



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

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

4 July 2021

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SCHOOL**



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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...”

One of my favourite TV shows when I was growing up was an action drama called Mission: Impossible. Each program would begin in the same way: a secret agent would receive a recorded message with his mission. This would outline an almost impossible task eg finding and rescuing another secret agent who was ‘somewhere in Siberia’.

When we look at the way the life and mission of Jesus are presented in the gospels, we could say that he too was engaged in an impossible mission. We see this in this Sunday's Gospel where Jesus is rejected by his own home town of Nazareth. They accepted the fact that he had worked miracles and they appreciated the depth of his understanding and the power of his teaching but they rejected him. Why?

Trying to understand their reasons for rejecting Jesus can give us an understanding of who Jesus is and what he came to give us. It also points us towards our own share in Jesus' prophetic mission because, in response to their rejection, Jesus quoted the saying, *“A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house.”* This links him to the way in which he is introduced at the beginning of Mark's Gospel through John the Baptist who had said that someone more powerful than he was coming who would baptise *“not with water but with the Holy Spirit”*.

What they could not accept was that someone who was ‘one of them’ was unique and worthy of a special relationship. They knew him; they knew his family. They knew that he had worked as a handyman in the town, someone who *“cannot expound discipline or judgement and is not found among the rulers”* (Sirach 38:33). In other words, they thought that they had him worked out and could safely ignore whatever demands he made of them. It is no wonder that *“Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith”*.

Here we see the ‘impossible mission’ that Jesus had. It was a mission with no human logic to it. Even though his teaching and his miracles *“amazed”* people, what he wanted and valued wasn't their ‘amazement’ but their ‘faith’, their trust in him so that their lives could be reshaped. He was a prophet in a completely different way to John the Baptist and the great prophets of the Old Testament. They spoke the Word of God but Jesus, as John puts it in the Prologue to his Gospel, is *“the Word made flesh”*. They rejected him, and later others would reject him, because his life couldn't be placed in a category that they were familiar with. How could, for example, someone who was respected as a teacher of the Law also be the guide and friend of people outside the Law or who rejected it?

Through our Baptism we are all called to be prophets, “giving glory to God by our life”, as we hear in the Dismissal at the end of Mass. Our mission is ‘impossible’ in a way that is unique to our time, especially in once Christian societies like Australia. Our primary focus is not people who know nothing about Christ but people who ‘know’ about him, ‘understand’ him in some ways but have rejected him either consciously or through indifference.

There are many reasons for this widespread rejection of Christ, among them, the many examples of the way in which we, “the Church, the Body of Christ”, have failed to be signs of Christ among us “the Word made flesh”. Like the apostle Paul however, we can find strength even in our weakness, our failures and our limitations when we turn to Christ and pray for insight and the grace of perseverance and courage in the mission he has given us. *“My grace is enough for you; my power is at its best in weakness.”*

Deacon Louis

**With St Paul of the
Cross we pray ...**

For the sick

Patricia Stack

Jovito Redaja

Eimy & Kenzo

Raul Cabrera

Angela Di Donato

Sr Julianne Murphy

Helen & Robyn

Natalina Gallace

Ruth Wilson

Raymond Hudson

Lourdes Tee

Fr Jim Duggan

Pat Allport

Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat

Francheska Bechara

Igor Tadinac

Recently Deceased

Death Anniversary

Gerard Allport

For the Souls

All forgotten Souls and Holy
Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Leah Tillam

Parish Office

Maria - Mondays

Cecilia –Wed-Friday

9.30am - 2.30pm

Parish & Hall enquiries

9558 3257

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 giovedì alle

ore 10 nella sala

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

St Vinnies Winter Appeal Weekend 17th-18th July 2021

Winter is well and truly here which means your local St Vincent de Paul Conference is holding their annual Winter Appeal

Any donation, big or small, will go towards providing food, shelter and warmth for those who need a hand up in their times of need

If you would like to donate, you can use a Vinnies envelope, hop online at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/> or by call 13 18 12

Go Make Disciples Online Lay Leadership Series- “Christ-centered Leadership”

What is Christian Leadership and how can I grow as a leader?

On Tuesday evenings in August, the Parish Renewal Team is offering an **online leadership formation series** for all serving in parishes and those seeking to serve. Led by the Asia Coordinator at The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, Fr David Braithwaite SJ, the series will focus upon basics in Christian leadership and how we can grow as people who lead others to Christ. Bishop Richard Umbers will attend the first evening to introduce Fr Braithwaite and pray with those attending the series. **Topics include:**

3 August: *The Wounded Servant: The Foundations of Christian leadership*

10 August: *Leadership for Mission: Responding to Christ's Sacred Heart*

17 August: *The Recollected Leader: The Spiritual Practice of Making Better Decisions*

24 August: *Love that Risks: Creating Communities of Growth and Innovation*

If you are currently serving in your parish, please join us as a way to grow in your leadership and better serve Christ's Mission and His Church. Please also extend an invitation to others you think could benefit or might be interested in learning more about Christian leadership. To register go to <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/> or for more information contact Tania Rimac at tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org.

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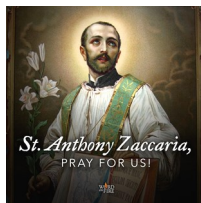
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Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (5 - 10 July 2021)

Mon	5/7	St Anthony Zaccaria, priest
Tue	6/7	St Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr
Wed	7/7	Bl Peter To Rot, martyr
Fri	9/7	St Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, and companions, martyrs

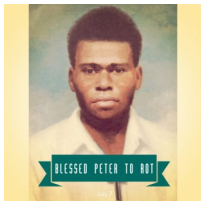
St Anthony Zaccaria was born in Cremona, Italy. He practised medicine for a time, and then was ordained. He is known for beginning the devotion of Eucharistic adoration and formed the Congregation of Clerics of St Paul.



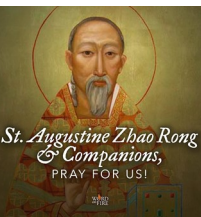
St Maria Goretti was born in a small village in Italy. She is one of the youngest saints to be canonized. Known throughout the world as saint who not only defended her chastity, but perhaps even more significantly, shed her blood in an effort to prevent her assailant from committing a grave sin.



Bl Peter To Rot was a Papua New Guinea Roman Catholic. He served as a well-noted and beloved catechist in his village and was entrusted with the local parish during World War II when the Japanese occupied the region. He stood up for religious values and continued to hold secret services when the Japanese restricted him from active pastoral service.



St Augustine Zhao Rong and his Companions, are 120 saints of the Catholic Church. The 87 Chinese Catholics and 33 Western missionaries from the mid-17th century to 1930 were martyred because of their ministry and, in some cases, for their refusal to apostatize.



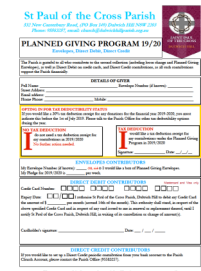
Our parish will hold the **Holy Father's Appeal** next weekend for which we ask your support. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

Planned Giving Program 2021/2022

The **New Form** for Planned Giving Program 2021/2022 is inside your new set of envelopes. Those who have envelopes, could you please fill in this New Form and indicate whether you “do” or “do not” wish to take deduction for FY 2021-2022. Please return the form before 1st July 2021. The new envelopes with the form inside are available at the back table of the church.

Thank you for your continued and generous support towards the parish. May God bless you and keep you always.

**FY 2020-2021 receipts will be issued a few weeks after 1st July 2021.*



Choir Practice on Monday at 7pm in the Church every fortnight. Next choir rehearsal on the **12th July 2021 (if the lockdown will be lifted by then)**.

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 10 & 11 July 2021

Readers:	5:30pm	M Dos Santos J Sullivan
	8:00am	P Tan M Portell
	10:00am	B Yammine C Alam

The 2021 Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course, Of Life and Love, will be held on the following dates:

Saturday 14 August commencing at 10 am and then Thursday evenings 19, 26 August & 02 September 2021

To Book Online - <https://www.trybooking.com/BMTLF>

For further information, please contact - The Life, Marriage and Family team on (02) 9307 8480 or e-mail steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

