



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

**Holy Rosary:** Daily before Mass

### **Feast Days – Ordinary Time Week 29 (Year C/2)**

Mon 17 Oct Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Tues 18 Oct Saint Luke

Wed 19 Oct Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues

Saint Paul of the Cross

Sat 22 Oct Saint John Paul II

### **We Pray For:**

***Our sick and injured:*** Bernadette Hailwood, Adi Soediartha, Barbara Blewden, 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:*** Doris Micallef, Joan Westhoff, John Foley, Luisa Medina Sanches, Joanna and Tadeusz Wolski, Arthur Horder, Phillip Camilleri, Marie LaBrooy (Geneviève's mum), Chris Owens, Julian Ciappara (28/1), Henrietta Pham, Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood and Margaret D Hailwood.

***Our house bound elderly:*** Newton McMahon, Robert Pearce, 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*

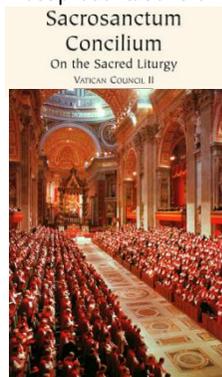
*Catechesis on the Mass 2018*

**Please put this date in your diary:** Public Rosary on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022**, Bishop Danny has kindly accepted to lead the Rosary on the steps at the front of Saint Peter's Parish Surry Hills starting at 9:00am followed by the 10:00am Mass.

### **“Evangelium Sunday 16 October” - The Council: Then and Now - Diamond Jubilee Anniversary of the Opening of the Second Vatican Council**

To commemorate the Diamond Jubilee Year of the opening of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican on 11 October 1962, Saint Peter's Parish Surry Hills will host presentations on each of the Council's four constitutions: *Sacrosanctum concilium*, *Lumen gentium*, *Dei verbum* and *Gaudium et spes*, with the theme: “The Council: Then and Now”. These constitutional documents are the core documents of the Council.

The presentations, which will take place in the same order in which they were promulgated by Saint Paul VI during the Council, will be spaced at intervals during this sixtieth anniversary year under the banner of the Parish's regular “Evangelium” Sunday noon forum. They will follow the usual “Evangelium” format - with the presentation lasting approximately fifty minutes, followed by fifteen to twenty minutes of “Q & A”, followed by lunch at a local Surry Hills venue for those who are interested. The venue for the presentations will be the Parish's historic “1880 Hall”.



Rev Fr Dr Stephen Hackett, MSC, General Secretary to the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, has accepted an invitation to open the series on **Sunday 16 October** with his explication of ***Sacrosanctum concilium*, the Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy**. Dr Hackett's title is: “This Sacred Council: Understanding the Liturgy Constitution through the lens of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation and the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World.”

#### **Future “Evangelium” Presenters:**

**This Sunday (16 Oct) Dr Hackett's presentation as above**

**Sunday 23 Oct Bill West on the Shroud of Turin – The latest evidence**

**Pope pleads for Church unity on 60th anniversary of Vatican II**, published 12 Oct 2022



*People holding lighted candles leave St Peter's Basilica after Pope Francis celebrated Mass yesterday to mark the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council (CNS/Vatican Media)*

Pope Francis yesterday marked the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council by pleading for the Church to “overcome all polarisation and

preserve our communion”. Source: *NCR Online*.

In a Mass in St Peter's Basilica, which served as the council's chambers during the 1962-1965 meetings, the Pope said the council, which was inaugurated by Pope St John XXIII, was “one great response” to the question “Do you love me?” posed by Christ to his disciples.

“To rekindle her love for the Lord, the Church, for the first time in her history, devoted a council to examining herself and reflect on her nature and mission,” the Pope said.

Yet while the ecumenical council revisited many areas of Catholic doctrine, reassessed its relationship with other Christian communities and religions, revised Catholic liturgy to allow for the vernacular, and reconfigured Church structures to allow for greater participation of the laity, in the 60 years that have followed, it also proved to be a flashpoint among various ecclesial circles.

During the 60th anniversary Mass, Francis lamented that those changes had sometimes led to deep divisions within the Church and warned against the temptation of “worldliness.”

“Let us be careful: Both the ‘progressivism’ that lines up behind the world and the ‘traditionalism’ that longs for a bygone world are not evidence of love, but of infidelity.”

During the Mass, the Pope once more reiterated his support for the reforms of Vatican II.

“How timely the council remains!” he said. “It helps us reject the temptation to enclose ourselves within the confines of our own comforts and convictions.”

FULL STORY

[Pope Francis marks 60th anniversary of Vatican II opening by pleading for the church to overcome polarization](#) (By Christopher White, *NCR Online*)

RELATED COVERAGE

[Pope at Mass: 'Learn from Vatican II how to see the Church'](#) (*Vatican News*)

[On Vatican II anniversary, pope chides those who choose 'party' over unity](#) (*Crux*)

[Pope Francis on Vatican II anniversary: 'May the Church be overcome with joy'](#) (*CNA*)

Fr John also recommends the George Weigel article in this Sunday's (16<sup>th</sup> Oct) Catholic Weekly entitled **[“Seeing the real Vatican II”](#)**

### Looking back 5 years ago....

**[Surry Hills young adults dig for the roots of Vatican II, May 26, 2017, Catholic Weekly](#)**

The young adults at St Peter's, Surry Hills, have organised a symposium on the Second Vatican Council; an event and body of teachings that is still regarded as vexed and poorly understood, some 52 years after its final session.

In a series of Sunday talks throughout May and June, the parish is inviting people to 'get inside' the Council documents in order to understand exactly what vision the Council had of the Church, and what vision the Church had for the modern world.

The Symposium was launched on 7 May with a close reading of Pope St John XXIII's opening address to the Council, followed by 'Vatican II and the Role of the Laity' by Dr James McCaughan on 14 May.

Dr McCaughan drew largely from the Council Constitutions *Gaudium et Spes* and *Lumen Gentium*.

He explained the Church's vision for the laity “as active participants in the life of the Church,” drawing on his own experience both before and after the Council. Fr James Baxter OP delivered 'Salvation Outside the Church' on 21 May.



He situated the Council's teaching on Salvation without the Church within the context of 2,000 years of Church teaching on the subject. He navigated through the teachings of St Paul and the early Church Fathers, through to St Thomas Aquinas and up to Pope Pius IX in the mid-nineteenth Century. This, he demonstrated, was an apt way to examine the Council's statements in *Lumen Gentium*.

Still to come is Dr Jeremy Bell on May 28, speaking on 'Religious Liberty in *Dignitatis Humanae*'; Sr Moira De Bono on June 4, tackling '*Sacrosanctum Concilium* and the Changes to the Liturgy'; Dr Robert Tilley on June 11, 'Dei Verbum: The Council on Scripture'; and Fr Epeli Qimaqima on June 18, speaking on '*Gaudium et Spes* and *Lumen Gentium*: The Church in the Modern World'. The symposium will conclude on June 25 with a reflection on Pope Paul VI's closing address to the Council.

### **Saint John Paul II (Feast day 22 Oct), How St. John Paul II evaluated the implementation of Vatican II, Philip Kosloski 10 Oct 22**

*St. John Paul II laid out his criteria to discern how well Vatican II has been authentically implemented in the Church.*



Ever since the opening of the Second Vatican Council on October 11, 1962, the Church has been in a constant state of discernment, considering how the Holy Spirit is guiding the Church in the modern world.

St. John Paul II was a strong promoter of Vatican II, but he did recognize how the Church has struggled in its authentic implementation of it.

In his apostolic letter, *Tertio Millennio Adveniente*, St. John Paul II listed several questions the Church needs to ask herself when considering how well Vatican II has been implemented.

An **examination of conscience** must also consider the **reception given to the Council**, this great gift of the Spirit to the Church at the end of the second millennium.

To what extent has the **word of God** become more fully the soul of theology and the inspiration of the whole of Christian living, as *Dei Verbum* sought?

Is the **liturgy** lived as the "origin and summit" of ecclesial life, in accordance with the teaching of *Sacrosanctum Concilium*?

In the universal Church and in the particular Churches, is the **ecclesiology of communion** described in *Lumen Gentium* being strengthened?

Does it leave room for **charisms, ministries, and different forms of participation** by the People of God, **without adopting notions borrowed from democracy and sociology** which do not reflect the Catholic vision of the Church and the **authentic spirit of Vatican II**?

Another serious question is raised by the nature of relations between the Church and the world. The Council's guidelines—set forth in *Gaudium et Spes* and other documents—of open, respectful and cordial dialogue, yet **accompanied by careful discernment** and courageous witness to the truth, remain valid and call us to a greater commitment.

St. John Paul II explained in a [speech given in 2000](#) how he "convoked an Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in 1985. Its goal was to celebrate, examine and further the Council's teaching. In their analysis the Bishops spoke of the '**lights and shadows**' that had marked the post-conciliar period."

Sixty years later, the Church continues to have “light and shadows” around the implementation of Vatican II, but St. John Paul II’s list of questions can be helpful to evaluation how well the authentic spirit of the Second Vatican Council has been received by the wider Church.

## PUBLIC ROSARY

Join us for a Nationwide public rosary chain at the steps of St Peter’s Parish Surry Hills at 9:00am, Saturday 15 October 2022 followed by 10:00am Mass  
We ask prayers from Our Lady of Fatima to intercede for God’s merciful blessing upon Australia and the world



*Pray the Rosary with Bishop Danny*

“The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying.”

Pope Leo XIII

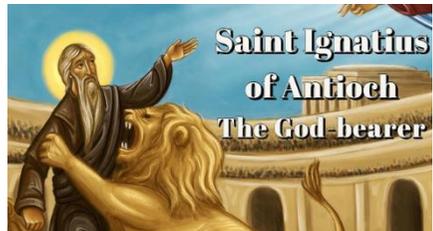


### **Saint Ignatius of Antioch (Feast day 17 Oct)**

Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity and eventually became bishop of Antioch. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy. Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome.

Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. Five of these letters are to churches in Asia Minor; they urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He warns them against heretical doctrines, providing them with the solid truths of the Christian faith.

The sixth letter was to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, who was later martyred for the faith. The final letter begs the Christians in Rome not to try to stop his martyrdom. “The only thing I



ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ.” Ignatius bravely met the lions in the Circus Maximus.

**Reflection:** Ignatius’ great concern was for the unity and order of the Church. Even greater was his willingness to suffer martyrdom rather than deny Christ. He did not draw attention to his own suffering, but to the love of God which strengthened him. He knew the price of commitment and would not deny Christ, even to save his own life.

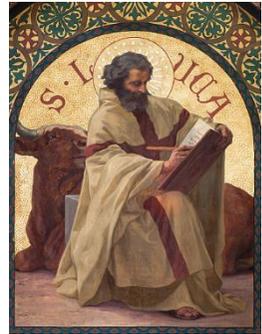
### Saint Luke (Feast day 18 Oct)

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the *Gospel* writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him “our beloved physician.” His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul’s second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion.

Luke’s unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles:

- 1) The Gospel of Mercy
- 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation
- 3) The Gospel of the Poor
- 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation
- 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit
- 6) The Gospel of Joy



**Reflection:** Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles reveal his expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources. There is a warmth to Luke’s writing that sets it apart from that of the other synoptic Gospels, and yet it beautifully complements those works. The treasure of the Scriptures is a true gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

### One Million Children Praying the Rosary Tuesday 18 Oct 2022

#### WHAT IS THIS PRAYER CAMPAIGN ABOUT?

The aim of this prayer initiative is first of all to show that the trusting prayer of children can fly like an arrow straight to the heart of God and consequently has great influence. How powerful then

is the prayer of the Rosary when prayed by children for peace and unity within families, within their own nation and in the whole

world! We are inviting families, catechists,

One Million Children Praying The Rosary for Peace and Unity in the World  
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teachers to pray the rosary together with children on the 18th of October for peace and unity in the world. We have prepared some material for you to spread the word and get inspired.

**WHY HAS AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS PRAYER CAMPAIGN?**

We not only see ourselves as a pastoral charity but also as a prayer community. Our founder, Father Werenfried van Straaten, deeply venerated Our Lady of Fatima. There, the Virgin Mary proclaimed to the visionary children, "Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world."

**THE MEANING OF THE ROSARY:** As Pope St John Paul II wrote in his Apostolic Exhortation on the Rosary, "**The Rosary is by its nature a prayer for peace since it consists in the contemplation of Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one who is "our peace".**"

**Litany of Humility**

*by Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val*



O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being loved, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being extolled, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being honoured, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being praised, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being preferred to others, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being consulted, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being approved, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being despised, Deliver me, Jesus.

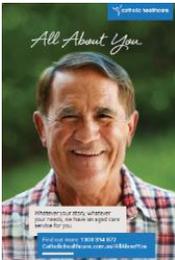
From the fear of suffering rebukes, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being calumniated, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being forgotten, Deliver me, Jesus.  
 From the fear of being ridiculed, Deliver me, Jesus.  
 From the fear of being wronged, Deliver me, Jesus.  
 From the fear of being suspected, Deliver me, Jesus.

That others may be loved more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.  
 That others may be esteemed more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.  
 That, in the opinion of the world, others may be loved more than I, others may increase and I may decrease, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.  
 That others may be chosen and I set aside, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.  
 That others may be praised and I unnoticed, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.  
 That others may be preferred to me in everything, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.  
 That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

**Amen.**



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### Sunday 10.30am Mass Readers' Roster

Sunday: 16 October	<b>Alex Leech and Alexandra Vella</b>
Sunday: 23 October	Brendan Byrne and Theresa Coyle
Sunday: 30 October	John and Susannah McCaughan
Sunday 6 November	Rebecca Lervre and Fiorella Vayda

(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

### Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

#### Parish Safeguarding volunteer Online Induction Training, working With Children Check & Code of Conduct



It is **MANDATORY** that volunteers in all Sydney Catholic parishes comply with the Safeguarding Volunteer Online training.

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