

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

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**Parish Office** 

Maria - Mondays

9.30am - 2:30pm

9558 3257

Mass Times

Sat: 9:30am

the Church Hall

**Filipino Mass** 

Sacraments

Confession

or any time by

appointment

<u>Baptism</u>

Marriage

required

Devotions

1st Sun 11:30am

Cecilia-Wed-Friday

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sun: 8am & 10am

Family Mass with

3rd Sunday of the

Month 10am Mass

Family Rosary & Morning

Tea - 2nd Sunday of the

Month after 10am Mass in

Sat 8:30-9:20am, 4:45pm

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th

At least 6 months notice

Anointing of the Sick

**Holy Hour & Rosary** 

before morning mass

**Rosary & Benediction** 

Novena to Our Lady of

Sunday 11.15am

Any time on call

Sunday - Friday

Sat 8:30-9:30am

**Perpetual Help** 

Wednesday 7pm

**Children's Liturgy** 

Mon to Fri: 9:00am

Parish & Hall enquiries

Bishop Richard Umbers DD VG (Bishop in Residence) Fr. Andrew James (Parish Priest), (Deacon) Rev Louis Azzopardi

# **Covid-19 Update**

Please wear a mask in Church out of consideration for others.

## **First Holy Communion**

Second lesson: Saturday 6 Nov 4:30pm or Sunday 7 Nov 9:00am Third lesson: Saturday 13 Nov 4:30pm or Sunday 14 Nov 9:00am Fourth lesson: Saturday 20 Nov 4:30pm or Sunday 21 Nov 9:00am

First Communion Mass: Friday 26 November 2021 6:30pm Saturday 4 December 2021 10:00am

Join the Friends of Eileen O'Connor Association Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is inviting Sydney Catholics to support the cause for canonisation of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor by signing up as a member of the Friends of Eileen O'Connor Association. Association members will receive a commemorative gift to coincide with the centenary year of her death and updates on her pathway to canonisation. Become a member today. WWW.EILEENOXONNOR.COM.AU



#### **October is World Mission Month** Catholic Mission will share the essential mission work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies during their time of need. Please consider this appeal with an open and generous heart. Freecall: 1800257296 or visit catholicmission.org.au/thailand

#### To: Anne & Kristen

Thank you for the donation of hand sanitisers. Verv much appreciated.

**Choir Practice** on Monday at 7pm in the Church every fortnight. Next choir rehearsal on the 15th November 2021.

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 13th and 14th November 2021		
Readers:	5:30pm	R Lazarus P Allport
	8:00am	P Tan M Portell
	10:00am	M Peddie R Rita

## Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (8 - 13 Nov 2021)

9/11 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Tue 10/11 St Leo the Great, pope, doctor Wed

- 11/11 St Martin of Tours, bishop
- 12/11 St Josaphat, bishop, martyr

## The Dedication of St John Lateran

Thu

Fri

This is the oldest and ranks first among the four greater or patriarchal churches of Rome. The present archbasilica was built later, and is known as St John Lateran, having been dedicated to St John the Baptist.

#### St Leo the Great

Ruled from 440 to 461, At the Council of Chalcedon he defined that Christ is one divine person with two natures. He detained the onrush of the barbarians under Attila. He died in 461, leaving many letters and writings of great historical value.

#### St Martin of Tours

The son of a Roman officer, Martin enrolled in the imperial cavalry. He left the army after sharing his cloak with a poor beggar and receiving a heavenly vision, putting himself under the tutelage of Saint Hilary of Poitiers. Promoted to the see of Tours, and established a great monastic centre at Marmoutier.

#### St Josaphat

A native of Poland, Josaphat became a monk of the Byzantine rite and abbot of Vilna devoting himself unsparingly to union with the Holy See. He was eventually consecrated archbishop of Polotsk, Lithuania, but his rivals orchestrated his murder by an angry mob,

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: Would you consider becoming an ACN parish representative and volunteering to help ACN tell more Australians about the suffering Church? If you are interested in representing ACN in your local parish, please call 1800 101 201 or email cecilia@aidtochurch.org.

Now that the Church has reopened, please tell us if you wish to receive the bulletin by email.

## "From the little she had, she has put in all that she possessed"

We all know about the importance of gifts and gift giving as ways of expressing the depth and nature of our relationship with each other. We are also familiar with the way that advertisers can tap into this and use it to convince us that our love can be measured by how much we are willing to spend on a gift. The world that Jesus grew up in lived with this as well. Wealthy families would spend large sums of money on, for example, major building projects to show off their wealth and gain popularity. The Jerusalem Temple where our Gospel story is set was itself an example of this. It was built by King Herod, with no expense spared, to make him acceptable to the Jewish people even though he was feared for his cruelty and hated for his dependence on Roman support.

As he sat in one of the courtyards of this vast and magnificent building, Jesus observed the people putting money into the large ceramic vases opposite the Temple Treasury. These were donations for the upkeep of the Temple. Some, obviously very wealthy people, would donate quite a bit of money. The sound that their coins made as they went in would attract the attention of passers by who would express their admiration for such generosity. A poor woman, a widow by the way she was dressed, put in two small coins that barely made a sound as they went in. Nobody praised her or even noticed what she had done.

But Jesus did. He understood what this would have cost her, thinking perhaps of his own widowed mother and women like her who depended completely on others to support them. He called his disciples over to him and explained to them what they should learn from her. The wealthy had given what they could afford to give. In addition, they had the bonus of everyone's admiration for their generosity. "They have had their reward," Jesus says in Matthew's Gospel. By contrast, the widow had given more than she could afford to give, "all that she had to live on."

This story follows on from last week's Gospel where Jesus condensed all the commandments into two: "Love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength...love your neighbour as yourself." The Temple was the heart of the religion of Israel, the place where God was believed to dwell in the sanctuary of the Holy of Holies. In her mind, the money that she gave was given directly to God. Since it was all that she had, it expressed the 'completeness' of her love of God. It was also an expression of her trust in God who "upholds the widow and the orphan" and "raises up those who are bowed down."

Jesus presents her action to his disciples as a model to follow, just as earlier he had asked them to consider children as a role model and an example of what faith is about. It is a reminder that faith in God involves making choices that are at times very uncomfortable. We remember Jesus words about giving away all that we have and taking up our cross and following him.

It is a choice that we honour during this month of November when we honour the lives of the saints. Some saints with extraordinary intellectual abilities for example, such as St Augustine and St Thomas Aquinas, had a lot to give when they gave to God "all that they had." Others, such as Therese of Lisieux and Eileen O'Connor seemed to have very little to give because of their youth or their physical disability. Countless others have led hidden lives of great generosity to God and neighbour. These too gave "all that they had to live on."

Jesus however sees all that they had to give out of love, just as he noticed what the poor widow was prepared to give to God, also out of love. It was the life that he himself lived. " God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16) He also sees and recognises all the efforts we make to live our lives generously, to give our time, our personal gifts, "all that we have to live on," to him through the many ways in which we can give our lives to God.

Deacon Louis

### Voice your concerns over euthanasia laws directly to MPs.

The NSW Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Law and Justice is undertaking an inquiry into the provisions of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 with debate commencing on the bill on 12 November. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has condemned the proposed legislation as a sad move towards state sanctioned killing and a terrible attack on the sanctity of life in our state.

You will find more information on the bill and the Terms of Reference for the inquiry on the parliamentary website https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details-aspx?pk=2838 NSW residents concerned about the bill are invited to participate in an online questionnaire which you'll find https:// www.surveymonkey.com/r/XRQNHFZ

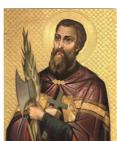
The online questionnaire closes on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.

#### 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.

















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edu.au 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 Angelis Alima & Charlie

**Recently Deceased** Norma Estrada Fr Renato Paras Lorraine Grace

**Death Anniversary** Hani Khouri Teresa de Jesus Ivone Goncalves

### For the Souls

Salim & Mariam Sammoun Carmelo & Antonio Zerbi Fortunato Stillittano Gaetano & Francesco Bernardi Natuzza Evoli Pasquale & Annamaria Nicolaei Pasquale Stillittano

All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Special Intentions** 

Leah Tillam Manuel Jacinto de Silva Joseph Faggion