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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 30 (Year C/2)

Sun 23 Oct World Mission Day

Mon 24 Oct Saint Anthony Mary Claret

Fri 28 Oct Saint Simon and Saint Jude

We Pray For:

Our sick and injured: Bernadette Hailwood, Adi Soediarto, 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: Jeanne Mcherson, 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*

Pope Francis: Prayer is medicine for the weary soul, Courtney Mares, Vatican City, Oct 16, 2022

The best medicine for a weary soul is prayer, Pope Francis said Sunday with a reminder that like many medical treatments, consistency is key.

“We often focus on so many urgent but unnecessary things. We occupy and preoccupy ourselves with so many secondary realities. And perhaps without even recognizing it, we neglect what counts the most and we allow our love for God to grow cold, to grow cold bit by bit,” Pope Francis said on Oct. 16.

“Today, Jesus offers us the remedy to rekindle a tepid faith. And what is the remedy? Prayer. Yes, prayer is the medicine for faith, it is the restorative of the soul.”

Speaking from the window of the Apostolic Palace, the pope said in his **Angelus address** that consistent daily prayer can heal the soul like medicine heals the body when taken “regularly in the right way and at the right times.”

“Let us think of a houseplant: we need to water it consistently every day. We cannot soak it and then leave it without giving it water for a week! Even more so with prayer,” he said.

“We cannot live only on strong moments of prayer or occasional intense encounters ... We need the daily water of prayer, we need time dedicated to God, so that he can enter into our time, into our lives.”

Pope Francis said that it is in these consistent daily moments of prayer that “we open our hearts to him so that he can daily pour out on us love, peace, joy, strength, hope, thus nourishing our faith.”

Reflecting on Jesus’ instruction in **chapter 18** of the Gospel of Luke to “pray always,” the pope suggested a traditional spiritual practice that “is a bit forgotten today.”

Aspirations, or short easy to memorize prayers that can be repeated often, can help one to stay “in tune” with God throughout the day, Pope Francis said.

“For example, as soon as we awaken, we can say: ‘Lord, I thank you and I offer this day to you.’ This is a short prayer. Then, before an activity, we can repeat, ‘Come, Holy Spirit.’ Between one thing and another, we can pray thus, ‘Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I love you,’” the pope suggested.

“How often we send instant messages to the people we love! Let’s do this with the Lord as well so that our hearts remain connected to him,” he added.

At the end of his Angelus address, the pope announced his decision to **extend the Synod on Synodality to 2024** “in order to have a more relaxed period of discernment.”

The pope also offered thanks for the beatification of **Blessed Giuseppe Bernardi and Blessed Mario Ghibaudo**, Italian priests who were killed by the Nazis in World War II.

“In extreme danger, they did not abandon the people entrusted to them but assisted them even to the point of shedding their blood, sharing the tragic destiny of other fellow townspeople killed by the Nazis. May their example enkindle in priests the desire to be pastors after Christ’s heart, always alongside their people,” he said.

Pope Francis highlighted an initiative by Aid to the Church in Need to have **one million children pray the rosary** on Oct. 18 and urged everyone to unite the prayers with these children.

“Let us unite ourselves to them and entrust the suffering people of Ukraine, and other people who are suffering due to war and any form of violence and misery, to Our Lady’s intercession,” he said.

Dream of ‘Synodality’ is a Fruit of Vatican II, Cardinal Writes, Cindy Wooden, October 11, 2022

Bishops are pictured in a file photo during a Vatican II session inside St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican. Marking the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, Cardinal Mario Grech, secretary-general of the Synod of Bishops, said that while “synodality” was not a term used by the council, it reflects the council’s vision of the church. (Photo: Catholic News Service)



VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While the term “synodality” is not found in any of the 16 documents of the Second Vatican Council, the council’s vision and definition of the church is at the heart of what synodality is, said Cardinal Mario Grech, secretary-general of the Synod of Bishops. The “magna carta” of the 2021-2023 process of the synod “is the council’s doctrine on the church, particularly its theology of the people of God, a people whose ‘condition is the dignity and freedom of the children of God, in whose heart the Holy Spirit dwells as in a temple,’” he said, quoting from the council’s Dogmatic Constitution on the Church.

Cardinal Grech published a message on the council and synodality Oct. 10, the day before the 60th anniversary of the opening of the council.

St. John XXIII opened the council Oct. 11, 1962. All the bishops from all over the world were invited to participate in its four sessions, which St. Paul VI concluded Dec. 8, 1965.

The current synod process with its listening sessions around the world, its prayer and discernment is focused on the theme, “For a synodal church: Communion, participation and mission.”

Those three words, Cardinal Grech wrote, “are eminently conciliar words. The church that we are called to dream and build is a community of women and men drawn together in communion by the one faith, our common baptism and the same Eucharist, in the image of God the Trinity: women and men who together, in the diversity of ministries and charisms received, actively participate in the establishment of the kingdom of God, with the missionary impetus of bringing to all the joyful witness of Christ, the only saviour of the world.”

The Synod of Bishops, the cardinal noted, was established by St. Paul VI in 1965 at the beginning of Vatican II’s last session precisely “to prolong in the life and mission of the church the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, as well as to foster in the people of God the living appropriation of its teaching.”

“This task is far from being completed since the reception of the conciliar magisterium is an ongoing process; in some respects it is still in its infancy,” the cardinal wrote.

In the decades since the council, Cardinal Grech said, “the synod has constantly placed itself at the service of the council, contributing for its part to renewing the face of the church in ever deeper fidelity to sacred Scripture and living tradition and in attentive listening to the signs of the times.”

Vatican to host 'Lectio Petri' events to explore St. Peter's legacy, an article by the Holy See Press Office about their new project featuring our Parish Patron, Saint Peter.

The Vatican is set to host '*Lectio Petri: The Apostle Peter in History, Arts and Culture*,' a series of meetings on the life and ministry of the saint, open to the public in St. Peter's Basilica.

This new project was presented on Thursday in the Holy See Press Office by Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, President Emeritus of the former Pontifical Council for Culture and founder of the Courtyard of the Gentiles, and Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, Vicar General for His Holiness for Vatican City, Archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica, and President of the Fabric of Saint Peter.

The series consists of four encounters, in the evocative setting of the Vatican Basilica and with an unprecedented and original format, to explore the life and Ministry of the Apostle Peter in history, arts and culture.

The project is being organized by the Basilica, the *Fratelli tutti* Foundation and the Courtyard of the Gentiles.

St. Peter, 'fascinating and complex figure'

During Thursday's Press Conference, Cardinal Ravasi emphasized the current relevance of Saint Peter.

"Peter is a fascinating and complex figure, also narrated in the Gospels, with his weaknesses and frailties. His story is studded with different moments, we could almost call them 'phases', the same that a believer might go through today: vocation, crisis - resulting in betrayal - and then conversion and final rehabilitation."

The Cardinal, who just turned 80 this week, explained that Peter is "a somewhat modern character," who deserves to be explored in depth and is relevant to contemporary times.

"He was a mediator between the Judeo-Christian and pagan Churches and, according to the Apostle Paul, he was the first official witness of Christ's resurrection, impacting not only the Catholic faith and tradition."

Enlightening the face of 'our' Church

Likewise, Cardinal Gambetti described the programme as worthwhile.

"We look at the first of the Apostles with gratitude and reverence," he reflected, "for crossing the Mediterranean and arriving in Rome, in the city that the poet Tibullus called 'eternal,' and bearing witness to his love for Jesus."

"Peter," continued the President of the Fabric of St. Peter, "followed the Master, becoming like Him in every way."

This inheritance, he suggested, "is seamlessly duplicated by the Apostolic Tradition to this day." *"In the light of Peter's faith, we want to enlighten the face of 'our' Church and better understand the Way that the Magisterium points out to all peoples in this Third Millennium", from the Second Vatican Council to Pope Francis."*

Four encounters

The first appointment will be hosted by Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, on Tuesday, 25 October, at 6:30 p.m. Rome time, in the Basilica.

For the meeting entitled, "The life of St. Peter. The following, the tears and the martyrdom," Cardinal Ravasi will propose a reflection and some comments on some of the most significant Gospel passages concerning the Apostle and his vocation.

The chosen readings will be interpreted by Alba Rohrwacher, a well-known and internationally acclaimed actress.

The readings include Matthew 4:18-22 and Matthew 16:13-19 on the primacy of Peter, as well as Matthew 26:69-75 on the denial, and John's 21:1-19 on Jesus' appearance on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

The event will be enriched also by the introduction and conclusions of Cardinal Gambetti, and by a string quartet performing: Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus*, Handel's *Cantate Domino*, and Marcello's *Adagio* from the Concert in C minor for Oboe and Strings.



On Tuesday, 22 November, a Catholic, a Protestant and an Orthodox theologian will debate together on the theme of the Primacy of Peter, at an event entitled "On this rock, I will build my Church".

The third appointment, called "Accounting for the Hope that is in us", is scheduled for Tuesday, 17 January 2023, and dedicated to an in-depth analysis of the figure of the Saint in history and culture.

Cardinal Ravasi will comment on the two Letters of Peter and some passages from Pliny's Letter, one of the oldest sources describing the life of the early Christians.

Professor Giuliano Amato, President of the Courtyard of the Gentiles Foundation, will conclude the meeting with a reflection on the relationship between faith and society.

Finally, the last *Lectio Petri* event, "*Quo vadis*," is scheduled for 7 March.

With the participation with prominent personalities from the world of culture, it will analyse the figure of Peter in arts, literature and music.

The Courtyard of the Gentiles is a structure of the Dicastery for Culture and Education, founded by Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi to promote dialogue between believers and non-believers.

Through events, meetings, debates, research and opportunities for sharing, the Courtyard of the Gentiles has established itself as a meeting place for leading figures from secular and Catholic cultures, on issues and challenges affecting contemporary society - such as ethics, legality, science, faith, sport, art, youth and new technologies.

Future "Evangelium" Presenters:

This Sunday (23 Oct) Bill West on the Shroud of Turin – The latest evidence

Sun 30 Oct, Caitlin West on 'The Power and importance of engaging with secular culture'

Saints Simon and Jude (Feast day 28 Oct)

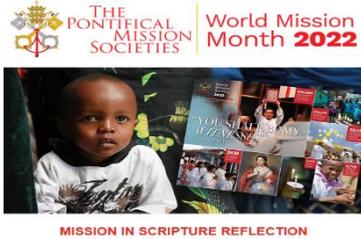
Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the *Letter of Jude*. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God. No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

Reflection: As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two "sons of thunder," and a man named Judas Iscariot.

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.





Mission in Scripture

To nurture a missionary heart, reflecting on the missionary themes in the readings of Sundays, Feast Days and Holy days

WORLD MISSION MONTH | On this World Mission Sunday, let us pray, act and give as the Lord's "witnesses"

*Reflections on the readings for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 23, 2022):
SIR 35:12-14,16-18; PS 34:2-3,17-18,19,23; 2TM 4:6-8,16-18; LK 18:9-14*

Many of us are what are commonly known as "cradle Catholics." We were babies when our parents had us baptized in their parish church. They were carrying on a family tradition; perhaps one that went back generations. But a number of us made that choice for ourselves. At some point, we came to believe that being a follower of Jesus Christ as a Catholic was truly essential to us. For all faithful Catholics, our whole being, our entire way of life is infused with the gift of the Holy Spirit that we received at Baptism. And every year at the Easter Vigil we have the joy of renewing our Baptismal vows. Whether we made the decision to become Catholic or some grandparents or other ancestors did that a hundred or a thousand years ago, we believe that the Son of God came to rescue us from sin and eternal death. Today, on World Mission Sunday, let us celebrate the gift of faith, the gift of salvation by supporting the Church's efforts to continue spreading the Good News.

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "It is from God's love for all men that the Church in every age receives both the obligation and the vigor of her missionary dynamism.... The Church, to whom this truth has been entrusted, must go out to meet their desire, so as to bring them the truth. Because she believes in God's universal plan of salvation, the Church must be missionary." If we believe in Christ as our Savior and the Savior of all humankind, we must accept our precious responsibility to introduce Him to others. We can touch people through our prayer and influence. We can also make a great difference by helping the Church's missionaries and those they care about and care for.



By letting people know the love of God through our love for them, soul and body, we draw them ever closer to Him. We can choose each day to pray, to act, to give – in other words, to love our brothers and sisters, whoever they are, wherever they are, and to let them know how much Christ loves them, too.

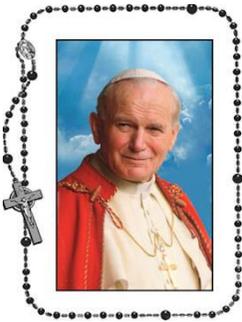
Suggested missionary action: Today let us honor World Mission Sunday, the Church's faithful missionaries throughout the centuries, and the countless people who have received our Lord's word of salvation through their witness. We can commit ourselves to supporting the ongoing work of the Missions through daily prayer and financial help, especially in today's collection for the Missions.

Envelopes for donations in support of Catholic Mission are available on the tables on the side entrance and at the front entrance of the church. Please complete the forms for tax deductible receipts. Thank you for your faithful support.

The reasons St. John Paul II gave for adding the Luminous Mysteries to the rosary, CAN Oct 18, 22

Twenty years ago, St. John Paul II published the apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, adding five Luminous Mysteries to the traditional 15 meditated on in the rosary.

The Luminous Mysteries refer to Christ's public life, and are his Baptism in the Jordan; his self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana; his proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with his call to conversion; his Transfiguration; and his institution of the Eucharist, "as the sacramental expression of the Paschal Mystery," according to the letter.



In his apostolic letter, the Holy Father explained that "the rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer" and that it had "an important place" in his spiritual life during his youth. In fact, two weeks after being elevated to the Chair of Peter, St. John Paul II publicly confessed: "The rosary is my favourite prayer."

The pope proposed the Luminous Mysteries to "highlight the Christological character of the rosary." These mysteries refer to "Christ's public ministry between his Baptism and his Passion," the Holy Father explained.

Thus in these mysteries "we contemplate important aspects of the person of Christ as the definitive revelation of God," the pope said, since it is he who "declared the beloved Son of the Father at the Baptism in the Jordan, Christ is the one who announces the coming of the Kingdom, bears witness to it in his works and proclaims its demands."

St. John Paul II also noted in his apostolic letter that "it is during the years of his public ministry that the mystery of Christ is most evidently a mystery of light: 'While I am in the world, I am the light of the world' (Jn 9:5)."

Thus, for the rosary to "become more fully a 'compendium of the Gospel,'" the pope considered it appropriate that there be "a meditation on certain particularly significant moments in his public ministry, following reflection on the Incarnation and the hidden life of Christ (the joyful mysteries) and before focusing on the sufferings of his Passion (the sorrowful mysteries) and the triumph of his Resurrection (the glorious mysteries)."

The pope stressed that adding the Luminous Mysteries is done "without prejudice to any essential aspect of the prayer's traditional format, is meant to give it fresh life and to enkindle renewed interest in the Rosary's place within Christian spirituality as a true doorway to the depths of the Heart of Christ, ocean of joy and of light, of suffering and of glory."

Mysteries that reveal the light of the kingdom

St. John Paul II explained that each of the mysteries of light "is a revelation of the Kingdom now present in the very person of Jesus."

This presence is manifested in a particular way in each one of the Luminous Mysteries.

In Baptism, Christ "became 'sin' for our sake (cf. 2 Cor 5:21)," the Father proclaims him the Beloved Son and the Holy Spirit "descends on him to invest him with the mission which he is to carry out."

At the wedding at Cana, Christ, by transforming water into wine, "opens the hearts of the disciples to faith, thanks to the intervention of Mary, the first among believers."

With the preaching of the kingdom and the call to conversion, Christ initiates "the ministry of mercy," which continues through "the Sacrament of Reconciliation which he has entrusted to his Church."

For St. John Paul II, the Transfiguration is the “mystery of light *par excellence*” since “the glory of the Godhead shines forth from the face of Christ as the Father commands the astonished Apostles to ‘listen to him.’”

The institution of the Eucharist is also a mystery of light because “Christ offers his body and blood as food under the signs of bread and wine, and testifies ‘to the end’ his love for humanity (Jn 13:1), for whose salvation he will offer himself in sacrifice.”

Mary in the mysteries of light

The Holy Father pointed out that “apart from the miracle at Cana, the presence of Mary remains in the background.” However, “the role she assumed at Cana in some way accompanies Christ throughout his ministry,” with her maternal counsel: “Do whatever he tells you (Jn 2:5).”

St. John Paul II considers this counsel to be “a fitting introduction to the words and signs of Christ’s public ministry and it forms the Marian foundation of all the ‘mysteries of light.’”

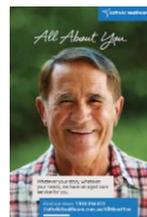
The pope then proposed that these mysteries of light be contemplated on Thursdays.



CVF November Parish Appeal

The next Charitable Works Fund (CVF) Parish Appeal will be held the weekend (5th – 6th Nov). The CVF supports a range of charities and ministries, including the Good Shepherd Seminary, CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, Aboriginal Catholic Ministries, and university, hospital and prison Chaplaincies. Appeal envelopes will be provided. For more info check via www.ourfaithourworks.org/cvf

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Sunday 10.30am Mass Readers' Roster

Sunday: 23 October	Brendan Byrne and Theresa Coyle
Sunday: 30 October	John McCaughan and Rebecca Lervre
Sunday 6 November	Susannah McCaughan 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

The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney advises that any person performing any role in the life of the Parish (e.g., readers, servers, collectors, welcomers) is required to comply with Safeguarding Volunteer Online training as per the details below:



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