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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 – First week of Advent (Year A/1)

Wed 30 Nov Saint Andrew

Sat 3 Dec Saint Francis Xavier

Christmas Mass Times

Sat 24 Dec 8:00pm, Vigil Mass

Sun 25 Dec 10:00am

We Pray For:

Our sick and injured: John O'Brien, Florence Grech, Gabe Very, Estela Ponce, Bernadette Hailwood, Catherine Murphy, Adi Soediartha, Barbara Blewden, Gerry Cassar, Makram Nammour, Camilla Pascoe, Ana Teresa Rodrigues, Mafalda Triolo, Aimi McEwen, Louise McCann, Marija Barclay, Dan Southee.

Our deceased: William Henry Lewis (1/12), McKenzie Lamb, Mary Yeap (Angela's mum), Grace Galea (10/11), James Moran (29/10), Brian LaBrooy (30th death anniversary, (Geneviève's dad)), Jeanne Mcpherson (Geneviève's sister), Ron Molyneux (Grace's grandfather 27/10), Antonio Chidiac, Joan Westhoff, Joanna and Tadeusz Wolski, Arthur Horder, 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



Dear Friends,

Our 14th Annual Carols [CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY](#) will be held on Sunday 11th December (4pm) at St Peter's Church, Surry Hills.

*Tickets are strictly limited so
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL [Here](#).*

Accompanied by a Live Orchestra, Pipe Organ & Choir with over 35 musicians participating, this will be a truly memorable way to celebrate the Christmas season.

THE CAROLS: The Festival will include all your favourite Carols from *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* to the stunning *O Holy Night* and *Hallelujah Chorus* as well as fabulous arrangements of various Carols by John Rutter, David Willcocks and others.

This year we will also again be including Handel's magnificent *Zadok the Priest* as well as Tchaikovsky's beautiful *Crown of Roses*.

The full details for this event are:

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY (Sydney)

Date: Sunday 11th December (4pm)

Venue: St Peter's Catholic Church, Surry Hills

Address: 235 Devonshire St, Surry Hills

ENTRY: \$20 or by Donation ~ but seats are a STRICTLY LIMITED so

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This year's Carols will also be raising for the international charity **Aid to the Church in Need**.

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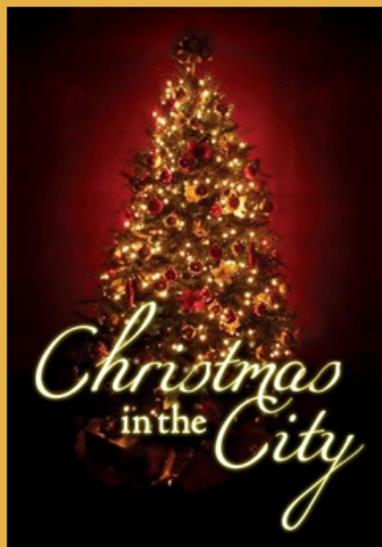
ENTRY: \$20 or by Donation ~ [BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Here](#)

Sydney City Catholics - Annual Lessons & Carols (with BBQ) - 23 Dec 2022

This event is hosted by the young adults of the City Deanery. It will begin with carols at 6:00pm in Saint Peter's Church followed by BBQ in the courtyard. More information please speak with Sarah Birch or Gerard Horsfall. More details to follow next week.

Future "Evangelium" Presenters:

This Sunday 27 Nov, Gerard Horsfall will be speaking on 'Death'
Next Sunday Dec 4 – First Sunday BBQ – no "Evangelium"



Our Lady went with haste to visit Elizabeth. Pope says he asks for that same haste when he entrusts her with problems.

Welcoming the numerous young people from the north of Italy who came to see the Pope as he visited his father's hometown, the Pope reiterated an invitation to the upcoming World Youth Day in Lisbon. The theme of the 2023 Youth Day is from Luke's Gospel, “Mary arose and went with haste.”

“Our Lady did this when she was young, and she tells us that the secret to remaining young is found precisely in those two verbs, *to arise* and *to go*,” he said.

Then the Pope added: I like to think of Our Lady who went in haste. She really went quickly; she went in haste. And many times, I pray to Our Lady: “Hey, hurry up and resolve this problem!”

Last week, at the Wednesday general audience, the Pope expressed the same urgency in calling for prayer for Ukraine. As Jesus urged Zacchaeus to make haste, the Pope said, “We can pray for Ukraine by saying, ‘Make haste, Lord.’”

Wasting lives, slaves to mobile phones

The Pope encouraged the youth and all of us to follow Mary's example: “To arise and to go – not to stay still thinking about ourselves, wasting our lives and chasing after comforts or the latest fads, but to aim for the heights, get on the move, leaving behind our own fears to take someone in need by the hand.”

Pope Francis emphasized the need to swim against the current in following our faith:

And today, we need young people who are truly “transgressive,” young people who are truly “transgressives,” non-conformists, who are not slaves to their mobile phones, but who change the world like Mary, bearing Jesus to others, taking care of others, building fraternal communities with others, making dreams of peace come true!

Pray for peace

The Holy Father mentioned various prayer intentions, saying we are living a famine of peace and asking us to “roll up our sleeves.”

Right now, we are living a *famine of peace*: We are living a famine of peace. Let's think of how many places in the world are scourged by war, in particular of war-torn Ukraine. Let's roll up our sleeves and continue to pray for peace!

Let us also pray for the families of the victims of the serious fire that happened in these past days in a refugee camp in Gaza, in Palestine, where several children also died. May the Lord welcome into heaven those who lost their lives and console those people who have suffered years of conflict.

And let us now invoke the Queen of Peace, Our Lady, to whom this beautiful Cathedral is dedicated. To her, let us entrust our families, the sick, and each one of us, with the worries and good intentions we bear in our hearts.

Worldwide Women's Rosary: Thurs 8 December: St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt

Join with women around the world to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

11am- Rosary; 12pm-Confession; 1:10pm Mass

Worldwide women's rosary announced for Dec. 8: 'We're daughters of the Most Holy Virgin',

CNA, 8 Nov 22

An initiative to hold a public women's rosary that originated in Colombia has taken off worldwide with interested women connecting through Instagram.

With the purpose of honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Worldwide Women's Rosary will be held for the first time on Dec. 8.



This initiative aims to publicly unite women in defense of churches (often vandalized by abortion advocates in Latin America), life, motherhood, the family, and to proudly say to the whole world “we are daughters of the Blessed Virgin Mary and we want to follow her example,” the organizers said.

Another aim of this rosary effort is to express the search for peace that only God can give and the firm conviction that every human person is equal in dignity.

The organizers recognize that the vocation to be a woman doesn't depend on age, education, health, or any particular condition, “but on the conviction that God created each one of us and chose us to entrust us with a special mission.”

“We are called to be representatives of our Blessed Virgin Mary” in every word, event, or place that they can influence, the organizers said.

“We believe in the power of prayer to change the world, and especially in the power of the rosary, which Our Lady has strongly requested for the spiritual battle against evil in the world and in our countries,” they added.

The organizers are calling on women from all over the planet to join this effort to pray the rosary in public. “Mother, here are your daughters,” they said.

Women from more than 25 countries have already confirmed their participation, including women from Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Spain, the United States, the United Arab Emirates, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Uganda, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

“It was the Virgin who wanted this initiative to spread worldwide,” said Juliana Illario, coordinator of the effort in Argentina.

“I immediately felt part of it,” she related in a conversation with ACI Prensa, CNA's Spanish-language sister news agency, “Our Virgin is the initiator and world organizer.”

“It's all happening: women from different corners of Argentina contact me and they join in.”

“We trust that this is all the work of the Mother, and her daughters listen to her,” Illario said.

The Argentine coordinator noted that those promoting the worldwide rosary are women with different charisms, who have Mary as a model of women and Mother.

Finally, she hoped “that day would be filled with women praying together” because “no one guided by Mary makes a misstep.”

Fanny Tagle Arrizaga, another of the organizers from Chile, admitted that the initiative surprised them from the beginning, “because we realize how it's growing every day. And the most incredible thing is the unity that is created with the different charisms and countries.”

“Our Mother’s love is making us realize that there are no differences between her daughters,” she said.

“We’re happy because we lay people are responsible for cooperating with the truth of Our Lord, and we have to comply with the utmost diligence with everything that Our Mother asks of us, especially praying the holy rosary that gives us so many graces,” she added.

For more information visit the rosary effort’s Instagram

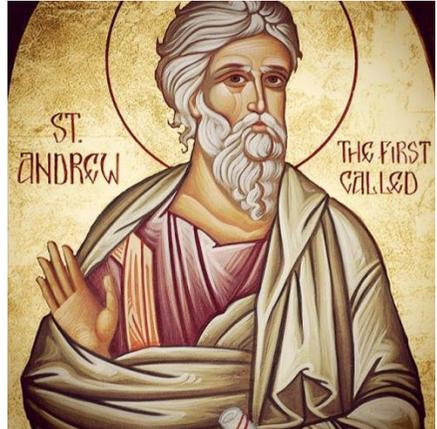
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This story was written by Julieta Villar and first published by ACI Prensa, CNA’s Spanish-language news partner. It has been translated and adapted by CNA.

Saint Andrew (Feast day 30 Nov) CNA

On Nov. 30, Catholics worldwide celebrate the feast of St. Andrew, apostle and martyr. A fisherman from Bethsaida and brother of Simon Peter, St. Andrew is said to have spread Christianity in Russia and Asia minor after Pentecost in the first century. He was crucified by the Romans in Greece on an X-shaped cross, which is now his distinctive symbol as well as the symbol of Scotland, of which he is the patron.

St. Andrew demonstrated his love for his brother as well as his apostolic zeal when, convinced that Jesus was the Messiah, he sought out St. Peter. “Andrew, the brother of



Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, ‘we have found the Messiah.’ Then he brought him to Jesus.” (Jn. 1:40-42)

Some of St. Andrew’s remains were brought to Scotland in the fourth century, though parts of his skeleton lie in the crypt of the cathedral in Amalfi, Italy, where they are removed twice a year and produce a clear, water like substance. The substance, called “manna,” is said to have miraculous attributes.

St. Francis Xavier and Our Waning Zeal for Souls, (Feast day 3 Dec) Word on fire, Fr Billy Swan, 2 Dec 2022

There are some passages from Scripture and the writings of the saints that are wonderfully arresting, even scary. They hit us hard, shock us out of distractions, and leave us, [in the words of Pope Francis](#), “unsettled by the living and effective word of the risen Lord.” One such text is a letter from St. Francis Xavier, whose feast day we celebrate on 30 November.

Writing to his friend St. Ignatius of Loyola from the mission fields of India, Francis reports on his exhaustive efforts to evangelize the people and of his diligent teaching of the basics of the faith. He also admits, in sadness, that many are not becoming Christians, and he is unambiguously clear about the reason why: “There is nobody to make them Christians.” For St. Francis Xavier, this problem was not just about a lack of Church personnel but rather a lack of zeal for souls on the part of those who should have known better. He continues: “Again and again I have thought of going round the universities of Europe, especially Paris, and everywhere crying out like a

madman, riveting the attention of those with more learning than charity. What a tragedy; how many souls are being shut out of heaven and falling into hell, thanks to you!"

These words are indeed unsettling but also inspirational for us who seek to be effective evangelists for our time. There are two key takeaways from these words of Francis that merit close attention. The first is the role we play in bringing others to faith, and the second is the zeal and passion with which all our efforts to evangelize ought to be imbued so that others might come to know Christ and his mercy first hand.

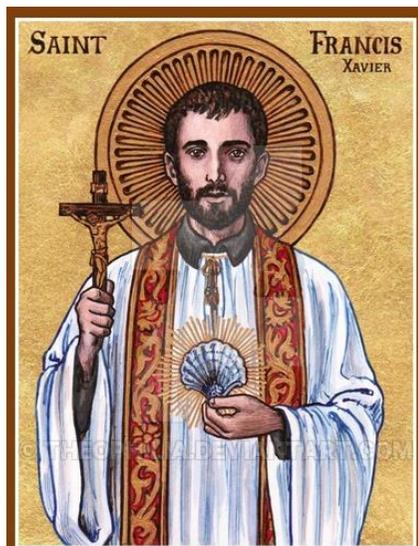
First, our role in others coming to faith. We all know that being a Catholic Christian calls us to evangelize. But how far do we push it with family and friends who are less enthused about faith than we are? Where does the boundary lie? To accompany each other on the journey is great but is not an end in itself. We want others to come to faith and to worship with us in the Church.

Recently, I met a lady in my parish who told me she comes to Mass only at Christmas. I responded to her: "You don't know what you are missing." By her reaction she expected a different response and seemed disconcerted when she saw that I was deadly serious. She also seemed challenged but pleasantly surprised to meet someone who truly believed Sunday Eucharist is an essential source of life and joy for all who take part. Her reaction seemed to say, "Maybe there is something I'm missing after all."

In the case of St. Francis Xavier, to bring others to faith was not a chore but a joy. He believed that God had chosen him for this sacred work of mission and to be a bridge for people to enter the community of the Church. For Francis, not to evangelize would be to jeopardize the eternal salvation of others and place his own soul in mortal danger too.

From our perspective, we might think that Francis' understanding of his role was overstated and too radical. But did Francis really exaggerate the part about Christians bringing others to faith? Hardly. Think of Ezekiel, who declared that God will hold to account those who have not enjoined the world toward repentance (Ezek. 3:18). Jesus himself taught about the close partnership between his grace and his disciples: "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me" (Luke 10:16). Consider how St. Paul shared his conviction that God was working through him to reach people with the Good News: "But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?" (Rom. 10:14-15). Yes, of course God's grace is bigger than humans and their institutions. Yet our tendency today is to underestimate how the Lord has *chosen us*—you and me—to be his instruments in bringing others to faith and leading them into the Church. St. Francis Xavier did not make this mistake. He urges us today not to be content being a disciple but to make disciples too.

The second and related lesson from St. Francis Xavier is to beg God to grant us something of his zeal for souls. How wonderful it is to find such strong emotions in a saint! How inspiring to



discover in this priest such a zeal for leading God's people to faith in the Gospel! His criticism of his fellow clergy in academic positions was not an attack on the intellectual tradition of the Church but rather on their blindness to what all learning is meant to serve—namely, the salvation of souls. Echoing contemporary forms of this blindness, Pope Francis criticizes a faith that is “incapable of touching Christ's suffering flesh in others . . . locked up in an encyclopedia of distractions” (*Rejoice and Be Glad*, 37).

So how can the Church recover our waning zeal for souls? By returning to the passion and zeal of God. Our God is a passionate God. His passion is a pure, holy yearning for the humanity he loves. God's passionate zeal is to set all things right and order all things to the good. This is the holy zeal we see in God-intoxicated prophets like Elijah and in Jesus himself as he cleansed the temple. As they observed Jesus that day in Jerusalem, the Apostles saw God's zeal embodied in him: “[Zeal for your house will consume me](#)” (see Ps. 19:31; John 2:17). Here is the holy zeal that burned within him: “[I've come to set the earth on fire](#), and how I wish it were already ablaze!” (Luke 12:49).

This is the same zeal with which we have been anointed by his Spirit—the zeal of God himself. Here is the zeal of God for the people of God, for his kingdom and his Church. It is the zeal with see in saints like John the Baptist and Paul, who urges us to “never flag in zeal and be aglow with the Spirit” (Rom. 12:11); it is the passionate zeal in people like Augustine, Francis of Assisi, John of the Cross, and Catherine of Siena. These were saints whose zeal overcame their fears and was directed at all times by the charity of Christ.

This is our calling too—to be anointed and energized with that divine love that seeks to reach as many souls as effectively as possible. And when this divine zeal gets hold of us, its fire burns away the inertia, dissatisfaction, and the dreadful tedium that marks our age.

Tomorrow is the Feast of St. Francis Xavier. We honour him and give thanks for all the souls who were gathered to God through him. But may our communion with him remind us of who we are as God's instruments and apostles today. In the words of a prayer attributed to St Teresa of Avila: “Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.” Let us not be content to love God if our neighbour does not love him too. Together, may we not just draw close to the fire of God's zeal for souls. Let us become all flame.

Sunday 10.30am Mass Readers' Roster

Sunday 27 November	Rebecca Lerve and Jessica Gereis
Sunday 04 December	James and Geneviève McCaughan
Sunday 11 December	John and Patricia O'Brien
Sunday 18 December	Alex Leech and Alexandra Vella
Sunday 25 December	Brendan and Theresa Byrne

(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: Registration to complete the Online Safeguarding Induction Training via this link <https://forms.gle/9ebT3voEAtfP7P8R9> or you can register to attend a Zoom Safeguarding Induction Training session by emailing safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org for further information and dates.

ADVENT WREATH



1st CANDLE – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) **“CHRIST CANDLE”** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites you to

CHRISTMAS

at the Cathedral
a festival evening at St Mary's

PRESENTED BY **paynterdixon**

8-25 DECEMBER 2022

We invite our parish families and all people of goodwill across Sydney to come together at St Mary's Cathedral during Advent to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Festivities begin at 7pm with:
Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment



