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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 32 (Year C/2)

Wed 9 Nov The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Thu 10 Nov Saint Leo the Great

Fri 11 Nov Saint Martin of Tours

Sat 12 Nov Saint Josaphat

We Pray For:

Our sick and injured: Bernadette Hailwood, Catherine Murphy, Adi Soediartha, Barbara Blewden, Gerry Cassar, Makram Nammour, Camilla Pascoe, Josephine Finneran, Ana Teresa Rodrigues, Mafalda Triolo, Aimi McEwen, Louise McCann, Marija Barclay, Dan Southee.

Our deceased: James Moran (29/10), Brian La'Brooy (30th death anniversary, (Geneviève's dad)), Jeanne Mcpherson (Geneviève's sister), Marie LaBrooy (Geneviève's mum), Ron Molyneux (Grace's grandfather 27/10), Antonio Chidiac, Doris Micallef, Joan Westhoff, John Foley, Luisa Medina Sanches, Joanna and Tadeusz Wolski, Arthur Horder, 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



Red Wednesday, 23 November 2022 - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) invites you to join in this special day to pray for and stand in solidarity with the 200+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the

world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia, ten Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. Individually, you may wish to go to Mass for someone who can't or intentionally wear a religious symbol remembering those who cannot make such a public display of faith. To find out what is happening at a Cathedral near you and other ways to get involved visit www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday.

Why Red Wednesday?

Created in God's image, each member of the human family is born free and equal, with a natural inclination to seek the truth and to worship God. While this desire to live out one's faith is fundamental to the human person, it has often been limited or restricted through history by various regimes and governments. In 1948, the United Nations defined freedom of religion as an inalienable right for all members of the human family (Article 18, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights). In 1965 the Second Vatican Council affirmed this in its declaration on religious freedom, Dignitatis Humanae, stating that every person, "has the duty, and therefore the right, to seek the truth in matters religious, in order that they may with prudence form for themselves right and true judgements of conscience" (no. 3). Tragically today there are millions of people who are robbed of their religious freedom and persecuted for their beliefs. Each of us who has the freedom to practice our faith has an added duty to stand up for those who do not.



Places of Persecution (today) Religious freedom is violated in almost one third of the world's countries (31.6 percent), where two thirds of the world's population lives. 62 countries out of a total of 196 face very severe violations of religious freedom. The number of people living in these countries is close to 5.2 billion, as the worst offenders include some of the most populous nations in the world (China, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nigeria).

PRAYER FOR
Persecuted Christians

*Lord Jesus Christ, as the Good Shepherd,
You call all people to Yourself,
but You also warned us that
following You would not be easy.
Today, many Christians suffer and
are persecuted for love of You.
In them, You continue Your passion for
the redemption of the world.
It is a grace to carry the cross with them.
Grant us love, courage
and a readiness to sacrifice
so that we can aid and console
our brothers and sisters in faith.
Fill us with Your merciful love for one another,
that we may also bless
our enemies and forgive them.
Thus, we want to joyfully testify to Your presence
in the world and find fullness of life in You.
Amen.*



What is Red Wednesday?

Red Wednesday is an initiative of *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN), the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the support of suffering and persecuted Christians.

Red Wednesday is a day to gather and pray for those who are persecuted for their love of Jesus Christ. Cathedrals, churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

It is clear that the persecution of Christians is worse today than at any time in history. In terms of the numbers of people involved, the gravity of the acts committed, and their impact, not only are Christians more persecuted than any other faith group, but ever-increasing numbers are experiencing the worst forms of persecution.

The purpose of **Red Wednesday** is to join together and raise a strong voice in support of the Christians who are unable to speak freely, and who look to us - brothers and sisters in Christ - to speak on their behalf.

Let's break the silence of Christian persecution worldwide. Pray for those who suffer. Share their stories. Give whatever you can. Make **#RedWednesday** a campaign that cannot be ignored.



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Stand Up for Faith and Freedom



23 November 2022

#RedWednesday



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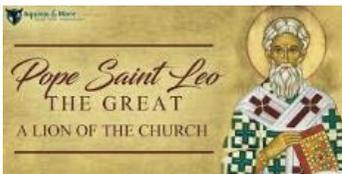


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Future “Evangelium” Presenters:

This Sunday - 6 Nov, First Sunday BBQ

Sunday 13 Nov, John O'Brien on The new cathedral in Mount Hagan



Saint Leo the Great (Feast day 10 Nov), understanding faith, 10 Nov 2021

November 10th is a day to celebrate Saint Leo the Great, also known as Pope Saint Leo I, his response to the call of the Lord transforming him into one of the

greatest popes of Christian history. In fact, he was the first pope to be given the title, ‘the Great’.

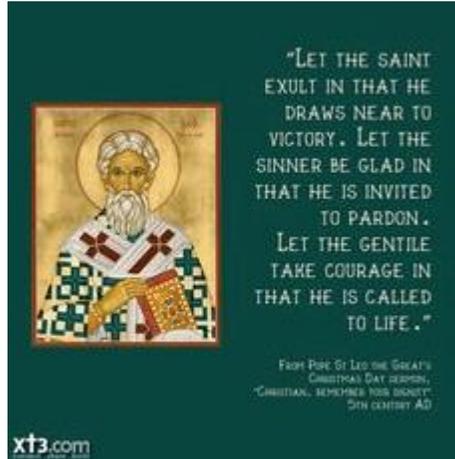
Details about Leo’s place of birth are not known, but it is believed his ancestors come from Tuscany.

St Leo the Great became a very well-known deacon of the Church by 431, serving the church under the pontificate of Pope Celestine I. Leo was widely respected for his love for the Lord, intelligence and persuasive nature. He was also gifted in bringing reconciliation between disputing groups of Christians.

That is why he was often sent out to settle disputes, both secular and theological. Following the pontificate of Pope Celestine, the next Pope was Pope Sixtus III.

Pope Sixtus III passed away while Leo was visiting Gaul at the request of Emperor Valentinian III. His task was to bring peace between one of Gaul’s chief military commanders and the chief magistrate. Leo was then unanimously elected as the next pope to succeed Pope Sixtus III in 440. His swift election reflected the respect he had garnered among the people from his service to the Lord and the affection the faithful had this pastoral and wise servant of the Lord.

Pope Leo was deeply dedicated to his service as pope. He saw himself as privileged to sit in the Chair of St Peter, as the servant of the servants of God. He worked diligently as ‘Peter’s successor’. Over time, Leo became known as one of the best administrative popes of the ancient Church. But, he was so much more.



The key to unity can be found in Saint Josaphat’s life, (Feast day 12 Nov) Aleiteia, [Phillip Kosloski](#) - published on 11/12/20

Saint Josaphat discovered that his Christian example, and not politics, could help heal division.

The 16th century was a time of great tension in Ukraine, as Christians started to align themselves on opposite sides. One group wanted to remain separated from Rome, while the other wanted to unite with the Successor of St. Peter.

Saint Josaphat saw first-hand this division, and instead of fueling the flames of either side, **he strove to work for unity.**

He did this first by trying to win the factions by reason, making arguments as to why they should be united.

Pope Pius XI explains in his encyclical, *Ecclesiam Dei*.

*[H]aving greatly at heart the **reunion** of his compatriots with the Chair of Peter, he sought to discover arguments which would help to promote and to **make secure this union** ... Having thus prepared himself well, **he began firmly but with kindness** to plead the cause of the **restoration of unity**. His success was immediate, so much so that even his adversaries bestowed upon him the title “winner of souls.” Marvellous in*

truth was the number of souls which he led back to the unity of the Fold of Jesus Christ, made up of all classes, peasants, merchants, nobles, prefects, and governors of provinces.

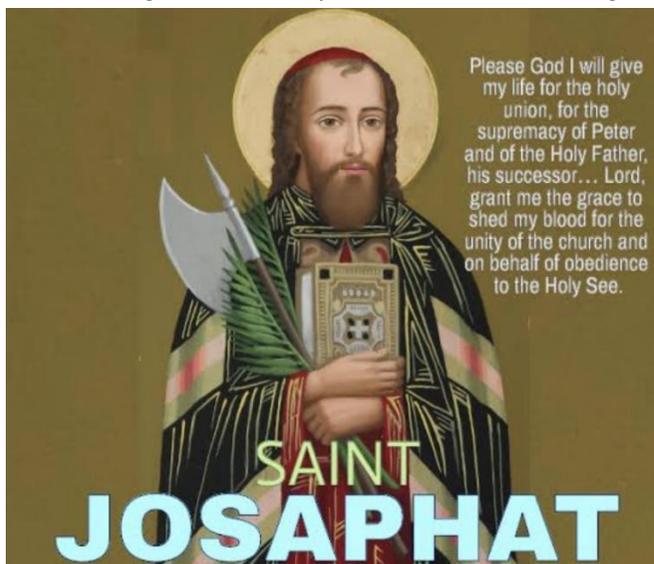
The key to his arguments was not the fire with which they were given, but the **kindness** he used. Furthermore, **when reason was not an option, it was the example of his life** that led others to unity.

*After he was appointed bishop of Polotsk he extended greatly the field of his apostolate, an apostolate which could not but bring about **extraordinary results due to the example which he gave of a life of inviolate chastity, poverty, and frugality** joined with such open-handedness **toward the poor** that he even went to the length of pawning his own omophorion [the vestment of an Eastern bishop] in order to care for their needs.*

In the midst of this, **he refused to play politics or join a political party.**

*Our Saint, however, always remained strictly within the confines of religious work, **never mixing in politics**, despite the fact that more than once he was earnestly solicited to take sides with one or other political faction.*

However, his great work for unity was seen as a threat, leading to his martyrdom.



*A few days before his death when he was warned of plots that were being laid against him, he said: **“Lord, grant me the grace to shed my blood for the unity of the church and on behalf of obedience to the Holy See.”***

Saint Josaphat remains a powerful intercessor for unity, showing us that our example will speak louder than any argument or social media meme.

Saint Josaphat, Pray for Us.

Pope Francis: 'Priests must be close to the people', Vatican News staff writer, 26/10/22

In a conversation with seminarians and priests studying in Rome, Pope Francis addresses numerous topics: from the compassionate style of priests, called to be close to the people, to spiritual direction.

A long dialogue took place on Monday in the Paul VI Hall between Pope Francis and seminarians and priests studying in Rome. Throughout the meeting, the Pope was asked ten questions.

The good priest and God's style

Responding to a question on the concreteness of mercy, the Pope stated that it is necessary to learn the language of gestures that express closeness and tenderness. This also applies when giving homilies, he said. "Let the expression be complete".

Pope Francis spoke of three languages that reveal "the maturity of a person: the language of the head, the language of the heart, and the language of the hands" and urged them to learn to express themselves in these three languages, "that I think what I feel and do, feel what I think and do, do what I feel and think".

Keeping in touch with God's people

To those who asked him how to live the priesthood without losing that "smell of the sheep" that must be proper to the priestly ministry, Pope Francis replied that even if one is engaged in studies or in Curial work "it is important to maintain contact with the people, with God's faithful people, because there is the anointing of God's people: they are the sheep.

By losing the smell of the sheep, by distancing yourself from them, you can be a theorist, a good theologian, a good philosopher, a very good curial official who does all the things" but you will have lost "the ability to smell the sheep". The Pope then reiterated what he calls the principle of the four "proximities" of priests: closeness with God through prayer, closeness with the bishop, closeness with other priests, and closeness to the people of God: "If there is no closeness to the people of God, you are not a good priest."

The priesthood is not a commodity

The Pope then spoke of priests who live the priesthood as if it were a job, with set hours; official priests, who seek tranquility.

"The priesthood is a sacred service to God", the Pope explained, "the service of which the Eucharist is the highest degree, it is a service to the community". He then addressed the topic of "climbing priests", those who aim to make a career for themselves, inviting them to stop: "The climber, in the end, is a traitor, he is not a servant. He seeks his own and then does nothing for others".

Spiritual accompaniment

In the wide-ranging dialogue developed in the Paul VI Hall, Pope Francis also emphasized the importance of spiritual direction - noting, however, that he preferred the term "spiritual accompaniment" - which is not obligatory but helps on life's journey, and which is good to entrust to a person other than one's confessor.

The Pope emphasized that the important thing is that these are two separate roles. "You go to the confessor so that he may forgive you your sins. You go to the spiritual director to tell him the things that are going on in your heart, the spiritual emotions, the joys, the anger, and what is going on inside you". It is important to be accompanied, to recognize that you need to be accompanied, to "clarify things", to recognize that you need someone to help you understand your spiritual emotions, said the Pope.

Not every question has an answer

Taking his cue from a question on the dialogue between science and faith, the Pope first of all invited priests to be open to the questions of scholars and the anxieties of people and university students, to listen, and to always maintain a positive, open, and humble attitude.

"To be humble, to have faith does not mean having the answer to everything", said the Pope."

That method of defending the faith no longer works, it is an anachronistic method... To have faith, to have the grace to believe in Jesus Christ is to be on the way", he explained. The Pope

also recommended always keeping dialogue open with science, even if one has no answers, and if anything, directing the person to whom one has not been able to answer towards those who can offer more clarification. Dialogue is saying "I cannot explain this to you, but you must go to these scientists, to these people who will perhaps help you", said the Pope.

Falling down, getting back up

Responding to another question, the Pope described life as "a continuous imbalance", because it means walking among many difficulties, falling down, and getting up.

He encouraged his audience not to be afraid of it and to discern, instead, in such daily imbalance, because "in the imbalance, there are God's motions that invite you to something, to the desire to do good". "Knowing how to live in imbalance" leads to "a different equilibrium", a "dynamic equilibrium" governed by God.

Dangers of the Internet

During the meeting with priests and seminarians, the Pope also spoke about his relationship with technology and his discomfort with modern digital tools. He recounted how, as a gift, he received a mobile phone as soon as he was ordained bishop in Argentina, used it for a single phone call to his sister, and immediately returned it.

"It is not my world, but you must use them", he told those present, albeit cautiously. Pope Francis emphasized the dangers of the internet, such as digital pornography, which presents a temptation for many, including religious. "It weakens the soul. It weakens the soul. The devil enters from there: it weakens the priestly heart", he warned.

The Church in the face of war

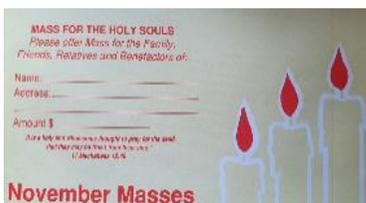
Responding to a Ukrainian priest, the Pope said that the Church, like a mother, suffers in the face of wars "because wars are the destruction of children". The Church, continued the Pope, "must suffer, weep, pray. It must assist people who have had bad consequences, who lose their homes, or war wounds, deaths ... The Church is a mother, and the role first of all is closeness to the people who suffer".

Then, addressing himself directly to the young priest who had asked him the question, the Pope concluded by saying, "You suffer so much, your people, I know, I am close. But pray for the aggressors, because they are more victims like you. You cannot see the wounds in their souls, but pray, pray that the Lord will convert them and that peace will come".

CWF November Parish Appeal – Sunday 6 Nov

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held this Sunday.

The CWF 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.cwf



November Masses

Envelopes for November Masses are available on both tables at the front and side entrances of the church.

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead,
That they may be freed from their sins."

2 Maccabees 12:46

Sunday 10.30am Mass Readers' Roster

Sunday 6 November	Susannah McCaughan and Grant Jones
Sunday 13 November	David Larkin and Fiorella Vayda
Sunday 20 November	Alex Leech and Alexandra Vella
Sunday 27 November	Rebecca Lervre and Jessica Gereis

(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:

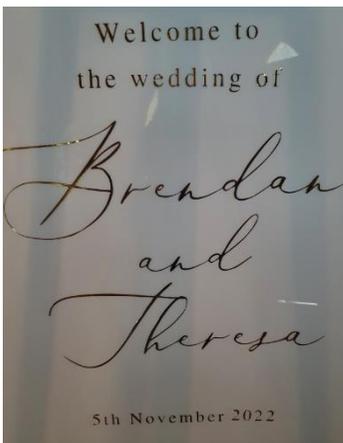
Registration to complete the Online Safeguarding Induction Training via this link

<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.

St Thomas' Willoughby Antioch 40 years reunion – 21 Jan 2023

Maria Dunn is organising the Willoughby Antioch 40 years reunion. If you know of anyone who are past members, please help let them know of this reunion - Willoughby Antioch 40 years Reunion. 21st January 2023 St Thomas' Willoughby. Info: willoughbyantioch@gmail.com



The Parish congratulates Brendan Byrne and Theresa Coyole on their wedding which will take place in Saint Peter's Church at 2:00pm this Saturday. Please pray

that Brendan and Theresa will enjoy a happy married life and the blessings of the generations of children who will be born of their marriage.



Forever faithful in Love - 5th Nov 2022