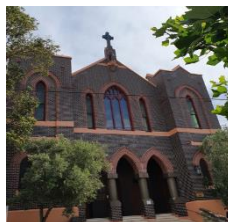




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### Feast days of the week:

Tues 2 Feb	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>
Wed 3 Feb	Saint Angsar, Saint Blaise
Fri 5 Feb	Saint Agatha
Sat 6 Feb	Saints Paul Miki and his Companions
Mon 8 Feb	Saint Jerome Emilian, Saint Josephine Bakhita

### NEW MASS TIMES for this week only:

Mon to Fri: 7:30am

Sat: No Mass

Sundays: 9:00am and 10:30am

### MASS TIMES FROM 8 FEB

Mon: 7:30am

Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat: 10:00am daily

Thur: 5:15pm

Sundays: 9:00am and 10:30am

Every Tuesday: Cenacle (after 10:00am Mass)

Every Thursday: Cenacle at 10:00am

Confessions: Before Mass Tuesday to Saturday especially 9:30am Friday & Saturday

**COVID update** - In keeping with NSW Health directives, anyone attending a church now must wear a **FACE MASK**. Children under the age of 12 are exempt from this rule, but are encouraged to wear face masks where practicable.

NSW Health can impose a \$200 fine on each individual failing to abide by this rule.

**RCIA** – These sessions resume on **Thursday 4 Feb 2021** at 6:00pm in the Duffy Hall. All parishioners are welcome as a way of revising their own knowledge of the faith.

**“The Eucharist ... is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.”**

*Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 47*

**Go Make Disciples** - The plan has come after over five years of consultation with clergy and laity through the ‘Parish 2020’ process, focused on how best to ensure our parishes are true centres of the new evangelisation so they can nurture the faith of future generations of Catholics.

Visit the **Go Make Disciples** website (<http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au>) where you’ll find a downloadable copy of the full plan and a summary version.



**B**lessed are you, Father, who, in your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities.

May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy.

Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation. *Pray for us!*

**GO MAKE DISCIPLES**  
gomakedisciples.org.au

## **Festival of Beauty St Peter’s Parish Surry Hills: 31 Jan - 21 Feb 2021**



**ST PETER'S PARISH**  
**FESTIVAL OF BEAUTY**  
SUNDAYS 12:15PM  
1880 Parish Hall  
REGISTER ONLINE  
[www.stpetersurryhills.org.au](http://www.stpetersurryhills.org.au)

**ART**  
**ARCHITECTURE**  
**MUSIC**  
**LITURGY**

**FRANCIS**  
Francis Xavier Ryan  
18 January

**MARY**  
Mary Magdalene  
19 February

**DAVID**  
David Galilee  
18 January

**PAUL**  
Paul the Apostle  
21 February

St Peter’s Parish Surry Hills will be holding a festival focusing on Aspects of Beauty, in association with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, over four consecutive Sundays, commencing on 31st January. The focus

of the series will be on Art, Architecture, Music and Liturgy by leading theologians, architects and musicians.

The presentations will be held in the 1880 Hall at 12.15 each Sunday. Parishioners are encouraged to bring along friends and acquaintances who could be in need of spiritual rejuvenation through exposure to beauty. All are invited. Due to Covid restrictions, a maximum of 100 people is permitted. Please register via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/festival-of-beauty-registration-136910169001>

A copy of the brochure can be downloaded from the Parish website. You can also click on the homepage slider, you will be led to a registration page for the event. For those who may not be able to attend the talk this Sunday, this event is live streamed via the Parish webpage.

## Annual Catechists Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

The Mass will take place on:

Sunday 7 February at 2:30pm

St Mary's Cathedral

Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Long serving catechists will be acknowledged and awarded for 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 years of catechetical service.

Under COVID-19 restrictions, attendance at the Mass will be limited to no more than 500 people. St Mary's Cathedral will be livestreaming the Mass via its You Tube channel for those unable to attend in person, via this link:

[https://youtu.be/myqi2nC\\_SpQ](https://youtu.be/myqi2nC_SpQ)

**Calling for Volunteers** – Have you considered being a **Catechist** or a **Catechist Helper**? Please email your interest to the Parish office.

Interested to be part of the **St Vincent de Paul Society at St Peter's Parish Surry Hills**? Please email the Parish office if you are keen.

**The Litany of Humility** (*by Merry Cardinal de Val, Secretary of State to Pope Saint Pius X from the prayer book of Jesuits, 1963*)

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

### Deliver me Jesus

From the desire of being esteemed,

From the desire of being loved,

From the desire of being extolled,

From the desire of being honoured,

From the desire of being praised,

From the desire of being preferred to others,  
From the desire of being consulted,  
From the desire of being approved,  
From the fear of being humiliated,  
From the fear of being despised,  
From the fear of suffering rebukes,  
From the fear of being calumniated,  
From the fear of being forgotten,  
From the fear of being ridiculed,  
From the fear of being wronged,  
From the fear of being suspected,

**Jesus grant me the grace to desire it**

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

**‘Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another  
in love.’** (Ephesians 4:2)

***Our prayers for the Sick*** – Ettore Pelewzick (*Dominic’s father*), Mira Krcma and Josephine Finneran

***We remember our deceased*** - Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood, Margaret D Hailwood (21/9), Joyce Hailwood & Marge Heaney, Joan McEvoy, June Veronica Hailwood, Robin Bridgewater, Ethel & Des Fitzgerald, Brian McFadden, Giles Auty, Bernard Saddler, Lydia Garrone (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary 4/12), Elaine Buchhorn, Bro. Kevin Francis Guthrie (28/12), Fr. Solomon Tumba (30/12), Rosa De Jesus, Celestino Simoes, Custodio De Lima (14/1), Francisco Baptista, Mari Do Carmo, Kenneth Finn and Fr. Barry Swift.

## **MUSIC List for 10:30am Sung Mass**

### **Entrance Chant**

*Laetetur cor*

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice;  
seek the Lord and be strengthened;  
seek his face for evermore. (Ps 104(105): 3, 4)

### **Offertory Motet**

*Jesu, Rex admirabilis* - G.P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Jesus, wondrous king  
and noble conqueror,  
unutterable sweetness,  
wholly desirable:

Remain with us, Lord,  
and shine your light upon us,  
drive away the darkness of our minds,  
fill the world with sweetness.

### **Communion Chant**

*Illumina faciem*

Let your face shine down upon your servant,  
deliver me in your mercy.  
Lord, let me not be confounded,  
for I have called upon you.

Ÿ. In you, Lord, do I trust, let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me. (Ps 30(31): 17, 18; Ÿ. 2)

### **Communion Motet**

*Adoro te devote* - plainchant, 17th cent.

I devoutly adore you, hidden Deity,  
who are truly veiled beneath these appearances.  
My whole heart submits to you,  
because in contemplating you, it is fully deficient.

Sight, touch, taste all fail in their judgment of you,  
yet hearing alone suffices firmly to believe.  
I believe all that the Son of God has spoken;  
there is nothing truer than this word of Truth.

On the cross only the divinity was hidden,  
but here the humanity is also concealed.  
Yet, believing and confessing both,  
I ask for what the penitent thief asked.

I do not see wounds as Thomas did,  
but I confess that you are my God.  
Make me believe much more in you,  
to hope in you, and love you.

O memorial of our Lord's death,  
Living Bread that gives life to man,  
grant my soul on you to live,  
and always to savour your sweetness.

Lord Jesus, Good Pelican,  
clean me, the unclean, with your Blood,  
one drop of which can heal  
the entire world of all its sins.

Jesus, whom now I see hidden,  
I ask you to fulfil what I so desire:  
that, the sight of your face being unveiled,  
I may have the joy of beholding your glory. Amen

## **The Presentation of the Lord reminds us of the importance of community**

### **Jan 10, 2020 - Jaime L. Waters**

Today we celebrate Jesus' presentation at the temple. This event is recorded only in the Gospel of Luke and is rooted in the Jewish practices of purification of a mother after childbirth and the offering of the firstborn son. While the event centres on Mary, Joseph and Jesus, two community members support the Holy Family during this celebration.

The tradition described in Luke has its roots in Leviticus 12, which prescribes rules of purification and presentation. In ancient Judaism, after childbirth women were required to be purified before interacting with people and sacred objects. Giving birth to Jesus made Mary ceremonially unclean for 40 days (Lv 12:2-4). For the first seven days, she would avoid contact with people. For an additional 33 days, she would avoid contact with holy objects and the sanctuary. Though this may sound peculiar, it is important to remember that although childbirth was considered a divine blessing, purity regulations like these developed out of concerns and taboos regarding bodily fluids and their relation to religious activities.

At the end of the purification period, Mary and Joseph offered a sacrifice of two pigeons, which was expected from people who could not afford to offer a sheep (Lv 12:8). The parents also present Jesus at the temple, as was customary for all firstborn male children (Ex 13:2). The first and second readings complement this event, as Malachi prophesies about a messenger of the covenant at the temple, and the Letter to the Hebrews recognizes Jesus' participation in Jewish rituals. When Mary and Joseph present Jesus, they encounter two prophetic figures, Simeon and Anna, both of whom recognize the significance of Jesus. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Simeon had received a divine message that he would see the Messiah before his death. Recognizing the Messiah, Simeon takes Jesus into his arms and affirms that he can die having seen the Christ. Simeon asserts that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel" (Lk 2:32). Jesus is the Messiah for both Gentiles and Jews. Mary and Joseph are surprised that this relative stranger recognizes who Jesus is. Simeon blesses the parents and offers a message specifically to Mary that despite his importance, Jesus would be rejected by many.

We also hear about a woman prophet, Anna. Anna's piety is highlighted, as she regularly worships, prays and fasts at the temple. Although there is no quoted speech from Anna, we are told that at the presentation she offers praise and

thanksgiving to God and speaks about Jesus to all who were looking for redemption (Lk 2:38).

Although the Holy Family is central to this feast of the Presentation, Simeon and Anna play vital roles. Simeon publicly confirms Jesus' identity and future ministry, and Anna shares Jesus with the world, proclaiming him to the Gentiles and Jews mentioned in Simeon's prophecy. These community members affirm the significance of Jesus to the world.

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