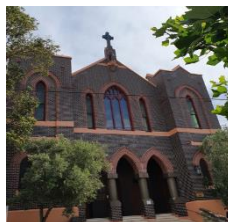




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Feast days of the week:

Mon 8 Feb Saint Jerome Emilian
Saint Josephine Bakhita
Wed 10 Feb Saint Scholastica
Thu 11 Feb Our Lady of Lourdes

MASS TIMES FROM 8 FEB

Mon: 7:30am

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

Thur: 5:15pm

Sundays: 9:00am (Stasia Very and Gabe offering their Music Ministry)
and 10:30am (Sung Mass)

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 11 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

Francis: 'No concession' to those who deny Vatican II teachings - Feb 1, 2021 – Joshua J McElwee

ROME — Pope Francis on Jan. 30 urged those charged with passing on the principles of the Catholic faith to consider the teachings of the Second Vatican Council as sacrosanct, saying that to be Catholic one must adhere to the reforms brought about by the landmark event.

"You can be with the church and therefore follow the council, or you can not follow the council or interpret it in your own way, as you want, and you are not with the church," the pontiff said in a meeting with a group of catechists connected to the Italian bishops' conference.

"The council is the magisterium of the church," said the pope. **"On this point we must be demanding, severe. The council cannot be negotiated. Please, no concession to those who seek to present a catechesis that does not accord with the magisterium of the church,"** he told the catechists.

The Second Vatican Council, called by Pope John XXIII and held in Rome from 1962 to 1965, brought about a number of reforms for the global Catholic Church, including the use of vernacular languages during liturgies and the redefinition of the church as the "People of God."

Francis told the catechists that the church is living through a problem of "selectivity" with regard to the council's teachings, and said it was a similar problem to one experienced after earlier church councils.

The pope mentioned a group of Catholic bishops who decided to create their own church because of disagreements after the First Vatican Council, held in Rome from 1869 to 1870, in an apparent reference to what is now known as the Old Catholic Church.

"I think often about a group of bishops who, after Vatican I, left ... to continue the 'true doctrine' that wasn't that of Vatican I," said the pontiff. "Today, they ordain women," the pope continued, adding: "The severest attitude, to guard the faith without the magisterium of the church, brings you to ruin."

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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.

“ Like the first disciples, some of us are worshippers, some doubters, some a bit of both. Like them, we need to draw close to Jesus if our doubts are to be dispelled”

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

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

**ST PETER'S PARISH
FESTIVAL OF
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31 JANUARY - 21 FEBRUARY
235 Devonshire St. SURRY HILLS

LECTURE 2

Harry Stephens
*Architect & Secretary of the National Liturgical Architecture & Art Council of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.
Former lecturer in architecture at UNSW, lecturing on sacred art and architecture for many years.*

**THE
BEAUTY OF
ARCHITECTURE**
SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

Register on the parish website:
www.stpeterssurryhills.org.au

Lecture 2 for this Sunday is on the Beauty of Architecture, presented by Harry Stephens and will be held in the 1880 Hall at 12.15pm. 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 – Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP will be the principal celebrant at today's Mass to acknowledge the valued contribution of catechists for their service for 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 years. The Mass will take place at 2:30pm

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

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.

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 (1st 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, Fr. Barry Swift, Bishop Emeritus Luc Matthys, Martin Tierney, Arthur Horder and Mila Ignacio.

MUSIC List for 10:30am Sung Mass

Entrance Chant

Venite adoremus

Come, let us worship God and bow down before the Lord;
let us shed tears before the Lord who made us,
for he is the Lord our God. (Ps 94(95): 6, 7)

Offertory Motet

Locus iste WAB 23 - A. Bruckner (1824-1896)

This place is the work of God,
a mystery surpassing all comprehension,
above all reproach.

Communion Chant

Multitudo languentium

A multitude with diseases,
and those who were troubled by unclean spirits, came unto him,
because a power emanated from him which healed them all.
Ÿ. Bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips. (Lk 6: 17, 18, 19; Ÿ. Ps 33(34): 2)

Communion Motet

Laudate Dominum K. 399 no. 5 - W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us;
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever. (Ps 116(117))

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

What We Can Learn from St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of Sudan has much to teach us, especially on our faith journey

Many people suffer because of abuse and oppression. Although helping them often seems like an impossible task, one thing we can always do is pray. We can also seek wisdom from The Holy Trinity, Blessed Mother, The Bible and the saints who have gone before us – all in Jesus' name.

St. Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of Sudan who was born in the Darfur region in 1869, kidnapped, sold into slavery and tortured as a child and teenager before ending up as a beloved nanny to Mimmina Michieli and later as a free, much-loved and revered Canossian Sister and Daughter of Charity, has much to teach us. She has also won graces for people who sought her intercession.

Determination

After she and Mimmina had stayed with the Canossian Sisters of the Institute of the Catechumens in Venice, Bakhita found the courage to refuse to travel further with the Michieli family. Even though she loved them, she went to court to win the right to stay. Joyfully taking the name Josephine, she was baptized, confirmed and received Holy Communion January 9, 1890, and she became a Canossian Sister December 8, 1896. She remained a holy member of the order and a much-loved, faithful Daughter of Charity until her passing February 8, 1947.

Peace

In a February 1993 homily given in Sudan, Pope John Paul II said of then Blessed Josephine Bakhita, "Her Beatification was an act of respect not only for her but also for the Sudan, since *a daughter of this land was put forward as a hero of mercy and of goodwill*. God used her to teach us all the meaning of Jesus' words: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God' (Mt. 5: 9)."

Forgiveness

St. Josephine Bakhita once said, "If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and religious today..."

Hope

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI wrote of St. Josephine Bakhita, "She was known and loved and she was awaited. What is more, this master had himself accepted the destiny of

being flogged and now he was waiting for her “at the Father's right hand.” Now she had “**hope**” —no longer simply the modest hope of finding masters who would be less cruel, but the great hope: ‘I am definitively loved and whatever happens to me—I am awaited by this Love. And so my life is good.’ Through the knowledge of this hope she was “redeemed,” no longer a slave, but a free child of God.”

Trust

Ever since she was a child, St. Josephine Bakhita said she experienced God in her heart without ever knowing who He was. She said, “Seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself: Who could be the Master of these beautiful things? And I felt a great desire to see him, to know Him and to pay Him homage...”

Compassion

At her canonization in 2000, Pope John Paul II said, “In St. Josephine Bakhita we find a **shining advocate of genuine emancipation**. The history of her life inspires not passive acceptance but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence, and to return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights.”

Love

St. Josephine Bakhita was quoted as saying, “**Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!**”

Faith

A prayer to the saint is as follows:

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.

Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us. Amen

Feast Day – 8 Feb 2021



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