CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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Mass Times
Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sun: 8am & 10am
Mon to Fri: 9:00am
Sat: 9:30am

Family Mass with **Children's Liturgy**
3rd Sunday of the Month 10am Mass

Family Rosary & Morning Tea - 2nd Sunday of the Month after 10am Mass in the Church Hall

Filipino Mass
1st Sun 11:30am

Il Gruppo di Rosario Italiano Il gruppo di preghiera Italiano, si raduna ogni giovedi alle ore 10 nella salla parrocchiale.

Sacraments
Confession
Sat 8:30-9:20am, 4:45pm or any time by appointment

Baptism
Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday 11.15am

Marriage
At least 6 months notice required

Anointing of the Sick
Any time on call

Devotions
Holy Hour & Rosary
Sunday - Friday before morning mass

Rosary & Benediction
Sat 8:30-9:30am

Elsa George Rosary Group Second Saturday of the month at 2.30pm 9716 6676 All welcome

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday 7pm

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion are postponed until next term.

Deacon Louis has already phoned and sent a letter to the parents advising them when the First Reconciliation and preparation for the First Communion will be scheduled.

Memory Card is found in front of the altar near the lectern.

Planned Giving Envelope

FY 2019-2020 receipts now available. The envelopes (receipts) are on the small table at the back of the church.
Also, please return urgently the **Form** for the Planned Giving Envelope and tick/sign whether you are opting for **30% Tax Deduction** or **No Tax Deduction.**

ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program is flexible, allowing you to participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.
Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world.
Cost: FREE
Registration: Available from Monday 29th June
Event Program: Available from Saturday 15th August, 2020
Go to: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

This event will be televised on a large screen at St Joseph's Parish Enfield on Saturday 15th August 2020. Please see Deacon Louis for details.

Natural Fertility Awareness Week from 17th to 23rd August – Are you wondering how you can find out more about your reproductive health during these times of isolation and social distancing?
Billings LIFE has the answer!! Why not learn how to track your fertility using, Fertility Pinpoint™- it's more than an App! It is an online service that provides you with your own personal accredited Billings Ovulation Method® tutor who can help you learn how to track your unique cycles and recognise your fertility and infertility on a daily basis – all remotely and safely.
Billings Ovulation Method® is scientifically validated and simple to use. It's the healthy alternative.
For more information check the website: www.fertilitypinpoint.com and start to take control of your life.

Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week
(10 - 15 August 2020)

Mon	10/8	St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
Tue	11/8	St Clare, virgin
Wed	12/8	St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious
Thu	13/8	Sts Pontian, pope, martyr and Hippolytus, priest, martyr
Fri	14/8	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr
Sat	15/8	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15th August Solemnity

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined as a truth revealed by God that the Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, when the course of her life on earth was finished, was taken up body and soul into heaven. Such is the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
Born in Poland and became a Franciscan. On July 31, 1941, in reprisal for one prisoner's escape, ten men were chosen to die. Fr. Kolbe offered himself in place of a young husband and father. And he was the last to die, enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst, and neglect. He was canonized in 1981 by Pope John Paul II.

St Lawrence

St Clare

St Jane Frances de Chantal

Aid to the Church In Need - Fundraiser on 10th anniversary of MacKillop Canonisation
17 October 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Australia's first Saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. In celebration, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia is proud to have commissioned a commemorative set of Rosary Beads. All proceeds from the sale of these beads will directly support needy religious sisters around the world who - like Mary MacKillop -continue to take care of all people in so many ways. Please see the Bulk Order Form on the bulletin board.

"Courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."

When I went to Japan about three years ago, one of the places I really wanted to see was a small wooden hut where a doctor and his two young children had lived. The hut was made of timber salvaged from the ruins of Nagasaki after it had experienced the atomic bomb on August 9th 1945- 75 years ago this Sunday. The doctor was Takashi Nagai and it his extraordinary story that I want to share with you today as a profound example of the truth of Jesus' words to his disciples as they faced death in the storm that threatened to overwhelm them.

Nagai was born in 1908 and, as an exceptionally bright young man, had followed his father's example by studying to become a doctor. At university he experienced his first conversion-to atheism. He rejected the traditional religion of his family as superstitions from a pre-scientific age in favour of a 'modern' materialistic attitude to life that was more fashionable among his contemporaries. This attitude was shaken when he had to suddenly return home as his beloved mother lay dying. Sitting with his mother at her bedside, he later wrote, *"I was so sure that there was no such thing as a soul but my mother's eyes told me that the human spirit lives after death. I could not but believe this. My mother in that last penetrating gaze knocked down the ideological framework I had constructed."*

His studies had introduced him to the writings of Blaise Pascal, a seventeenth century French Catholic scientist and philosopher. One of Pascal's sayings struck him as being very true to life *"There is enough light for those who desire only to see and enough darkness for those of a contrary disposition."* He would experience for himself how dark this darkness could be when he was called up to serve as a doctor in the Japanese army in 1933 and 1937 when Japan invaded China.

He experienced the light that he was searching for through the family that he had boarded with as a student. They were a Catholic family whose ancestors had experienced centuries of persecution. Through them and the love of their daughter Midori, who he was later to marry, he came to accept their faith as the answer to his questions and was baptised. He wrote of his first experience of Mass, *"I felt instinctively that there was a living presence in that community."*

During the Second World War Nagai worked as a radiologist, exposing himself to dangerous levels of radiation because of a wartime shortage of xray film. When he told Midori that he only had three years to live, the faith behind her reaction to this terrible news so impressed him that he wrote *"I can now face death because Midori is beside me."* Midori however did not survive the atomic bombing of Nagasaki. Her death and the death of so many others, the devastation that he saw around him and the experience of defeat and humiliation –all these he would face with the spirit of courage Christ tells us to have, not the spirit of despair, resignation or fear.

"In a flash," he wrote, *"I had a change of heart."* Soon after the bombing, he set up an emergency hospital, together with other doctors and nurses, for the thousands of wounded survivors and restored hope by ringing the bell of the devastated cathedral. He would later say of this time in his life, *"Walking with God through Nagasaki's nuclear wasteland has taught me the depth of God's friendship."* Until his death in 1951, he lived in the hut his friends had built for him which he named Nyokodo, the first words in Japanese of Jesus' commandment to "Love others as you love yourself." The books he wrote in that hut, in constant pain and under very difficult conditions, inspired people of all beliefs throughout the world earning him the title "the Ghandi of Japan."

Takashi Nagai is now honoured as a "Servant of God," the first step on the path to being declared a saint.

Reference: Paul Glynn **A Song for Nagasaki** Ignatius Press 2009

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With St Paul of the Cross we pray …

For the sick
Lourdes Tee
Fr Jim Duggan
Paul Weber
Kevin Russell
Pat Allport
Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat
Martin Welfare
Frank Katra
Francheska Bechara

Recently Deceased

Death Anniversary

For the Souls

All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions
Berta Osorio
Ian Pinto
Rian Galliott