



# 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:** **Tues – Thurs: 5 – 6:00pm**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:** **Fri:** 5 – 6pm

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

**Holy Rosary:** Daily before Mass

## Feast Days – Ordinary Time Week 22 (Year C/2)

Mon 29 Aug

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Sat 3 Sep

Saint Gregory the Great

### We Pray For:

***Our sick and injured:*** Phillip Camilleri, Gerry Cassar, Makram Nammour, Antonios Chidiac, Camilla Pascoe, Josephine Finneran, Ana Teresa Rodrigues, Mafalda Triolo, Aimi McEwen, Louise McCann, Marija Barclay, Dan Southee.

***Our deceased:*** Wayne Maroon (15/8), Noah Ken Herring (24/7), (Katherine (“Katie”) Brincat (27/7/21), Delia Moreno (25/7/2011), Brendan Ellison (Merita’s bro.), Tadeusz and Joanna Wolski, John Micaloff, Gerard Watkins, Henrietta Pham, Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood and Margaret D Hailwood.

***Our house bound elderly:*** Newton McMahon, Joyce Regoski, June Holt, 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 Updates:**

**The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed daily from 5 – 6:00pm (Tues – Fri) with Benediction only on Fridays. Drop in and spend some time with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament**

## Social Justice Sunday - 28 Aug

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has issued the Social Justice Statement 2022-23, **Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse for Social Justice**



Sunday which falls on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

You can access the Statement and related resources at [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

## 10 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

### 1. Dignity of the Human Person

“A just society can become a reality only when it is based on the respect of the transcendent dignity of the human person. The person represents the ultimate end of society. The social order and its development must invariably work to the benefit of the human person... not the other way around.” —**Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, No. 132**

### 2. Common Good

“God intended the Earth with everything contained in it for the use of all human beings and peoples. Thus, under the leadership of justice and in the company of charity, created goods should be in abundance for all in like manner.” —**Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et Spes, 69**

### 3. Solidarity

[Solidarity] is a word that means much more than some acts of sporadic generosity. It is to think and to act in terms of community, of the priority of the life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few. It is also to fight against the structural causes of poverty, inequality, lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights.

It is to confront the destructive effects of the empire of money; forced displacements, painful emigrations, the traffic of persons, drugs, war, violence and all those realities that many of you suffer and that we are all called to transform. —**Pope Francis, World Meeting of Popular Movements 2014**

### 4. Preferential Option for the Poor

The needs of the poor take priority over the desires of the rich; the rights of workers over the maximization of profits; the preservation of the environment over uncontrolled industrial expansion; production to meet social needs over production for military purposes.

—**Saint John Paul II, Address on Christian Unity in a Technological Age, Toronto, 1984**

### 5. Stewardship of Creation

The family needs a home, a fit environment in which to develop its proper relationships. For the human family, this home is the earth, the environment that God the Creator has given us to inhabit with creativity and responsibility. We need to care for the environment: it has been entrusted to

men and women to be protected and cultivated with responsible freedom, with the good of all as a constant guiding criterion. —**Pope Benedict XVI, World Day of Peace 2008, 7**

## **6. Subsidiarity & the Role of Government**

It is clearly laid down that the paramount task assigned to government officials is that of recognizing, respecting, reconciling, protecting and promoting the rights and duties of citizens.

—**Saint John XXIII, Pacem in Terris, 77**

## **7. Participation**

The characteristic implication of subsidiarity is participation, which is expressed essentially in a series of activities by means of which the citizen, either as an individual or in association with others, whether directly or through representation, contributes to the cultural, economic, political and social life of a civil community to which he belongs. Participation is a duty to be fulfilled consciously by all, with responsibility and a view to the common good.

—**Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, No 189**

## **8. Rights & Responsibilities**

A well-ordered human society requires that people recognize and observe their mutual rights and duties. It also demands that each contribute generously to the establishment of a civic order in which rights and duties are more sincerely and effectively acknowledged and fulfilled.

—**Saint John XXIII, Pacem in Terris, 31**

## **9. Economic Justice**

Global interconnectedness has led to the emergence of a new political power, that of consumers and their associations. This is a phenomenon that needs to be further explored, as it contains positive elements to be encouraged as well as excesses to be avoided. It is good for people to realize that purchasing is always a moral—and not simply economic—act. Hence the consumer has a specific social responsibility, which goes hand-in-hand with the social responsibility of the enterprise... A more incisive role for consumers, as long as they themselves are not manipulated by associations that do not truly represent them, is a desirable element for building economic democracy. —**Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate 66**

## **10. Peace**

Peace is not merely an absence of war; nor can it be reduced solely to the maintenance of a balance of power between enemies; nor is it brought about by dictatorship. Instead, it is rightly and appropriately called an enterprise of justice.

—**Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et Spes, 78**

*Respect: Confronting violence and abuse* points out that the roots of domestic and family violence

“lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others” and that “this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us”.

Our relationships should be “marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control”.

We support women in calling for respect in relationships; their lives and those of their children are sacred.

The statement, released on 3 August, 2022, forms the centrepiece of Social Justice Sunday celebrations on 28 August.

This year the Social Justice Statement 2022 – 23 can be viewed from this link:

<https://youtu.be/0ueP-yj4BAk> - The Statement affirms the work being done by faith communities and organisations to support those who experience domestic and family violence and abuse, and to address the drivers and enablers of violence. It points to further ways in which we can all respond to spiritual violence.

Finally, it calls for faith communities to support and believe those going through domestic and family violence and abuse, to hold perpetrators to account and work towards individual and social transformation.

## From Archbishop Anthony



On Sunday 4th of September, we celebrate Father's Day. A day recognising and acknowledging the critical role that fathers have in our lives and in our communities. Psychologists and sociologists have consistently highlighted the importance of present and involved fathers for not only the wellbeing of their children and families but also society as a whole. This week the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation led a series of formation evenings titled 'Raising Fathers' that offered Christian testimonies of how fatherhood enlivened their faith and enriched their lives. You can read more about the series in an article in this edition of Connect. Pope Francis reminds us that one of the greatest role models for fatherhood was Jesus' earthly father St Joseph. In providing and caring for his family during times of persecution and uncertainty, Joseph demonstrated courage, selflessness and faith. He is an inspiration to fathers everywhere and reminds us all that fathers are not born, but made, and that being a father is ultimately a choice to live and care for others.

God Bless our fathers and all who share in their paternal care for our world!



**Why is the Passion of John the Baptist celebrated on August 29?**, [Philip Kosloski](#), 08/29/21

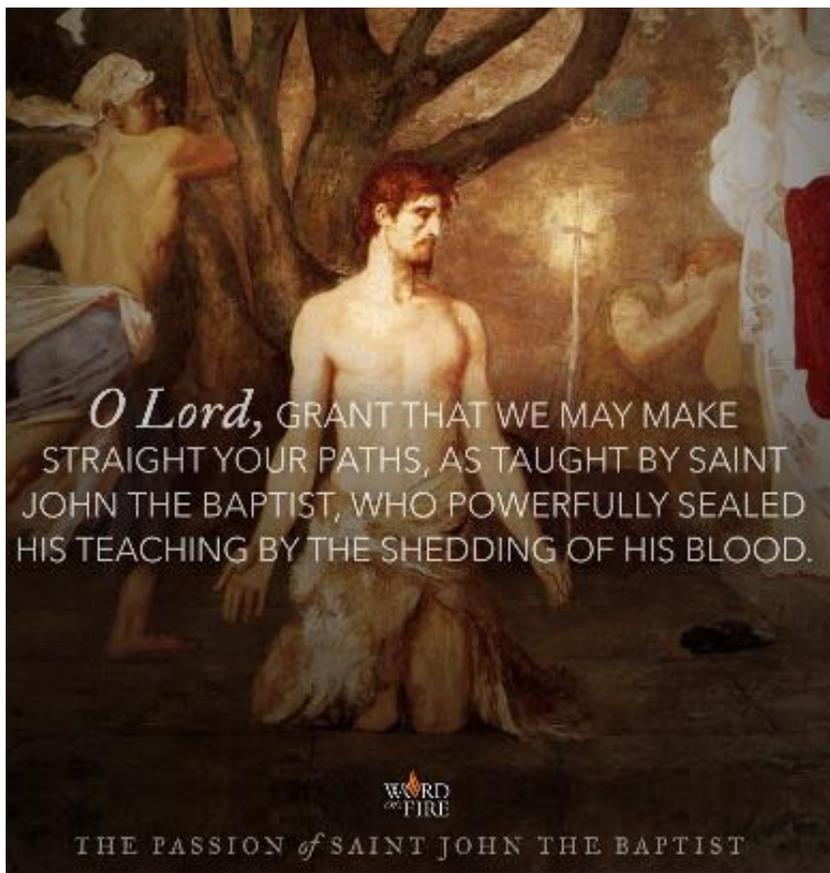
Local legends claim that St. John the Baptist's head was found on August 29, 452.

While St. John the Baptist's birthday is celebrated on June 24 each year, his death (and beheading) is celebrated on August 29.

### Why is that?

According to the *St. Andrew Daily Missal*, August 29 was chosen because it was the day when his head was discovered.

*He was put to death at about the time of the Pasch, a year before Christ's Passion, but the feast of his death is kept today, **the anniversary of the finding of his head at Emesa in Syria in 452.***

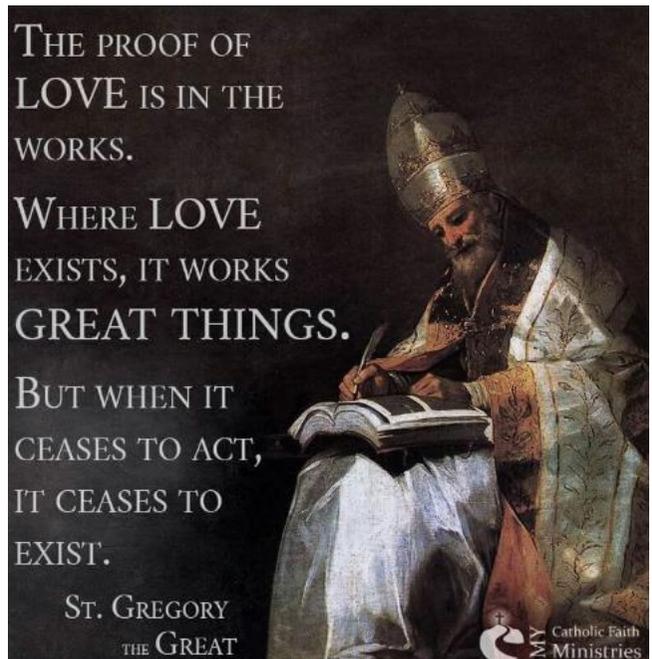


### **Saint Gregory the Great** (feast day 3 Sep)

Gregory was born about A.D. 540 in Rome, the son of a wealthy senator. Like most of the nobility of his time, he was well educated. But unlike many, he was generous and concerned about those who were poor.

In his early thirties, Gregory was made the chief prefect, or governor, of Rome. Gregory was attracted to the religious life and soon left his position. He converted the family estate in Rome into the Abbey of Saint Andrew, became a monk there, and founded six Benedictine monasteries on his estates in Sicily. In about 578, he was ordained a deacon of Rome and sent as the papal ambassador to Constantinople, where he served until 585. When he arrived back in Rome, he was made the abbot of Saint Andrew's.

In 590, Gregory was acclaimed pope by the clergy and the people of Rome. Unwillingly, Gregory accepted the role, calling himself the “servant of the servants of God.” Because of his political skill, learning, talents, and deep devotion to God, Gregory was able to make peace with the invading Lombards, save the city from famine by reorganizing the property and granaries of the Church, and restore order within the Church. In 596, he sent Augustine of Canterbury and 40 other monks to England to teach the Angles the faith. Gregory is called the “Apostle of England.” He died March 12, 604.



### **Saint Teresa of Kolkata** (Feast day 5 Sep)

The Church celebrates on September 5 the feast of Mother Teresa, a universal symbol of God's merciful and preferential love for the poor and forgotten.

Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu on August 26, 1910, in Skopje, Macedonia, the youngest of three children. She attended a youth group called Sodality, run by a Jesuit priest at her parish, and her involvement opened her to the call of service as a missionary nun. She joined the Sisters of Loreto at age 17 and was sent to Calcutta where she taught at a high school. She contracted Tuberculosis and was sent to rest in Darjeeling. It was on the train to Darjeeling that she received her calling - what she called "an order" from God to leave the convent and work and live among the poor. At this point she did not know that she was to found an order of nuns, or even exactly where she was to serve. "I knew where I belonged, but I did not know how to get there," she said once, recalling the moment on the train.

Confirmation of the calling came when the Vatican granted her permission to leave the Sisters of Loreto and fulfill her calling under the Archbishop of Calcutta. She started working in the slums, teaching poor children, and treating the sick in their homes. She was joined a year later by some of her former students and together they took in men, women, and children who were dying in the gutters along the streets and cared for them.

In 1950 the Missionaries of Charity were born as a congregation of the Diocese of Calcutta and in 1952 the government granted them a house from which to continue their service among Calcutta's forgotten.



*We can do no great things, only small things with great love.*

*- Saint Teresa of Calcutta*



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The congregation very quickly grew from a single house for the dying and unwanted to nearly 500 around the world. Mother Teresa set up homes for AIDS sufferers, for prostitutes, for battered women, and orphanages for poor children.

She often said that the poorest of the poor were those who had no one to care for them and no one who knew them. And she often remarked with sadness and desolation of millions of souls in the developed world whose spiritual poverty and loneliness was such an immense cause of suffering.

She was a fierce defender of the unborn saying: "If you hear of some woman who does not want to keep her child and wants to have an abortion, try to persuade her to bring him to me. I will love that child, seeing in him the sign of God's love."

Mother Teresa died on September 5, 1997 and was beatified only six years later, on October 19, 2003.

Mother Teresa once said, "**A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt, must empty ourselves. The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace.**" She also said, "**give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness.**"

**The Missionary of Charity warmly invite you all to the 10:00am Mass in St Peter's Church on Saturday Sep 3 to celebrate the feast day of Saint Teresa of Kolkata. Mass will be followed by morning tea at the Convent to which all are invited.**



The Catholic Weekly article on the Parish Renewal Conference which took place on 19 and 20 Aug at St Mary's Cathedral titled **Conference fuels passion for evangelisation**. You may be interested to read the article via this link:

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/conference-fuels-passion-for-evangelisation/>

Ned Barsi describes the various forms of the St Peter's takeaway lunch store as an example of Parish missionary outreach to the local community at the Parish Renewal Conference.

Last Sunday's Evangelium topic was titled '**Knock and Enter: A Journey Into Faith**.'

Link to the talk: <https://youtu.be/jDqfIVHE-wE>



### Sunday 10.30am Mass Readers' Roster

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.



### Volunteer Accounts Officer/Bookkeeper

**Are you a retired Accounts Officer looking to contribute your bookkeeping skills to a Catholic Charity?**

[Palms Australia](#) facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accounts Officer will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad.

Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities.  
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### 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](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

