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### Feast days of the week:

Mon 5 Oct	Saint Faustina Kowalska
Tue 6 Oct	Saint Bruno
Wed 7 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary
Fri 9 Oct	Sts Denis and his Companions, St John Leonardi

### Mass times this week:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: Church will open from 4:00pm, Mass at 5:15pm  
Every Tuesday: Rosary at 12:00 noon

Thursdays and Fridays: Church will open from 12noon, Mass at 1:05pm  
Every Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration 12noon (with Benediction before First Fridays)

Every Friday: Rosary at 12:30pm

Saturdays: 9:00am Rosary followed by Mass at 9:30am

Sundays: 9:00am and 10:30am

Confessions: Before Mass Tuesday to Saturday, particularly Friday 12:30 – 1:00pm  
and Saturday 9 - 9:30am

**PUBLIC ROSARY** - Saturday 10 October, will start on Friday 9 Oct with the Sorrowful Mysteries, followed by the Joyful and Luminous Mysteries – Sat 10 Oct and concluding with the Glorious Mysteries on Sunday 11 Oct (at Our Lady's Shrine)

**RCIA** – This Wednesday evening's topic will be on **The Catholic and Protestant teachings on salvation** between 6 – 7:00pm in the Duffy Hall. All are welcome.

### Evangelium Topics for this Sunday:

Oct 4: Catholics and Politics (*Group discussion*)

## **Pope Francis: Become guardians of life and earth with contemplation and care**

Today in Assisi, Pope Francis will celebrate the feast of his patron saint. He will conclude the “Season of Creation” based on his encyclical *Laudato si* concerning the care of our common home. He will also promulgate his new encyclical *Fratelli tutti* (we are all brothers). Pope Francis continued his catechesis on the current pandemic at his weekly General Audience on Wednesday in the light of the Church’s social doctrine. The Pope stressed the importance of caring for each other and contemplating the world in which we live.

By Vatican News

“Contemplating and caring: these are two attitudes that show the way to correct and re-balance our relationship as human beings with creation.” Those were Pope Francis’ words at the weekly General Audience held in the Courtyard of San Damaso in the Vatican.

### **Care for each other**

Speaking to the faithful gathered on Wednesday, the Pope stressed that in order to come through this pandemic it is necessary to “to look after and care for each other.” “We must support those who care for the weakest, the sick and the elderly,” he said, because they “play a vital role in today’s society, even if they often do not receive the recognition and remuneration they deserve.” This care, Pope Francis went on to say, “must also address our common home.” “All forms of life are interconnected”, he continued, “and our health depends on that of the ecosystems that God created and entrusted to us to care for.”

### **Contemplation best antidote**

“The best antidote against the misuse of our common home is contemplation,” said the Pope. He added, that without contemplation “it is easy to fall prey to an unbalanced and superb anthropocentrism, which gives excessive importance to our role as human beings, positioning us as absolute rulers of all other creatures.” Pope Francis went on to say, “A distorted interpretation of biblical texts on creation has contributed to this misinterpretation, which leads to the exploitation of the earth to the point of suffocating it.” “We believe that we are at the centre, claiming to occupy God’s place; and so we ruin the harmony of His design. We become predators, forgetting our vocation as custodians of life.”

### **Our mission is to care for our common home**

The earth needs to be worked, so as to live, the Pope noted, but it must not be exploited. Instead, our mission, he pointed out, is to care for our common home.

“Our poorest brothers and mother earth lament for the damage and injustice we have caused, and demand we take another course.” Therefore, the Pope underlined, it is important to recover the contemplative dimension. When we do this, Pope Francis explained, people discover the intrinsic value of things given to them by God. Speaking in off the cuff

remarks, the Pope said that those who do not know how to contemplate nature and creation, do not know how to contemplate people in all their richness. And those who exploit nature, end up exploiting people and treating them like slaves. “This is a universal law,” he said.

“Those who know how to contemplate,” he continued, “will more easily set to work to change what produces degradation and damage to health. They will strive to educate and promote new production and consumption habits, to contribute to a new model of economic growth that guarantees respect for our common home.”

### **Guardians of creation**

Those who follow the path of contemplation and caring, emphasized the Pope, “become ‘guardians’ of our common home, guardians of life and hope.” This is needed in order to preserve and protect our common home for future generations, he added.

In particular, he mentioned the indigenous peoples, to whom, he said, “we all owe a debt of gratitude.” But the Pope also spoke of “those movements, associations, popular groups, which are committed to protecting their territory with its natural and cultural values. These social realities are not always appreciated, and at times they are even obstructed; but in reality they contribute to a peaceful revolution, the ‘revolution of care’”.

Concluding his catechesis, the Pope stressed that everyone has a role to play in caring for creation. “Each one of us can and must be a ‘guardian of the common home’, capable of praising God for His creatures, and of contemplating and protecting them.”

## **CANTICLE OF CREATION**

Be praised Good Lord for Brother Sun  
who brings us each new day.

Be praised for Sister Moon: white  
beauty bright and fair, with wandering  
stars she moves through the night.

Be praised my Lord for Brother Wind,  
for air and clouds and the skies of every sea-  
son.

Be praised for Sister Water: humble,  
helpful, precious, pure; she cleanses  
us in rivers and renews us in rain.

Be praised my Lord for Brother fire:  
he purifies and enlightens us.

Be praised my Lord for Mother Earth:  
abundant source, all life sustaining;

she feeds us bread and fruit and gives us flowers.

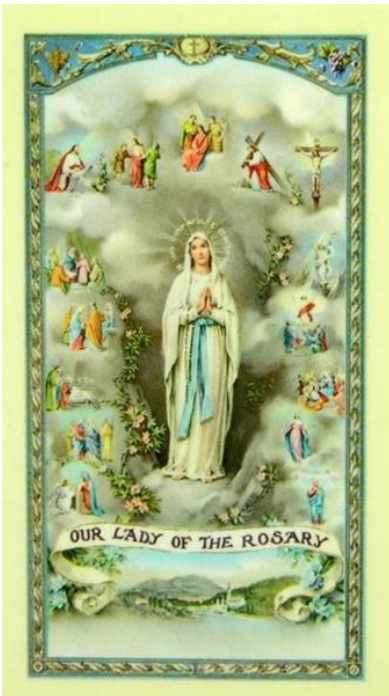




Be praised my Lord for the gift of life;  
for changing dusk and dawn; for touch and scent and song.  
Be praised my Lord for those who pardon one another for  
love of thee,  
and endure sickness and tribulation.  
Blessed are they who shall endure it in peace, for they shall  
be crowned by Thee.  
Be praised Good Lord for sister Death who welcomes us in  
loving embrace.  
Be praised my Lord for all your creation serving you joyfully

Francis of Assisi 1225 AD

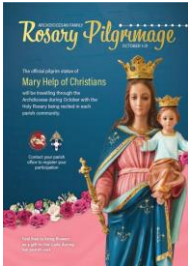
## Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary October 7



Most gentle Mother, bless me as I pray and meditate  
on the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries  
of the Holy Rosary.  
Help me to obtain the graces that  
you have promised for all  
those who consecrate their hearts to you so that I  
may share  
in the splendour of God's kingdom with you  
forever and ever.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us. Amen.

## NOTICES



**October Family Rosary Pilgrimage** – Beginning Oct 1, the statue of Our Lady Help of Christians will be visiting 31 parishes during October, month of the Holy Rosary. In May, Archbishop Fisher consecrated the Archdiocese to Our Lady Help of Christians and we encourage families to pray the Rosary. Pope Leo XIII said that during the month of October to add the Litany of Loreto to the Rosary. A copy of the Archdiocesan Family Rosary Pilgrimage Schedule is available for you to take home. Please remember to book in at the Parish you wish to attend to comply with all Covid guidelines.



**Public Rosary** – Please join us for a nationwide Rosary Chain at this parish to pray for Our Lady of Fatima to intercede for God’s merciful blessing upon Australia. In the words of Saint Padre Pio, “*Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary. For her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces by God pass through the Blessed Mother.*” The Public Rosary will be held on **Saturday, 10 October 2020 at 10:00am.**

***For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Matthew 18:20)***

**World Mission Day - Sunday 18th of October** - World Mission Day, or Mission Sunday, reminds Catholics about their commitment and support for the missionary work of the Church through prayer and sacrifice. On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, Pope Francis released his message for this year’s celebration and said that the Covid-19 pandemic is an opportunity for mission and service to others.

While the present circumstances are a challenge for parishes, your support of the needs of the missionary churches would be very much appreciated.

***Our prayers for the Sick*** – Ettore Pelewzick (*Dominic’s father*) and Callum Geier

***We remember our deceased*** - Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood, Margaret D Hailwood (21/9), Joyce Hailwood & Marge Heaney, Joan McEvoy, June Veronica Hailwood, Abelina Capalihan, Ana Ofelia Sierra Bustamante (22/3), Brian Joseph Hetherington (9/7), Fraivcisco Baptista Deceset (6/9), Lina Cassar, Rosa Chianese (12/9), Robin Bridgewater, Marie La Brooy ((24/9) Genevieve’s mother 3<sup>rd</sup> death anniversary), Charles Grech (25/9) and Ethel & Des Fitzgerald.

**The Cardoner Project** - The Two Wolves Community Cantina, Chippendale (the Catholic-run young adults ministry and Mexican restaurant), is now available for events and functions! Whether you are looking to book a Birthday Party, a Work Christmas Event or a Community



Reunion, we would love to accommodate you. Importantly, all profits go towards supporting the work of The Cardoner Project in Sydney and in the developing world. So, what better place is there to host your function? Enquire today at [events@thetwowolves.com.au](mailto:events@thetwowolves.com.au) for more information. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

### **Covid-19 Archdiocesan/Parish Regulations:**

1. No person who is unwell should come onto the parish property. (Archbishop Fisher's dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation remains in place indefinitely.)
2. A distance of 4 square metres per person is to be maintained inside all parish buildings, including when queuing to receive Holy Communion (*in single file please*).
3. A distance of 1.5 metres between persons is to be maintained outdoors everywhere on the parish property
4. Those persons entering the church who have registered their contact details with the parish are to sign against their name.
5. Those who have not already registered their contact details with the parish, are to write their name and contact details (*phone number and email address*) and sign their name against those same details.
6. **AFTER signing in**, all persons entering the church are to use the hand sanitizer placed on the sign-in table.
7. Please observe the orange markers as to where to sit on each pew.
8. There is no need to sign-out.  
**(If at all possible, please bring your own pen to sign-in)**

Thank you everyone for your co-operation and patience during these abnormal times.

## MUSIC LIST FOR THE 10:30AM MASS

### **Offertory Motet**

*Exaltabo te* - O. de Lassus (1532-1594)

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,  
and have not allowed my enemies to rejoice over me;  
O Lord, I called out unto you,  
and you healed me. (Ps. 29(30): 2-3)

### **Communion Chant**

*In salutari tuo*

My soul aspires after your salvation; I hope in your word;  
when will you judge those who persecute me?  
The wicked are persecuting me;  
come to my assistance, O Lord my God.  
V̇. Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord. (Ps. 118(119): 81, 84, 86; V̇. 1)

### **Communion Motet**

*O Lord, in thy wrath* - O. Gibbons (1583-1625)

O Lord, in thy wrath rebuke me not:  
neither chasten me in thy displeasure.  
Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak:  
O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.  
My soul is also sore troubled:  
but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?  
O save me, for thy mercy's sake.

**Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – 7 October**  
**(originally known as Our Lady of Victory – commemorates the Battle of Lepanto)**



“On October 7, 1571, a great victory over the mighty Turkish fleet was won by Catholic naval forces primarily from Spain, Venice, and Genoa under the command of Don Juan of Austria. It was the last battle at sea between “oared” ships, which featured the most powerful navy in the world, a Moslem force with between 12,000 to 15,000 Christian slaves as rowers. The patchwork team of Catholic ships was powered by the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary” ([Fr Ladis J. Cizik, Blue Army National Executive Director](#)). Fr. Cizik explains, “the feast of October 7th was renamed ‘Our Lady of the Rosary’ and extended throughout the Universal Church by Pope Clement XI in 1716.”