



St Peter's Church, Surry Hills

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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 & Benediction: **Fri:** 5 – 6pm
(from Fri 1 July until the beginning of daylight saving)

Church will be open: **Tues – Fri 5:00pm – 6:00pm each evening**

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

Holy Rosary: Daily before Mass

Feast Days – Ordinary Time Week 17 (Year C/2)

Mon 25 Jul	Saint James
Tue 26 Jul	Saint Joachim and Saint Anne
Fri 29 Jul	Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Sat 30 Jul	Saint Peter Chrysologus

We Pray For:

Our sick and injured: Peter Hourigan, Makram Nammour, Antonios Chidiac, Camilla Pascoe, Fr. Bill Milsted, Josephine Finneran, Ana Teresa Rodrigues, Mafalda Triolo, Aimi McEwen, Louise McCann, Marija Barclay, Dan Southee.

Our deceased: Giovanni Fornasier, Katherine ("Katie") Brincat (27/7/21), Delia Moreno (25/7/2011), Brendan Ellison (Merita's bro.), Tadeusz and Joanna Wolski, Maria Asumptha Medho (3/4/22), Carmen Lanegar, (6/4/22), John Micalieff, Jean Lorna Large (nee Warman), Gerard Watkins, Henrietta Pham, Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood and Margaret D Hailwood.

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

If you would like to add names to the 'We pray for our deceased' list, please contact the office. Please note that any names added for an anniversary to the pray for the deceased will remain for 4 weeks.

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*

Parish Renewal Conference 2022

Specifically tailored for our clergy, lay leaders and parishioners to be renewed in the Church's mission of evangelisation, join us to strengthen your practical efforts through spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human formation.

St Mary's Cathedral Precinct

Friday 19 August, 6 - 9 pm and Saturday 20 August, 9 am - 5:15 pm

\$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney

Registration essential:

www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22<<http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22>> by Sunday 14 August.

Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org<<mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org>>

NB: The pricing of all tickets is based on substantial subsidies by the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation to make this as affordable as possible.

Sunday 31st July (1:30pm - 4:30 pm) St Ignatius Feast reflection afternoon, Surry Hills St Peter's Church, Surry Hills

This reflection will commence at 1.30pm with a mass and conclude around 4pm with shared wine and cheese. Fr Iain Radvan SJ will lead participants through an exploration what the personal and cosmological dynamic of conversion or transformation is. Conversion is a movement into greater authenticity, integrity, community and creativity; it enhances our being on all levels; it is marked in us by resistance, hesitation, uncertainty, awareness of significant change.

* Outline: What is conversion? How can I prepare myself for it? How might I be reticent about it? Ignatius' story

* Stories of different kinds of conversion (moral, religious, ecological, social)

* Our experience

* The unfolding of the universe through stages of transformation

* What does God seek for me in a conversion? (How to welcome it)

* Concluding prayer/reflection

* The event is open to anyone who is interested with Ignatian spirituality.

RSVP: Michael Walker: s00059818@alumni.acu.edu.au or [0404 765 956](tel:0404765956) by 24 July please

Can you undertake an Overseas Mission? Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#).

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**

LOWANA
Cupcake
Fundraiser

Every month, hundreds of women and girls come to Lowana but now our little red-bricked house is struggling to accommodate.

To raise money for our new centre, we are selling home-made gourmet cupcakes delivered straight to your door on

Saturday 30th July 2022
\$40 per box (includes delivery)

**Delivery included only to Blacktown, Penrith and Lower Blue Mountains regions*

BOX OF 6 GOURMET CUPCAKES OPTIONS:

- Assorted Box: Carrot Cake, Red Velvet, Vanilla, Chocolate Mud, White Chocolate & Raspberry, and Lemon & Poppy Seed - OR -
- Allergy Free Box (dairy, gluten and nut free): Chocolate and Vanilla

To order: Fill out the form below or scan the QR code
<https://bit.ly/LowanaCupcakes>

Orders close on 22nd July 2022

For any enquiries, please email:
yps@lowana.org.au

Erin Horsfall
BSB: 082690
Account details: 791350532
Reference: Cupcake
<FirstNameInitial><LastName>
E.G. Cupcake E Horsfall



Although orders close on 22nd July 2022, the Lowana Cupcake organisers will still accept orders but flavours might vary for those ordering later in the week.

Your orders will be delivered to St Peter's on Sunday 31st July for pickup after 10:30am Mass at morning tea.

Any questions, please contact either Erin on 0408756511 or Sarah on 0400146849.

Pope at Angelus: 'Listen to Jesus, everything else comes after', by Francesca Merlo

At his Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis turns to the Liturgy and uses it to explain why listening to the words of Jesus must always be our priority, as it guides us towards everything else.

Addressing the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis described the day's liturgy, which presents us with the story of Martha and Mary, two sisters offering hospitality to Jesus in their home. The Pope recounts that Martha welcomes the guests whilst Mary sits at Jesus' feet to listen to him until Martha turns to him and asks him to tell Mary to help her. Martha's complaint does not seem out of place; indeed, we feel we are agreeing with her, said the Pope. Yet Jesus answers her: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted

by many things, but few things are needed. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her".

Pope Francis noted that though it is a surprising answer, Jesus often overturns our way of thinking. "Let us ask ourselves then why the Lord, while appreciating Martha's generous care, says that Mary's attitude is to be preferred", said the Pope.

The order of priorities

The Pope went on to note that Martha's "philosophy" seems to be duty first, pleasure second. "Hospitality is not made of fine words, but demands" that involve doing whatever it takes to make the guest feel welcome. "Jesus is well aware of this", said the Pope, and he "acknowledges Martha's effort" but he "wants to make her understand that there is a new order of priorities".

Mary, the Pope said, has realised that there is a "better part" that must be given first place. "Everything else comes after", he added. The better thing, he specified, "is listening to Jesus' words".

First, listen

"The word of Jesus is not abstract, it is a teaching that touches and shapes life, changes it, frees it from the dullness of evil, satisfies and infuses it with a joy that does not pass: it is the better part", explained the Pope, and it is for this reason that Mary prioritises it. She stop and listens, and the rest will come later.

Pope Francis then went on to specify that this takes nothing away from the alue of practical commitment, which must flow from the word of Jesus and animated by his Spirit, "otherwise it is reduced to a fussing and fretting over many things, to a sterile activism".

Take advantage of your time

Bringing his discourse to a close, Pope Francis urged the faithful listening to "take advantage of this holiday season to stop and listen to Jesus". He explained that today it is always more difficult to find free moments to meditate and for this reason the summer period can be precious to open the Gospel and read it slowly, without haste. "Let us allow ourselves to be challenged by those pages, asking ourselves how our own life is going, if it is in line with what Jesus says", and in particular, he added, "let us ask ourselves: when I start my day, do I throw myself headlong into the things to be done, or do I first seek inspiration in the Word of God"?

Finally, the Pope prayed that the Virgin Mary "teach us to choose the best part, which will never be taken away from us".

Who was Saint James? (Feast day 25 Jul), Follow the Camino

Saint James was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. He was the son of Zebedee and the brother of John the Apostle.

James is also known as Saint James the Greater to distinguish him from the other apostle James, son of Alphaeus. The apostle is called the Greater as it is believed he was taller than James, son of Alphaeus. Another explanation for why he was called James the Greater is that he was closer to Jesus than James, son of Alphaeus, who was thus known as James the Less. In Spain, you may hear Saint James called Santiago or Saint Iago.

James was among the first to be called to the discipleship of Jesus

James was among the first to be called to the discipleship of Jesus alongside his younger brother John. During his time with Jesus, James and his brother John were known for their fiery temperament.



James was one of those closest to Jesus. James, [Peter](#) and John were the only apostles to witness his transfiguration. After Christ's death, James worked to spread the word of Christ across Israel and Spain.

Whilst in Spain, James reportedly had an apparition of the Virgin Mary in Zaragoza. The Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar was built in veneration of this.

In 44AD he returned to Jerusalem where Herod Agrippa I, grandson of Herod the Great, had him arrested. He was later beheaded with a sword. It is believed that he was the first apostle to be martyred for his faith. James' is the only execution recorded in the New Testament.

Saint James is the patron saint of Galicia and the whole of

Spain. He is also the patron of pilgrims.

His feast day is celebrated on the 25th of July. This is a very special day for the Camino de Santiago and it is worth trying to be in Santiago to experience the celebrations.

In Santiago de Compostela the celebrations begin 10 days before July 25th. There is a noticeable increase in the number of pilgrims arriving in the city during this period.

The festivities around Saint James' Day include exhibitions, theatre performances, street theatre and concerts. Throughout the area, regional dances and bagpipes will be seen and heard along with many other open-air celebrations.

On July 24th the real festivities begin. That night there is a unique and wonderful light show on the front of the cathedral. The meeting of new lighting technology on the old cathedral is brilliant to watch. Every year it is different, so if you can be there in person we thoroughly recommend it!

As this is a religious celebration there are also many special church services. They usually focus on the life and work of Saint James throughout Spain. At the [Cathedral de Santiago](#), there is a special service on the feast day, the 25th of July.

At this service, the church officials will swing the [Botafumeiro](#), which is a sight to behold.



Saints Joachim and Anne - The Patron Saints of Grandparents, Jul 26, 2021 by Whitney Hetzel, Catholic Company

In just a few weeks my husband and I will become grandparents for the first time. I have long heard from friends and others that being a grandparent is a joy like no other. We, along with all of our other children, are giddy with excitement, and I was pleasantly surprised when I discovered that the feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, the patron saints of grandparents, is July 26th, right in time for the birth of our grandson. Joachim and Anne are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which of course makes them the grandparents of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so, very special grandparents indeed.

While not much is known about Joachim and Anne (or Ann), what we do know mostly comes from an apocryphal Christian writing called the *Protoevangelium Jacobi* (or *Gospel of James*) which was written around the year 170. While these writings are not part of the defined canon books of Scripture, they contain many traditional stories that can help increase our faith and devotion.

The Book of James tell us that Sts. Joachim and Anne were prominent members of the Jewish community of their time. From the *Protoevangelium Jacobi*:

Joachim was of the tribe of Judah and a descendant of King David. St. Anna (as she was called) was the daughter of Matthan the priest, of the tribe of Levi, as was Aaron the High Priest. Matthan had three daughters: Mary, Zoia, and Anna. Mary was married in Bethlehem and bore Salome; Zoia was also married in Bethlehem and bore Elizabeth the mother of St. John the Baptist; and Anna was married in Nazareth to Joachim, and in old age gave birth to Mary. Sts. Joachim and Anna had been married for fifty years, and were barren. They lived devoutly and quietly, using only a third of their income for themselves and giving a third to the poor and a third to the Temple. Joachim had done this since he was 15-years-old, and God multiplied his flocks, so the couple was well provided for. They longed for a child but remained childless into their old age. When they were in Jerusalem to offer sacrifice to God, the High Priest, Issachar, upbraided Joachim, "You are not worthy to offer sacrifice with those childless hands." Others who had children jostled Joachim, thrusting him back as unworthy. In despair, he consulted the geneological records of the tribes of Israel and discovered every righteous man in the nation had been blessed with children, except him. This caused the aged saint great grief, and he and his wife left with heavy hearts. Then the two of them gave themselves to prayer to God that He would work in them the wonder that He had worked in Abraham and Sarah, and give them a child to comfort their old age.

St. Joachim took his flocks and went to a high mountain, refusing to return home in shame. Meanwhile, St. Anna prayed in her garden. God sent the Archangel Gabriel to each of them, who gave them tidings of the birth of "a daughter most blessed, by whom all the nations of the earth will be blessed, and through whom will come the salvation of the world." Each promised to have their child raised in the Temple as a holy vessel of God. The archangel told St. Joachim to return home, where he would find his wife waiting for him in the city gate. St. Anna he told to wait at the gate. When they saw one another, they embraced, and this image is the traditional icon of their feast, shown below.

St. Anna conceived shortly thereafter, and in the ninth month gave birth to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

From there, we know who the Archangel St. Gabriel appeared to next! A young Jewish girl, in the town of Nazareth, whose name was Mary...

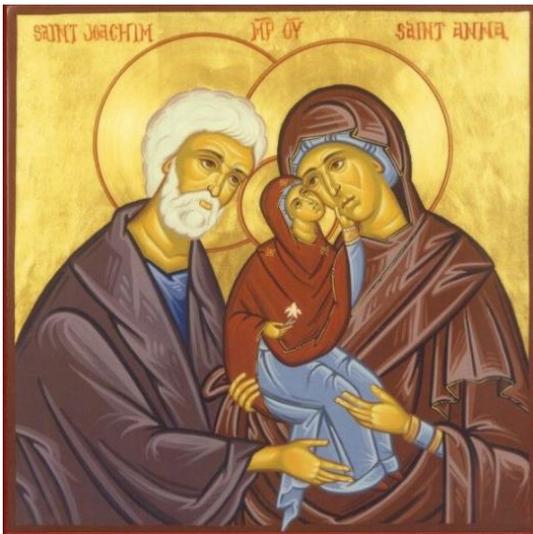
We can imagine the role that Joachim and Anne played in the life of their grandson, Jesus. Like most grandparents, Joachim and Anne were likely close to the Holy Family and involved in the upbringing of their grandson. Therefore it is entirely fitting that Joachim would become the patron saint of grandfathers, and Anne the patron saint of grandmothers. We can also easily understand the role that Joachim and Anne played in salvation history, as their steadfast prayers would have been inevitable.

With the upcoming birth of our grandson, I have been recently reflecting on the vocation of grandparents and how it differs from that of parents. The first thing that comes to mind is time for prayer. I remember when our first child was born how I immediately felt a flood of emotion. I knew something had tangibly changed and it would never be the same. Besides the tremendous love I felt, the responsibility of becoming a parent was suddenly palpable. There was this new little one, now totally dependent upon me and my husband for everything. This

vocation would consume much of my time for many years.

With the responsibility of parenting our grandson on my son and daughter in law, we as grandparents will be in the perfect position to dedicate more time to prayer on his behalf. And what an important responsibility that is! I hope that we will be as steadfast and spiritually supportive as St. Joachim and St. Anne were to the Holy Family. Even before the birth of our grandson I am praying for the intercession of this powerful saintly duo!

The following prayer is from the Collect prayer of the Mass on the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, and a beautiful petition to pray for your



family, especially your grandchildren:

“O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne this grace, that of them should be born the Mother of your incarnate Son, grant, through the prayers of both, that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne pray for us!

We especially ask for Saint Joachim and Saint Anne to intercede for us as we pray for all little ones and grandparents. Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday 10.30am Mass Readers' Roster

First Sunday: 3 July	Michael and Gloria Walker
Second Sunday: 10 July	James and Geneviève McCaughan
Third Sunday: 17 July	Jessica Gereis and Fiorella Vayda
Fourth Sunday: 24 July	John and Patricia O'Brien

First Sunday: 7 Aug	Alex Leech and Alexandra Vella
Second Sunday: 14 Aug	Brendan Byrne and Theresa Coyle
Third Sunday: 21 Aug	David Larkin and Sarah Moody
Fourth Sunday: 28 Aug	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.

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. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

