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**Sunday Masses:** 9:00am and 10:30am

**Daily Mass:** **Mon:** 7:30am; **Tue - Sat:** 10:00am;

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** **Tues – Thurs:** 5:00pm – 6:00pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:** **Fri:** 5:00pm – 6:00pm

**Confessions:** **Fri:** 5:00pm – 5:45pm; **Sat:** 9:30am - 10:00am

**Holy Rosary:** Daily before Mass

### Feast Days for the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Mon 29 May            The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Wed 31 May           The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thur 1 Jun            Saint Justin, martyr

Sat 3 Jun              Saints Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs

### We Pray For:

**Our sick and injured:** John Rookes, Maximiliano Carias Suriano, (Jacqui's father), Roy Child, Roslyn Furber, Nerissa Williams, Patrick Tomelty, Sophie Marden, Grace Moon, Josephine Finneran, Anna Seow, Ricardo Francisco, Gerry Cassar, Makram Nammour, Ana Teresa Rodrigues, Mafalda Triolo, Marija Barclay.

**Our deceased:** Geoff Stevens, Ana Ofelia Sierra Bustamante (18/3, (Indi's mother)), Philomena Smith, John Rogers, Martin Bonke, Luisa Medina Sanches (First anniversary, 5/2, [Rosa Bravo's mum]), Dannie Southee (23/1/23), Julian Ciappara (First anniversary of death 28/1/22), Miguel Trujillo, (23/3, (Teresa's father)), Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood & Margaret D Hailwood.

**Our Recently Deceased:** Patrick Tomelty (26/5), Adi Soediarlo (10/5)

**Our house bound elderly:** Bernadette Hailwood, Robert Pearce, Joyce Regoski, June Holt, Shirley Kennedy, Anna Maria, Patricia Wells.

**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*

## **Pentecost Sunday: From the treatise "Against the Heresies" by St Irenaeus The sending of the Holy Spirit**

When the Lord told his disciples to go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.



Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit,

were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

### **Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church**, The Marian Fathers, Chris Sparks 24 May 2021

She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod.  
... Then the dragon became angry with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring, those who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus — Rev 12:5, 17.

We've already marked one Mother's Day in May, honouring our earthly mothers. Now, we mark another, supernatural one, honouring the spiritual mother of us all.

Today is the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, a new feast established by Pope Francis, but one that arises from the deepest sources of our faith. It's no accident that it comes on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mother Mary and the apostles gathered in the Upper Room. They'd spent nine days in prayer, making the first novena, starting with the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven and culminating in the extraordinary miracle of the Holy Spirit descending onto the Church, into the hearts of the little remnant of Christians, and beginning the remarkable spread of the Church across the world.

The Church has always seen huge significance in

Mary's presence on Pentecost. Just as she was there in the stable in Bethlehem birthing the physical body of Christ, just so was the Spouse of the Spirit present at Pentecost when the Church was birthed by the coming of the Holy Spirit. Where the physical body of Christ was birthed in water, the Mystical Body of Christ was birthed in fire.++

It's that fire, the Holy Spirit, that is the soul, the animating principle, of the Church. The Church can offer eternal life because she has eternal life. She has the life of God flowing through her members down through the centuries. Her saints can perform miracles because they are sharing in the life and love of God through the Holy Spirit.

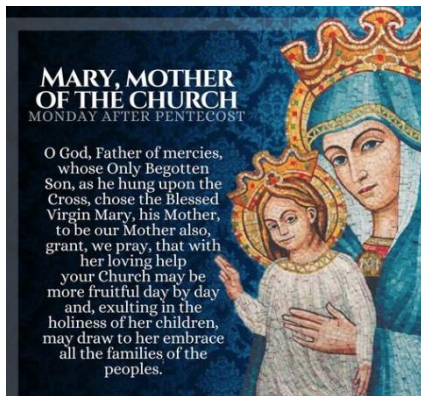
And we get this from our mother.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the greatest of all creatures, the greatest human person to have ever lived. She was chosen by God to be daughter of the Father, mother of the Son, and spouse of the Holy Spirit. Through the Incarnation, Jesus became the Saviour of the world, and so Mary became the Mother of All the Living, of all those who accept the life and love of God offered through Jesus, the Divine Mercy Incarnate.

Mary is the Mother of the Church, of all the members of the Body of Christ, of all of us, every single one of us — and she is mighty to help us. She is the Queen Mother of the King of Kings, the powerful intercessor in the heavenly court of the Son of David. Mary has been entrusted with the role she shares with her Spouse — the Advocate, the Paraclete, the defender in the court of Heaven. Mary is called the Refuge of Sinners for a reason.

Saint Don Bosco [told us](#) that as the Church sails through troubled waters, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, and her Eucharistic Son are the two pillars to which we must hitch ourselves. Our stability is the Star of the Sea and the Son of God. We may suppose that our rope to tie ourselves to Our Lady's assistance is the [Rosary](#).

So let us honour our Heavenly Mother today, and show our love for the Mother of the Church. Let us bring to her all our needs and intentions, especially all the wounds of the Church. Let us talk to Mary about the abuse scandal, about the many sins and failings of many members of the Church, and the wounds these have left on too many souls. Let us come to Our Lady with the problems and challenges facing our efforts at evangelization, especially in the present culture of death. Let us ask Our Lady for her mighty intercession to help overcome every obstacle of the world, the flesh, and the devil barring the way for souls to come to the tremendous grace of God.



## A reflection for the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed

**Virgin Mary**, CatholicOutlook, Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ, 31 May 2022

(31 May is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

The Feast of the Visitation recalls Mary's visit to her ageing cousin Elizabeth. Both had recently and unexpectedly been told that they would bear children who were central to God's plans for Israel. Mary took the demanding journey to the hill country of Judaea to share the good news with her cousin. It was always going to be a joyful meeting, one marked by the courtesy of both women.

Courtesy, a virtue with an old-fashioned ring, was the title of a poem by Hilaire Belloc, a notable English Catholic writer. In the verses of the poem he described the quality of courtesy evident in the feasts of Mary's Annunciation, Visitation and the Birth of Jesus. In the opening verse he praises courtesy:

*Of Courtesy, it is much less  
Than Courage of Heart or Holiness,  
Yet in my Walks it seems to me  
That the Grace of God is in Courtesy.*

In a later verse he speaks of Mary's visit to Elizabeth as an expression of courtesy:

*Our Lady out of Nazareth rode –  
It was Her month of heavy load;  
Yet was her face both great and kind,  
For Courtesy was in Her Mind.*

Courtesy is the perfect word to describe Luke's account of the Visitation. It is courtesy for a young woman in her own pregnancy to think of her older relative, and to take the trouble to make a hard journey into the hill country to visit her. It was also courteous of her to recognise Elizabeth's pregnancy as a gift to be celebrated and not merely as a passing event in her human life. She saw Elizabeth's pregnancy as part of God's plan for Israel and the world in which her son would have a significant part. The visit itself flowed into her deep gratitude to God for her own gift and into the mutual gratitude for sharing in one another's gifts – another mark of courtesy.

Mary's visit to Elizabeth concludes with a song of thanksgiving for the privilege that God had given her in asking her to be the mother of the Messiah. It also expressed a passionate hope for the world beyond her own. This hope, which reaches far beyond her own future and stretches to the transformed world in which the poor would be justly treated and God would rule, is also an expression of courtesy. Courtesy broadens and deepens our attention to the people and world around us.

As Belloc says in his introductory verse, courtesy is usually regarded as a domestic virtue. In Mary's Visitation, however, it is shown to be far-reaching in its effects. Courtesy links us to other people in intimate ways. It blesses our close relationships and contributes to looking on our intimate blessings with gratitude. Our concern for others and our gratitude to them, however, spreads beyond our immediate world and makes us want to be part of God's plan for our universe.





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## MOMENT OF MARIAN PRAYER



TO ENTRUST TO MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, THE WORK OF THE XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL  
WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2023

5.30PM MASS FOLLOWED BY THE PRAYING OF THE HOLY ROSARY, THE LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, AND PRAYER TO MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

## Call to prayer for the global Synod on the Feast of the Visitation

Dioceses across Australia have been asked to join together for a time of prayer on Wednesday 31 May on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We will entrust the work of the upcoming Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to Our Lady on this special feast day.

Resources are being developed to support parishes which will be shared online. [View With Mary - Sharing Synodal Resources](#)

## With the Blessed Virgin Mary towards the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops



*Mary, the mother of God, is always with us on the synodal path, for she is also 'Mother of the Church' (Mater Ecclesiae); mother of all those who are companions and disciples of her son. Whenever we are feeling lost, confused, or hesitant about the way, we only have to look to her to point out the way. Mary does not speak. She does not need to. She only needs to direct our gaze to her son. In her wordless gesture, she sums up the whole mission of the Church. Even when the People of God are 'in via'—on the journey—they are always in mission. The two cannot be separated, for there is but one way and one object of our desire, one source of our life and our hope: Jesus Christ.*

*(Towards a spirituality for synodality, p.45)*

## Archbishop Prowse says hospital takeover sets dangerous precedent, CathNews, 25 May 2023

The actions of the ACT Government to compulsorily acquire the Calvary Public Hospital creates a dangerous and unpredictable precedent, writes Canberra-Goulburn Archbishop Christopher Prowse. Source: *The Australian*.

The Government states its plan to take over the hospital is not an attack on "religion", and that it was not due to Catholic opposition to anti-life processes and procedures.

If opposition to religion in the public sphere is not the reason, then I have to question the reasons offered by the Government. Does it seek greater integration of public health facilities in the ACT? Does it want to commit substantial money to a new hospital it can own, build and operate?

At the same time, ACT Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith has frequently stated that Calvary has provided excellent healthcare; that there are no clinical concerns with the current model;

and that Calvary has been greatly valued by the Canberra community for 44 years. These statements give rise to two questions: What is the problem? And why is this the solution? We are seeing an experiment playing out in real-time with real impact for the lives of real people. It will have a substantial impact on the lives of clinicians and other staff. I believe the haste means patients will be at risk in the Bruce Public Hospital. It has wider and deeper implications.

As an Australian citizen, I ask if this can be done in a matter of weeks in the ACT, what prevents other governments acting to improve integration and efficiency in other jurisdictions? What prevents the Andrews Government procuring St Vincent's Public Hospital Melbourne? The Minns Government doing the same to St Vincent's Public in Sydney or the Palaszczuk Government taking over the Mater Public Hospital in Brisbane? What prevents any government making a similar grab for education or welfare services to meet their own agendas?

FULL STORY: [Calvary takeover is only the latest public attack on religion, writes Canberra Archbishop Christopher Prowse](#) (*The Australian*)

### Sunday 10:30am Mass Readers' Roster

Sunday 28 May	<b>John and Patrizia O'Brien</b>
Sunday 4 Jun	James and Geneviève McCaughan
Sunday 11 Jun	Jessica Gereis and Rebecca Lerve

(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.

### Evangelium

Sunday 28 May	<b>Rev. Prof. Gerard Kelly on "Lumen Gentium and Synodality"</b>
Sunday 4 Jun	Surry Hills Community BBQ

### Enough with fossil fuels, Pope says in latest climate appeal, Reuters, May 25, 2023

VATICAN CITY, May 25 (Reuters) - The world must rapidly ditch fossil fuels and end "the senseless war against creation", Pope Francis said on Thursday, in a fresh plea over climate change that called on people to repent for their "ecological sins".

Francis has made the protection of the environment a cornerstone of his pontificate, noting in his landmark 2015 "Laudato Si, mi' Signore" ("Praised be to you, my Lord") encyclical that the planet was "beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth".

In a message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, he said a U.N. climate summit meeting in Dubai on Nov. 30-Dec.12 "must listen to science and institute a rapid and equitable transition to end the era of fossil fuel".



"According to the commitments undertaken in the Paris Agreement to restrain global warming, it is absurd to permit the continued exploration and expansion of fossil fuel infrastructures," he added.

"The unrestrained burning of fossil fuels and the destruction of forests are pushing temperatures higher and leading to massive droughts," Francis said, also criticising oil and gas fracking and "unchecked mega-mining projects".

Francis, an Argentine who is the first pope to hail from the so-called Global South, denounced global inequalities and said that "consumerist greed, fuelled by selfish hearts, is disrupting the planet's water cycle".

Through the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Catholics are urged to offer special prayers for the planet. It is observed on Sept. 1, but it is customary for the papal message linked to it to be released months in advance.

As well as quoting from "Laudato Si", the document cites previous popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI, indicating that Francis' pro-environment focus stands in continuity with his more conservative predecessors.

### **Laudato si' Movement: Justice for our planet means peace for our people**, Francesca Merlo, 25/05/2023

As Pope Francis releases his message for the 2023 World Day for a Care of Creation, Tomas Insua, Executive Director of the Laudato Si' Movement stresses the importance of these two days being used to fight the injustices and lack of peace our people and planet face.

With the crisis our common home is facing it is essential that we tackle both the spiritual roots and the material drivers of this ecological crisis. Tomas Insua, Executive Director of the Laudato si' Movement, stressed this point on Thursday whilst presenting Pope Francis' Message for the upcoming World Day for Care of Creation, celebrated annually on 1 September. But although the material injustices are evident in politically driven conflicts across the globe as is the exploitation of poorer nations, the spiritual roots of the crisis may be less clear to some.

Pope appeals for a renewal of our relationship with Creation

**Spiritual roots:** The spiritual roots are "the detachment from the real world", explains Tomas Insua, in particular, he elaborates on the fact that "we no longer see it [the planet] as a sacred gift from God...but rather we see it as an object to be exploited".

We must lose this underlying need to wipe out the natural world, he continues, before going on to recall St Francis of Assisi. "If we met someone today, who like St Francis did, calls the trees his brothers and the birds his sisters, the reaction would be to ask 'What's going on with you?'. But the reality, Insua adds, is that "if we had that same understanding of creation that St Francis did, we would treat our world very differently indeed".

**An ecological conversion:** "We are being called to what Pope Saint John Paul II described as an ecological conversion", he explains. This conversion must come from within, and from seeing what is happening around us with different eyes, says Tomas Insua. He explains that the theme for the World Day for Care of Creation, *Let the River of Justice and Peace Flow*, is an invitation to do precisely that. "Justice and peace have everything to do with climate and creation", he says. The ecological crisis and the climate emergency show injustice, as "the poor, ironically, are the ones who contributed the least to the climate crisis, are the ones most hard hit. But not only is it an injustice towards the poor, but we are also doing injustice towards our children and their children after them," Insua notes.

**Conflict deriving from environmental degradation:** On the theme of peace, he continues, aside from the war against creation, there are many conflicts which are closely related to environmental degradation. "For example, the upheaval in Syria started from severe drought". Syria is now facing one of the world's worst humanitarian crises and has been at war for over ten years. So, yes, justice and peace, continues Tomas Insua..."Justice and peace for our planet, so that we may have justice and peace for our people".

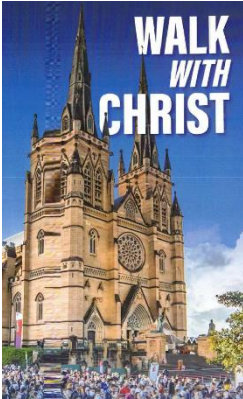


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**WALK WITH CHRIST**

### WHY HAVE A PROCESSION?

In a Eucharistic procession a priest or a bishop carries a monstrance (an ornamental container used to hold the Eucharist), which at its centre holds the living presence of Jesus Christ. During a procession, Jesus Christ comes among us in humility and in love. We use incense to signify adoration to God as well as our prayers rising heavenwards.

A procession allows us to give public witness to this central belief of Catholic faith: the intimate presence of God in the world, His merciful love for all and His invitation to us to journey with Him into eternal life. **EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD:** More information regarding some prominent Eucharistic Miracles can be found at: <https://bit.ly/2WGY4PU>

## The Blessed Sacrament The Bread of Life



### WHO IS THE EUCHARIST?

Catholics believe that the Eucharist, also known as the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Communion, is truly Jesus Christ under the form of bread and wine.  
 Pope Francis said of the Eucharist:

*"It is Jesus, it is Jesus who saved me, it is Jesus who comes to give me the strength to live. It is Jesus, Jesus alive!"*



“ Behold this Heart which has so loved that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself in order to testify its love. ”

— JESUS TO ST MARGARET MARY ALOCCOQUE

*Jesus, you are real. You know me and you love me! I turn to you so that I may receive the gift that you long to give me - the gift of your peace, joy, freedom, mercy and love. I trust in you, and ask you for the faith to be able to recognise you in the Eucharist, where you make yourself present to me and invite me into your Heart.*

Jesus is present in every tabernacle in every Catholic church around the world. You are always welcome to spend time with Him as He awaits your response to His love and mercy!