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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 Fifth Week of Easter (Year A)

Wed 10 May Saint John de Avila, priest, doctor

Fr 12 May Saint Nereus and Saint Achilleus, martyrs

Sat 13 May Our Lady of Fatima

We Pray For:

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

Our deceased: Tony Falzun (12/4, (Fr Nick's brother)), Ana Ofelia Sierra Bustamante (18/3, (Indi's mother)), Philomena Smith, John Rogers, Robert Azzopardi (First anniversary, 7/3, [Pauline Ciappara's nephew]), 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 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*

Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker: May is the month of Mary, but let us not forget Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Holy Mother Church, in fact, begins the month of May by honouring Saint Joseph in her Sacred Liturgy under his title of St Joseph the Worker. - (Fr John)

St Joseph the Worker (Feast day 1 May) - St Joseph the Carpenter (1640s) by Georges de la Tour (1593-1652), Musée du Louvre, Paris.



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The feast of Saint Joseph the Worker is not a mere Catholic copying of the Communist First of May – any more than Christmas is a mere copy of the pagan feast of Saturnalia. The dates are taken over, for obvious reasons; but the content is radically different.

The Christian view of work is the opposite of the materialist view. A worker such as St Joseph is not a mere lump of labour – “1.00 human work units.” He is a person. He is created in God’s own image, and just as creation is an activity of God, so creation is an activity of the worker. The work we do echoes the glorious work that God has done. It may not be wasted; or abused; or improperly paid; or directed to wrong or pointless ends. To do any of these things is not oppression, it is sacrilege. The glory of the present economic system is when it gives so many, of whatever class, the chance to build and create something

worthwhile, whether from their own resources, or in collaboration with others, or by attracting investment from others. But its shame is when that does not happen: when people are coerced, by greed or by poverty, into being “lumps of labour.” Whether the labour is arduous or not makes no difference; whether it is richly paid or not makes no difference.

Because she must combat the anti-humanist Communist heresy the Church is sometimes thought to be on the side of capital. Reading the successive Papal encyclicals on labour and society, from *Rerum Novarum* (1891) onwards, will soon dispel that illusion. The enemies of the Church have no reason to read them; all too often we feel too comfortable in our present economic state and refrain from reading them also.

Our Lady of Fatima’s 3 Secrets: What You Should Know About the Fatima Centennial, Jethro Higgins, 10 May 2017 (Feast day 13 May)

Who is Our Lady of Fatima?

Our Lady of Fatima is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in connection with her apparitions to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady of Fatima told the shepherd children to pray the rosary daily for the end of the war (World War I). Mary continued to appear once a month for 6 months to the three children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. In October of 1930, the Bishop of Leiria-Fátima approved the visions as “worthy of belief.”

Timeline and Summary of the Message of Fatima:

Angelic apparitions of Fatima

- **The first angelic visit – Spring 1916:** The Angel teaches the shepherd children how to pray.
- **The second angelic visit – Summer 1916:** The Angel reveals himself as the Angel of Portugal and motivates the children to continue praying and to offer as a sacrifice their suffering to the Lord.
- **The third angelic visit – Autumn 1916:** The Angel brings communion to the shepherd children and asks them to make reparation for the crimes of “ungrateful men.”



Marian apparitions

- **The first Marian apparition of Fatima – May 13th 1917:** Mary asks the children to return on the 13th each month for 6 months. Mary tells the children they will suffer much, but will reach Heaven. She then asks the children to say the rosary every day to bring peace to the world.
- **The second Marian apparition of Fatima – June 13th 1917:** Mary asks the children to add the Fatima prayer to the end of each decade of the Rosary. They ask for her to take them to Heaven and she replies “Soon I will take Jacinta and Francisco, but Lucia is to stay a while longer.”
- **The third Marian apparition of Fatima – July 13th 1917:** Mary shows the children a vision of Hell and reveals that God wishes for there to be a great devotion the Mary’s Immaculate Heart to save souls from Hell. She then predicted the Second World War and the persecution of the faithful in Russia warning that without prayer and consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart “she [Russia] will spread her errors throughout the entire world, fomenting wars and persecution of the Church.”
- **The fourth Marian apparition of Fatima – August 19th 1917:** The local administrator imprisons the children to prevent them from making their appointment with Mary. 6 days later she appears to them in a pasture and asks them, **“Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners. For many souls go to Hell because there is no one to pray for them.”**
- **The fifth Marian apparition of Fatima – September 13th 1917:** A crowd witnesses white rose petals falling from the sky and then disappearing as Lucia asked Our Lady of Fatima



to cure the sick. She replies that only some will be cured while the Lord “has no confidence” in others who were not healed.

- **The sixth Marian apparition of Fatima – October 13th 1917:** 70,000 – 100,000 people witness “The Miracle of the Sun” from up to 10 miles away. Secular news reporters present for the miracle reported unexplainable phenomenon. Mary reveals herself as the Lady of the Rosary and says, “People must amend their lives, ask forgiveness for their sins and not offend Our Lord any more for He is already too much offended.”

What happened to the shepherd children?

- Francisco dies of the flu at age 11 – 1919
- Jacinta dies of complications of the flu at age 10 – 1920
- Lucia leaves Fatima for boarding school – 1921
- Lucia becomes Sr. Mary of the Sorrowful Mother – October 3rd 1934
- Lucia joins the Discalced Carmelites taking the name Sister Maria Lucia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart – May 31st 1949



Our Lady of Fatima appears to Lucia

Mother Mary continued to appear to Sr. Lucia many times, but three particular instances stand out.

- Request for the 1st Saturday devotion – December 10th 1925
- Request to spread the First Saturday Devotion – February 15th 1926
- Request for the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – June 1929

The 3 Secrets

Many people may have heard of the secrets of Fatima. There are three of these so-called secrets which were parts of the message Mary revealed to the shepherd children that were not immediately made public. This is especially true with the third secret of Fatima, which Lucia only revealed when directly ordered to do so by her bishop in an act of holy obedience. The three secrets of Fatima are:

1. A vision of the souls in Hell.
2. Prediction of the end of WWI and a prediction of the beginning of WWII as well as a request to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
3. A vision of the Pope, along with other bishops, priests, religious and lay people, being killed by soldiers.

Pope Benedict XVI, then Cardinal Ratzinger, cautioned the faithful against reading the third secret in a way that predicts a future event. Many theories arose around the publishing of the third secret, and Cardinal Ratzinger responded to these theories by saying.

“The purpose of the vision is not to show a film of an irrevocably fixed future. Its meaning is exactly the opposite: it is meant to mobilize the forces of change in the right direction. Therefore we must totally discount fatalistic explanations of the “secret”, such as, for example, the claim that the would-be assassin of 13 May 1981 was merely an instrument of the divine plan guided

by Providence and could not therefore have acted freely, or other similar ideas in circulation. Rather, the vision speaks of dangers and how we might be saved from them.”

Responding to Our Lady

- The faithful begin praying the Fatima Prayer at the end of each decade of the Rosary following the approval of Fatima by the Church – October 1930
- Pope Pius XII consecrates “the world and Russia” to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – 1942
- Pope John Paul II consecrates “the world including Russia” to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – 1984



Celebrations for the Our Lady of Fatima Centennial

The most notable celebration of the Fatima centennial will no doubt be the canonization of two of the visionaries of Fatima, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, as saints by Pope Francis during his visit to Portugal. Excluding martyrs, Francisco and Jacinta will be the youngest saints ever canonized. It will take some time before Lucia can be canonized as she was much older and lived a longer life filled with works and writings that must be reviewed before the Church can declare her a saint.

Many parishes and diocese all around the world are planning special celebrations to commemorate this 100th year anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Here in our own Archdiocese of Portland, in Oregon, Archbishop Alexander Sample will preside over a Fatima celebration, following a pilgrimage from five different locations throughout Portland, which will converge on St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

A call to prayer

Our Lady of Fatima urgently desired for all of faithful to pray daily for the salvation of poor sinners, and for the whole world. That message from Our Mother Mary is a challenge – no matter where you are in your own personal prayer life – to go deeper, to pray often, and with greater fervour.

Some of us may not pray all that often except when in great need. Now, on this 100th anniversary of the first appearance of Our Lady of the Rosary, perhaps it is time to dust off that rosary that has been sitting on the shelf since it was received at Confirmation.

Others of us may have a deep devotion to the rosary already, in which case the message of Fatima calls us to approach our prayer life with a new ardour. This new ardour would look differently for each individual, but may include things like adopting new devotional practices, recommitting ourselves to attentiveness during times of prayer, or perhaps even increasing the frequency of times dedicated to the Lord and Our Lady in prayer.

Help spread Our Lady's message in any way you can for poor souls and for the whole world.

Penance, penance, penance

Pray, pray, pray!



O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

Our Lady of Fatima.

Pray for Us!

Pope Francis on Church unity: Pope Francis says that solutions to loss of faith “Come From the Tabernacle, Not the Computer” Tyler Arnold/CNA Vatican April 28, 2023

Speaking on Friday afternoon on the first day of his three-day visit to Hungary’s historic capital, Pope Francis acknowledged the many reasons for Christians to feel disheartened today, including the rise of secularism and a corresponding decline of faith in the West.

Pope Francis on Friday encouraged clergy and others discouraged by a shortage of priests and ebbing faith in the West to pray for God’s help, saying the solutions will “come from the tabernacle and not the computer.”



“I want to assure you that good pastoral ministry is possible if we are able to live as the Lord has commanded us, in the love that is the gift of his Spirit,” the Pope said, speaking to an audience of approximately 1,000 Hungarian priests, seminarians, and pastoral workers gathered in St. Stephen’s Co-Cathedral in Budapest.

“If we grow distant from one another, or divided, if we become hardened in our ways of thinking and our different groups, then we will not bear fruit,” he warned. “It is sad when we become divided, because, instead of playing as a team, we start playing the game of the enemy: bishops not communicating with each other, the old versus the young, diocesan priests versus religious, priests versus laity, Latins versus Greeks.”

Such divisions lead to polarization along entrenched ideological lines, the Holy Father said. “No! Always remember that our first pastoral priority is to bear witness to communion, for God is communion and he is present wherever there is fraternal charity,” he said.

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But the Pope stressed that Christians “must always be on guard” not to yield to the temptation to become defeatists “who insist that all is lost, that we have lost the values of bygone days and have no idea where we are headed.”

There is another, equally dangerous temptation, he said: “a comfortable conformism that would have us think that everything is basically fine, the world has changed and we must simply adapt.” To combat “bleak defeatism and a worldly conformism,” Pope Francis said, “the Gospel gives us new eyes to see” as well as discernment that enables us to “approach our own time with openness, but also with a prophetic spirit.” He added that we are called to “prophetic receptivity.”

“Prophetic receptivity is about learning how to recognize the signs of God in the world around us, including places and situations that, while not explicitly Christian, challenge us and call for a response,” the Holy Father said. “At the same time, it is about seeing all things in the light of the Gospel without yielding to worldliness, as heralds and witnesses of the Christian faith.”

Pope Francis said people can accomplish this by “bringing the Lord’s consolation to situations of pain and poverty in our world, being close to persecuted Christians, to migrants seeking hospitality, to people of other ethnic groups and to anyone in need.”

The Church must aspire to be “capable of mutual listening, dialogue, and care for the most vulnerable” and “welcoming to all and courageous in bringing the prophetic message of the Gospel to everyone,” the Holy Father said.

“Christ is our future, for he is the one who guides all history. Your confessors of the faith were firmly convinced of this: the many bishops, priests, religious women and men martyred during the communist persecution. They testify to the unwavering faith of Hungarians,” Pope Francis said.

“Our lives, for all their frailty, are held firmly in his hands. If ever we forget this, we, clergy and laity alike, will end up seeking human ways and means to defend ourselves from the world, either withdrawing into our comfortable and tranquil religious oases, or else running after the shifting winds of worldliness. In both cases, our Christianity will lose its vigour, and we will cease to be the salt of the earth.”

Sunday 10:30am Mass Readers’ Roster

Sunday 7 May	Brendan and Theresa Byrne
Sunday 14 May	Rose Ly-Schmitz and Grant Jones
Sunday 21 May	Alex Leach and Annalouisse Aryati Abraham-Jacob
Sunday 28 May	John and Patrizia O’Brien

(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 14 May	Fr John Flader on Original Sin, Redemption, Atonement and Salvation in the context of his new book “The Final Exam”
Sunday 21 May	Vonnie on Pope Saint John Paul II
Sunday 28 May	Rev. Dr. Gerard Kelly on Lumen Gentium and Synodality

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.

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Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

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envelope at Mass next Sunday. Please give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!



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“ Fatima Day is a sort of spiritual Anzac Day and a spiritual Armistice Day. The message on this day was straightforward: pray the Rosary every day for the peace of the world. ”
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Feast of OUR LADY of FATIMA
As we prepare for WYD Lisbon, August 2023
Saturday 13 May
9pm at St Mary's Cathedral
Followed by Procession to Cathedral Forecourt

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima procession: St Mary's Cathedral

As we prepare for World Youth Day Lisbon, August 2023
Saturday 13 May

Mass at 6pm

Procession afterwards at cathedral forecourt

Procession for the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians (Feast day 24 May)

You are invited to join Bishop Danny Meagher on Saturday 20th May at Saint Peter's Surry Hills for a 10:00am Mass to celebrate the Feast of Mary Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia followed by a Pilgrim blessing. Bishop Danny will be leading the procession to St Mary's Cathedral. There will be a 12pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral.

PROCESSION FOR THE FEAST OF

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA

Peace through Prayer with Bishop Daniel Meagher

SATURDAY 20 MAY 2023

10AM MASS AT ST PETER'S SURRY HILLS
Followed by Pilgrims Blessing by Bishop Daniel Meagher. Then join us as he leads us on a street procession to St Mary's Cathedral.

12PM MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
In Honour of Mary Help of Christians

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