



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

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With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

For the sick

- Brian Mooring
- Elmano Belo
- Patrick Crowley
- Sidney Luximon
- Allen Portell
- Leonor Delgado
- Patricia Stack
- Raul Cabrera
- Sr Julianne Murphy
- Natalina Gallace
- Ruth Wilson
- Raymond Hudson
- Fr Jim Duggan
- Pat Allport
- Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat Christina
- Francheska Bechara

Recently Deceased

- Alice de Oliveira
- Youssef El-Eter

Death Anniversary

- Isabel Jauco (40th day)
- Anastacio de Oliveira
- Arora Calpo

For the Souls

- Alejandro & Wenefrida Jauco
- Francesca Jalvuena
- Mary Preho, Rosetta Sansoni,
- Francesco Stillitano, Massimo Ofrei, Placido Battaglia
- Elisabita Benetel
- Macolatina Uno
- Raimondo & Raffaella Dolce
- Marisa Rulli
- All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

- Henry & Tina and my Family
- Leah Tillam
- Thanksgiving:**
- St Alberto Hurtado from
- Leonor Ricards
- Ardie Leo Rizidis

"When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free"

Augustin Navratil was a most unlikely hero in the story of the end of Communism in Eastern Europe. He was a railway worker living on a small farm in a remote part of Czechoslovakia. Angered by the constant atheistic propaganda his children were exposed to at school, the destruction of shrines and wayside crosses in his region and the mysterious 'disappearance' of a priest that he knew, he sent a letter of protest to the Director of Religious Affairs in 1976.



Even though he had a 'right' to do this according to the country's Constitution, the authorities responded by having him arrested and confined to a psychiatric hospital, claiming that he suffered from paranoia. Eventually he was released but, undeterred, he began investigating and reporting on further abuses of the religious freedom theoretically guaranteed by the Constitution. Once again, he was arrested and confined in a psychiatric hospital.

In 1988, after his release and, this time, with the support of the country's Cardinal, he circulated a petition calling for religious freedom which gained more than 500,000 signatures. Now however the Communist authorities were prepared to listen. They were aware of changes even in the Soviet Union itself and were hesitant about putting down what was becoming a mass protest. The government began negotiating with the Vatican to allow the ordination and appointment of priests and bishops, to reopen Catholic schools and promised to end restrictions on public worship. Augustin however ended up in gaol for 'slandering public organisations' and remained there until the end of the Communist regime in 1990.

Augustin had very little in the way of personal resources. He was self-taught, lived in a rural backwater and had a large family to support on a low income. He did however have a strong faith in Christ and what can only be described as a passion to do what he could to end the type of slavery he and his country were experiencing under the Communist regime. His petition included this statement: *"I remind you with all my strength that cowardice and fear are not worthy of a real Christian."*

Like Jesus, in our Gospel reading for this Sunday, he *"resolutely took the road for Jerusalem,"* knowing, just as Jesus himself knew, that this road involved both sacrifice and great personal cost, perhaps even his own life. *"No one who looks back,"* Jesus says, *"is fit for the kingdom of God."* This is a very challenging statement. It isn't easy to follow the way of life Jesus has opened up for us. We will experience opposition and rejection just as Jesus himself did. We will also be tempted to lose heart and give up when we consider how limited and prone to failure we are.

In our Gospel story, the meetings that Jesus has with three men *"along the road"* show the ways in which we can *"look back"* and lose sight of the mission that Jesus has given us *"to bring good news to the poor, to set prisoners free."* Like those three men, our concerns are legitimate - how do we go about *"spreading the news of the kingdom of God"*; what about our commitments to our family: what can I, just one person, possibly achieve?

Challenging as Jesus' words are, they also contain a reassurance. We are never alone in the mission that Jesus has given us. We are strengthened by our faith in Christ and the gifts of his Spirit who will be with us, as Jesus promised, *"until the end of time"*. This gives us, as St Paul says, and Augustin Navratil demonstrated by his life, the courage to *"stand firm and not submit again to the yoke of slavery."* There is also, as Augustin himself came to realise, the experience of knowing that we are not alone in our desire to remain free in Christ. Every effort that we make to look forward and to bring about what Christ offers us brings us into contact with people who, like us, wish *"to remain free."*

Deacon Louis

Reference: William Echikson **Lighting the Night: Revolution in Eastern Europe** Pan Books London 1991

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: In 2021 alone, 565,000 religious books were produced and distributed with the help of ACN. Often in poor countries, the child's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently it is the only picture book that the little ones can get hold of in their entire lives. Can you help us continue this important work in distributing religious books throughout the world? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/bibles

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation Mass: 2:00pm 26th June

Planned Giving Program 2022/2023

The *New Planned Giving Envelopes FY22/23* are now available at the back table of the Church. Inside your new set of envelopes you will find a **new form "Planned Giving Program Opt tax form 22/23"** to fill in and indicate whether you "do" or "do not" wish to take deduction for FY22/23. Please return this new form to office as soon as possible before the 1st July 2022.



Thank you so much for your continued and generous support to the Parish.

Holy Father's Appeal

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June 2022



"Works of love directed to one's neighbour are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit."
- Pope Francis

Please pray and support the Charitable Works of Pope Francis.

Parish Renewal Conference 2022

Specifically tailored for our clergy, lay leaders and parishioners to be renewed in the Church's mission of evangelisation, join us to strengthen your practical efforts through spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human formation.

St Mary's Cathedral Precinct

Friday 19 August, 6 – 9 pm and Saturday 20 August, 9 am – 5:15 pm

\$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney

Registration essential: www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22 by Sunday 14 August

Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

NB: The pricing of all tickets is based on substantial subsidies by the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation to make this as affordable as possible.

St Joseph's Enfield Healing Mass

Friday 1st July 2022

Celebrant: Father Tony Alex MGL
Rosary: 7:00pm Reconciliation: 7:00-8:00pm
Prayer and Praise: 7:30pm Mass: 8:00pm
Exposition (after Mass) & Prayer Ministry
St Joseph's Catholic Church
126 Liverpool Rd., Enfield
Parking at rear of church. Enter from Baker St.
E-mail: rosetwymansydney@gmail.com

Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week

(27 June - 2 July 2022)

Mon	27/6	St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor
Tue	28/6	St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr
Wed	29/6	Sts PETER and PAUL, apostles
Thu	30/6	First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

St Cyril of Alexandria

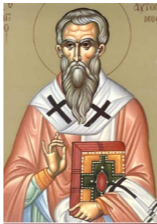
Born in Alexandria, Egypt about 374. He strenuously defended the Divine maternity of the Blessed Virgin against Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople, who maintained that Jesus Christ, as man only, was born of Mary, and that His Divinity was acquired after His human birth because of His great merits.



He presided over the General Council of Ephesus, at which Nestorius and his doctrines were condemned. He left many exegetical treatises and an apologetical work against Julian the Apostate. His writings are characterised by accurate thinking, precise exposition, and great reasoning skills. He is a Doctor of the Church.

St Irenaeus

Born about 130 in Asia Minor and placed in the care of St Polycarp, the disciple of St John the Apostle, and Bishop of Smyrna. He studied in Rome and later became a priest of Lyons in Gaul. In 178, he succeeded St Pothinus as Bishop of Lyons. Through his preaching he converted many to the Faith and his writings did much to combat the heresies, especially those of the Gnostics and Valentinians. His principal works are: *Against Heresies* and *The Proof of the Apostolic Preaching*. He died a martyr in 202 during the persecution of Septimus Severus.



Visiting group

There are many people in our parish who are either elderly or who live alone and would appreciate regular contact with their fellow parishioners. This could be as simple as a phone call every now and then to see if they are OK or it could be visiting them in their homes or taking Holy Communion to them. There are many possibilities depending on their needs and the visitor's availability. Please speak to Deacon Louis after Mass if you wish to take part in this.

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER

2 & 3 July 2022

Readers:	5:30pm	M Dos Santos P Allport
	8:00am	J Peters G Turnbull
	10:00am	J Duru P Marshall

Choir Notice

The next rehearsal will be on Monday 27th June 2022 at 7:00pm.

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
From August Baptisms only on 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

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

