



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

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

17 October 2021

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

### **For the sick**

Leonor Delgado

Noel Nacua

Patricia Stack

Jovito Redaja

Raul Cabrera

Angela Di Donato

Sr Julianne Murphy

Natalina Gallace

Ruth Wilson

Raymond Hudson

Fr Jim Duggan

Pat Allport

Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat

Francheska Bechara

Robyn, Eimy & Helen

### **Recently Deceased**

### **Death Anniversary**

Nella Cannizzo

### **For the Souls**

Anna (Elsa's Mum)

All forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

### **Special Intentions**

The Galley Family

The O'Shea Family

The Duggan Family

The Griffin Family

The Anderson/Sprouster  
Family

Henry & Tina and my family

### **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

### **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

#### **Novena to Our Lady of**

#### **Perpetual Help**

Wednesday 7pm

Bishop Richard celebrates Mass at 10am in our church each Sunday. This is then livestreamed on his Facebook page under 'Bishop Umbers livestream' and on our parish Facebook site under 'Parish of the Immaculate Conception and St Paul of the Cross.'

### **Guidelines for the reopening of Churches in the Sydney Archdiocese**

1. Our churches are still closed and there will be no public masses until the 80% vaccination threshold is reached.

2. Churches may be opened for weddings and funerals, and for services restricted to those who are fully vaccinated (e.g. for baptisms; or for a 'private' Mass with a priest who is fully vaccinated.)

3. Whenever people gather in a place of worship, the number permitted is according to the 4 sqm rule, and masks must be worn. Covid Check-in is also required via Service NSW App or a written record.

4. If all those present are vaccinated, the permitted number for weddings and funerals will be 100 (but subject to the 4 sqm rule).

### **Write to your NSW MP ahead of euthanasia vote**

NSW Independent MP Alex Greenwich is tabling his euthanasia bill in parliament this week. It is more critical than ever for parishioners to act now and voice their opposition to the proposed bill. The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House. The tool is available here: [https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition\\_2108\\_ocr\\_nsw](https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocr_nsw)

### **This Catholic Life podcast on euthanasia with Archbishop Fisher**

As one of the world's leading bioethicists, Archbishop Fisher is widely respected for his contribution to public debate on pro-life issues such as euthanasia. Archbishop Fisher will speak specifically about some of his deep concerns about the proposed euthanasia laws in NSW in an episode of the popular podcast, *This Catholic Life*, which will be available from Thursday 14 October here: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/category/podcasts/>

### **Archbishop's Afghan Refugee Appeal**

This appeal is continuing to raise desperately needed funds and commit the Archdiocesan resources across education, health and welfare to support Afghan families and individuals fleeing their homeland in the wake of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. Donations can be made online here: <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/ara/>

### **Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (18 - 23 Oct 2021)**

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| Mon | 18/10 | St Luke, evangelist   |
| Tue | 19/10 | St Paul of the Cross, priest<br>Sts John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,<br>Priests, and companions, martyrs |
| Fri | 22/10 | St John Paul II, pope   |
| Sat | 23/10 | St John of Capistrano, priest   |

**St Luke** was born at Antioch, Syria. He was a Gentile by birth and a physician by profession. St Luke became the missionary companion of Saint Paul and remained with him until his martyrdom. St Luke is considered the author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. The Gospel emphasizes historical connections, worship, and mercy for the disadvantaged.



#### **A Prayer to Saint Paul of the Cross**

*O good Saint Paul of the Cross, you proclaimed God's wonders in the Passion of His only Son. By word and deed, you became a spiritual guide and preacher of the gospel to a world grown cold to the love of Jesus Christ.*

*Help me to see God's love in the merciful cross of Jesus, and teach me to trust in the blessings God gives. May the Passion of Jesus be in my heart, and bring life to all the world. Amen.*

#### **Sts John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and companions**

were missionaries who preached the Gospel to Huron and Iroquois Indians in the United States and Canada. They were martyred by Iroquois Indians in the years 1642, 1648, and 1649.

Pope Pius XI beatified them on June 21, 1925, and on 1930 they were canonized by the same Pope.

**St Pope John Paul II**, born Karol Józef Wojtyła, 18 May 1920 - 2 April 2005 was head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 1978 to his death in 2005. John Paul II was the second-longest-serving pope in modern history after Pope Pius IX.



**"Anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all"**

Though they are no longer part of our everyday experience, 'servant' and 'slave' do not create positive meanings in our minds. We think of people who have no real life of their own, who do their work out of a sense of obligation and even fear of their master, often inwardly resentful of both their work and their master. But are these negative images what Jesus had in mind when he said to James, John and the other disciples that they must consider themselves "servants....slaves to all"? Remember that they were not compelled to follow Jesus (last week's Gospel). They had freely left everything behind to follow him.

However they hadn't left behind an understanding of authority and leadership that they had inherited from their society, both Jewish and pagan. Jesus contrasted their understanding with his own understanding and experience of both. To the mother of James and John, he spoke about authority and leadership in the context of his experience of rejection and suffering. To the disciples as a group he contrasted this experience, his own life, with that "of the pagans": they "lorded it over others and made their authority felt."

Next Tuesday, we will celebrate the Feast of St Paul of the Cross, our parish's patron saint. His life provides us with many instances of the kind of leadership that Jesus had in mind, leadership that is not self-centred and that helps others to grow and develop, especially in their "love of God and neighbour." Above all, it does not seek to control others in a self-serving way.

Paulo Danei was born near Genoa, Italy in 1694 into a world that was, in its own way, as troubled and divided as our own. The 'Italy' of his day was a patchwork of warring states fought over by the major European powers. It was culturally 'Catholic' but many people were poor and illiterate and had little connection with the spiritual and sacramental life of the Church. After a brief period in the army of Venice, Paul returned to his village determined to lead a quiet life and support his parents and family. A small group of like-minded young men joined him and gradually, after a series of profound experiences in prayer, he became convinced of the need to create a community that would live simply and go around Italy preaching the Gospel.

Despite a great deal of opposition, he persevered, even though it took him nearly forty years to have his Order (the Passionists) approved. At one stage, he was denied access to the Pope because he was thought to be a beggar. The way of life he chose attracted a number of young men (and later women who joined an Order of sisters he also founded). His own sense of conviction, his life of prayer and his imitation of the poverty and simplicity of Christ (he would often preach barefooted) made a deep impression on the people he preached to. It was his way of serving others and being a slave to all.

Many of the letters that he wrote to people who sought his advice have survived. Even though he believed that he was incapable of advising "even an ant", he felt that he needed to respond to people who, like him, were struggling to live a deeper spiritual life based on the Gospels. Often he would speak about difficult moments in his own life, not to gain sympathy, but as a way of building trust and encouraging them to persevere. To a man having to make a very difficult decision he wrote, "If only you knew the trials I myself experienced before embracing the kind of life I now lead.....I was touched with compassion for my parents whose every hope in this world rested on me. I experienced interior doubts and depression and was tried in every way. Everyone seemed happy except me!"

What stands out very strongly in his letters, however, is his complete trust in what he called "the loving hands of God." Portraits of him usually show him holding a cross, an image that was for him not of suffering but of God's love for us. The 'cup' that Jesus invited his disciples to share with him in today's Gospel, was his life, a life that included the suffering he himself accepted out of love. It is this love of God and each other that Jesus invites us to share, through the ways in which we, like St Paul of the Cross, guide others to God. It is the leadership, not of a small elite, but the leadership we are each able to undertake in the context of our own lives. We are each called, as Jesus himself said, to be "salt of the earth, light to the world."

Reference: Bennet Kelley CP **Spiritual Direction according to St Paul of the Cross** Passionist Press New Jersey USA 2008

Deacon Louis

### **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](mailto: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.

