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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:** 5:00pm – 5:45pm; **Sat:** 9:30am - 10:00am

Holy Rosary: Daily before Mass

Feast Days – Ordinary Time Week 24 (Year C/2)

Mon 12 Sep	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Tue 13 Sep	Saint John Chrysostom
Wed 14 Sep	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thur 15 Sep	Our Lady of Sorrows
Fri 16 Sep	Saint Cornelius and Saint Cyprian
Sat 17 Sep	Saint Robert Bellarmine

We Pray For:

Our sick and injured: Bernadette Hailwood, Barbara Blewden, 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: Julian Ciappara (28/1), Myra Krcma, Wayne Maroon (15/8), Henrietta Pham, Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood and Margaret D Hailwood.

Our house bound elderly: Chris Owens, Newton McMahon, Joyce Regoski, June Holt, Shirley Kennedy, Anna Maria, Patricia Wells.

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

Pope Francis in a telegram late Thursday offered his condolences and prayers upon the **death of Queen Elizabeth II**, Britain's longest-reigning monarch and the head of the Church of England. She was 96.

"Deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I offer heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty, the Members of the Royal Family, the People of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth," the pope wrote in the Sept. 8 telegram to Britain's new monarch, King Charles III.

"I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises."

Ascending to the throne in 1952, Queen Elizabeth II **met five different popes** during her lifetime. When she met with Pope Francis at the Vatican in April 2014, she gave the pope a food hamper filled with local delicacies and a bottle of Balmoral whiskey — from the same region in Scotland where she died on Thursday. The meeting between Elizabeth and Francis marked the 100th anniversary of the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between the United Kingdom and the Holy See.

Pope Francis concluded his telegram to the new king by praying for the queen's soul.

"Commending her noble soul to the merciful goodness of our Heavenly Father, I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King. Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord," the pontiff wrote.

In June, Pope Francis **sent a congratulatory message to the Queen** as the U.K marked the 70th anniversary of her reign.

As queen, Elizabeth served as de facto head of the Anglican Church. Her title "Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England" dates to the reign of King Henry VIII. As such, she appointed archbishops, bishops, and deans of the Church of England and presided over the opening of their General Synods.

She was a vocal proponent of the practice of religion, whether it was Anglican or not. She used her Christmas Day message to call for interfaith harmony. On the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee marking the 60th year of her reign in 2012, she and the duke of Edinburgh attended a multi-faith reception at Lambeth Palace hosted by the archbishop of Canterbury.

"Faith plays a key role in the identity of millions of people, providing not only a system of belief but also a sense of belonging. It can act as a spur for social action," the queen said at the time. "Indeed, religious groups have a proud track record of helping those in the greatest need, including the sick, the elderly, the lonely, and the disadvantaged. They remind us of the responsibilities we have beyond ourselves," she said.

In matters of personal faith, the queen was said to have been deeply religious. The Washington Post reported that, according to Oxford University theology professor Stan Rosenberg, the

queen had “a deep vibrancy of faith,” and “read Scripture daily, attended church weekly, and regularly prayed.” In 2010, she welcomed then Pope Benedict XVI to the U.K., the first state visit of a pope to the country. St. John Paul II had visited the U.K. and met with the queen in 1982, but his was a pastoral rather than a state visit.



Queen Elizabeth greets Pope Francis at the Vatican in 2014. | Vatican Media

Eucharistic Retreat Day

24 September
10am-4pm
St Patrick's Bondi.
Fee: \$25.00

This retreat day, for women across all ages, will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided.

A promotional poster for a women's Eucharistic retreat. On the left is a large, ornate golden monstrance. The background is a light, textured surface. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular inset photograph of a church altar with a statue and stained glass windows.

Behold. I make all things new.
(Rev. 21:5)

A WOMEN'S EUCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY WITH
THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST. CECILIA

24 September | 10AM - 4PM
St. Patrick's, Bondi

REGISTRATION
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OUR LADY OF SORROWS, [MARY MOTHER OF GOD](#)

The month of **September** is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. This devotion dates back to the 12th century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard.

The **feast day is celebrated on September 15**, the day following the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord.

Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; but it comprised the seven sorrows (dolours) of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest, Simeon, who proclaimed to Mary: “*This child [Jesus] is destined to be*

the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare.”

Luke 2:34-35

This Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows grew in popularity in the 12th century, although under various titles. By the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the feast and devotion were widespread throughout the Church. The feast was inserted into the Roman calendar in 1814 when Pope Pius X fixed the permanent date of September 15 for the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (now simply called the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows).



SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Prophecy of Simeon

Mary, when I hear bad news, help me to trust in Jesus

The Flight Into Egypt

Mary, when I am unsure of the future help me trust in Jesus



The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Mary, when I suffer losses, help me to trust in Jesus

Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary

Mary, I know it broke your heart to see your Son suffering. When someone I love is suffering, help me trust in Jesus





Jesus Dies on the Cross

With Mother Mary, We adore you O Christ by your holy cross you have redeemed the world

Mary Receives Jesus

Mary, you received Jesus into your loving arms, Help us to say yes to Jesus and receive Him with love into our hearts



Jesus is Placed in the Tomb

The tomb will not hold Jesus. Mary, help us to persevere to the end that we might join you and your resurrected Son in heaven for ever and ever!

CONCLUSION

We honour our Blessed Mother, our Lady of Sorrows, as the faithful disciple and exemplar of faith. Looking to the example of Mary, may we too unite our sufferings to our Lord, facing them with courage, love, and trust.

Mary knows our sorrows and our pains, because she too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary. Mary is our Spiritual Mother, and the Mother always understands her children and consoles them in their troubles.

Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. Each new suffering was received with courage, love, and trust that echoed her *fiat*, *let it be done unto me according to Thy word*, first uttered at the Annunciation.



Pope at Audience: Discernment helps us recognize God in unexpected events, by Benedict Mayaki, SJ

Pope Francis sheds light on the theme of discernment during his catechesis at the weekly General Audience by recalling the example of St. Ignatius of Loyola, and highlights how God works through unforeseen events and mishaps.

Pope Francis continued his cycle of reflections on the theme of discernment during his catechesis at the General Audience on Wednesday.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Holy Father recalled the example of St. Ignatius of Loyola, and the decisive episode of the saint's life when he was home convalescing after his leg was injured in battle. To chase away boredom, St. Ignatius asked for something to read and unfortunately, only the lives of saints was to be found in the house.

In the course of reading, St. Ignatius began to discover another world that captivated him and seemed to compete with that of knights, and he became fascinated by the figures of Sts. Francis and Dominic, with a desire to imitate them.

Saint Ignatius sensed within himself an alternation of thoughts, and he began to notice differences. In his autobiography, the saint notes that when he thought about the things of the world, he felt much pleasure, but afterward, he felt dry and sad. Instead, when he thought of going to Jerusalem barefoot and practicing other austerities, he found pleasure not only while thinking of them, but also when he had ceased.

Time and the end point of thoughts

Pope Francis noted that two aspects are noticeable in St. Ignatius' experience. First, time, because thoughts of the world are attractive at first but they lose their lustre and leave one empty and discontented.

"Thoughts of God, on the contrary, rouse first a certain resistance, but when they are welcomed, they bring an unknown peace that lasts over time."

The other aspect is the end point of thoughts, added the Pope. There is a development of discernment, and we understand what is good for us not in an abstract, general way, but in the journey of our life.



In fact, St. Ignatius in the rules for discernment lays out an important premise: "In the persons who go from mortal sin to mortal sin, the enemy is commonly used to propose to them apparent pleasures, making them imagine sensual delights and pleasures in order to hold them more and make them grow in their vices and sins. In these persons, the good spirit uses the opposite method, pricking them and biting their consciences through the process of reason."

"There is a history that precedes one who discerns, a history that is indispensable to know, because discernment is not a sort of oracle or fatalism, like casting one's lot on two possibilities."

Indeed, the great questions arise when we have travelled a stretch of the road in life, and it is to that journey we must return to understand what we are looking for.

Fr St. Ignatius, who was not thinking of God when he found himself injured after battle, his first experience of God was by listening to his own heart which showed him a reversal – that things that were attractive at first sight left him disillusioned, whereas in others, less dazzling, he found lasting peace.

God works in unplanned events

Another aspect of discernment is the "apparent randomness in the events of life," Pope Francis said.

During St. Ignatius' convalescence, there were no books of knights, only lives of saints – a mishap that held a possible turning point - and it is only after some time that Ignatius realized this, at which point he devoted his full attention to it.

“God works through unforeseen events, and also in mishaps,” stressed the Pope, pointing at the passage from the Gospel of Matthew of the man ploughing his field and coming across a buried treasure. The man subsequently recognizes it as the windfall of his life and acts accordingly, selling everything and buying the field.

Concluding, Pope noted that discernment is the “aid in recognizing the signals with which the Lord makes Himself known in unexpected, even unpleasant situations, as the leg injury was for St. Ignatius, and a life-changing encounter can arise from them forever.”



Feast
of the Most Holy Name of
Mary
Feast Day: Sept 12
Joy of Heaven

Most Holy Virgin Mary,

Mother of the Church, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love; you sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love.

In this time of pandemic we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort.

Today we renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us.



**RENEWAL OF OUR
CONSECRATION TO THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



The parish congratulates our four First Holy Communicants on their reception for the first time of the Church's ultimate Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that the children with the help of their parents and the support of the parish will cultivate the habit of regular reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass. We thank the Missionaries of Charity for their thorough preparation of the children for this most blessed day in their journey of faith, hope and charity.