. Intercede on our behalf praying that we might serve in the Church as one heart, one mind, and one body uniting all people in heaven and on earth.

Mother Mary, on this special day, enlighten us with the wisdom and inspiration to remain faithful and joyful bringing eternal glory to the Father and honor to the Church. Open our ears to hear God’s word and to recognize his voice and call. Awaken us, blessed Mary, to follow in your footsteps, see with your eyes, and love with your heart entrusting all things to God’s will. Your son Jesus Christ, with you at the foot of the cross, called all humanity to love and honor you our Mother Mary. Pray for us Mary, Mother of Christ, the Son of God and Mother of his Mystical Body, the Church.



The feast of Mary, “Mother of the Church” is on the Monday after Pentecost (May 21, 2018)

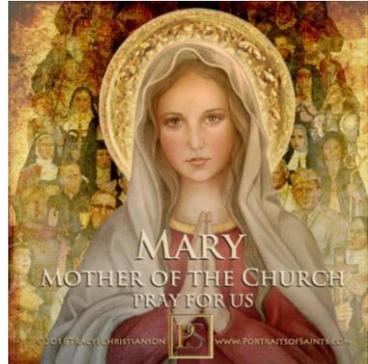
Saint John Paul II was one of the strongest advocates for officially celebrating Mary's role as mother of all the Christian faithful.

In 2018, Pope Francis instituted an annual celebration on the Monday following the feast of Pentecost called, “Mary, Mother of the Church.” The [decree](#) announcing the celebration explains that, “This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God.”

While the liturgical celebration is new, the desire for an official recognition of this title of Mary has had many supporters over the years.

For example, Saint John Paul II advocated for this title on multiple occasions. He first mentioned it in his encyclical [Redemptoris Mater](#), where he recalled the words of St. Paul VI in reference to this title.

*At the [Second Vatican] Council Paul VI solemnly proclaimed that Mary is the Mother of the Church, “that is, Mother of the entire Christian people, both faithful and pastors.” Later, in 1968, in the Profession of faith known as the “Credo of the People of God.” he restated this truth in an even more forceful way in these words: “We believe that the Most Holy Mother of God, the new Eve, the **Mother of the Church**, carries on in heaven her maternal role with regard to the members of Christ, **cooperating in the birth and development of divine life in the souls of the redeemed.**”*



He later explained in a [general audience in 1997](#) that, “Pope Paul VI would have liked the Second Vatican Council itself to have proclaimed ‘Mary Mother of the Church, that is, of the whole People of God, of the faithful and their Pastors.’ He did so himself in his speech at the end of the Council’s third session (21 November 1964), also asking that ‘henceforth the Blessed Virgin be honored and invoked with this title by all the Christian people.’”

In particular, Saint John Paul II strongly favored this title of Mary because of its ability to shape the Church, desiring that the Church would look to Mary as a model for imitation. He explains this first in *Redemptoris Mater*:

“In her new motherhood in the Spirit, **Mary embraces each and every one in the Church**, and embraces each and every one through the Church. In this sense Mary, Mother of the Church, is also the **Church’s model**. Indeed, as Paul VI hopes and asks, the Church must draw ‘from the Virgin Mother of God the most **authentic form of perfect imitation of Christ.**’ As Christians raise their eyes with faith to Mary in the course of their earthly pilgrimage, they ‘strive to increase in holiness.’ Mary, the exalted Daughter of Sion, **helps all her children, wherever they may be and whatever their condition, to find in Christ the path to the Father’s house.**”

The Church, then, looks to Mary as a supreme example of faithfulness, but also of **motherhood**. Mary's love for all humanity directs the love of the Church and shows the Church how to take care of her children.

John Paul II firmly believed that this appellation of Mary was vital for the ministry of the Church and would have been pleased to see it emphasized in the new liturgical celebration that follows Pentecost.

Real Madrid offers European Cup to the Virgin of Almudena, Lima, Peru, May 31, 2022 / 12:25 pm

Real Madrid CF returned Sunday to Spain after winning the UEFA Champions League final, and offered the Virgin of Almudena both this trophy and that it won April 30 by winning the Spanish football league.

Real Madrid won the May 28 Champions League Final 1-0 against Liverpool F.C. The match was played in Paris and the winning goal was scored by Vinicius Junior in the 59th minute. This is the 14th time that Real Madrid has won the European football competition.



The team, which was received by tens of thousands of fans in the streets of the Spanish capital May 29, went to Almudena Cathedral in the evening and was received by Cardinal Carlos Osoro Sierra of Madrid.

PARISH FEAST DAY EVENT

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Midwinter Merriment:
A Medieval Banquet on the Feast of St Peter

A night of feasting, frivolity and fun! Join us for a three course banquet in the historic 1880 Hall. Featuring the amazing feats of *Circus McCabe* and the melodious serenading of the medieval performing troupe *Minstrel Magnifique*.

2nd July 2022
6:00pm

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or your favourite clothes

St Peter's 1880 Hall,
235 Devonshire St, Surry Hills

Adult Tickets \$70 (early bird \$65)

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