



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

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

6 November 2022

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With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

### For the sick

Elmano Belo  
Patrick Crowley  
Sidney Luximon  
Allen Portell  
Leonor Delgado  
Patricia Stack  
Raul Cabrera  
Ruth Wilson  
Raymond Hudson  
Fr Jim Duggan  
Pat Allport  
Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat  
Christina

### Recently Deceased

Keith Outten  
Sr Julianne Murphy  
Cris Manocsoc  
Gloria Andres  
Roxanne Cavanagh  
Damian Batario  
Roy Villaranda

### Death Anniversaries

Norma Estrada  
Bruce Fitzgerald  
Mario Umali  
Alberta Lidyawati Kari  
Alejandra Guevarra  
Micheal Semrani

### For the Souls

Angela Di Donato  
George & Hilda Peters  
Giuseppe Puggioni  
Joseph Ledru  
Abraham David  
George Issa  
Nadim Sara,  
Nadia & Naim El-Etar

Foula Moubarak  
Rena Boutros  
Salima Kazzy  
Youssef El-Etar  
Fr Basil Francis Rosen  
Leonardo Chiarella  
Umberto Chiarella  
Angela Chiarella

All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Special Intention

Henry & Tina and my family  
Leah Tillam

## "May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ."

Late at night on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014, a group of masked gunmen kidnapped a number of Egyptian men from their homes in the Libyan coastal town of Sirte. A month later, a horrified world learnt the fate of these men via a video posted online entitled "A message signed with blood to the Nation of the Cross." The men were Coptic Christians and their kidnappers were Islamic State terrorists who were shown beheading them on the beach.

One of the men however managed to escape and he reported what he had seen and heard from his hiding place. He later told reporters, "To the last moment, the name of Jesus was on their lips. As they were being martyred, they were calling God's name, saying 'God have mercy on us.'" One member of this group, an African, was not a Christian but he too was forced to kneel on the sand with the others. When he too was asked, "Do you reject Christ?" he answered, "Their God is my God" and so was beheaded along with the others.

Their story is part of the ongoing story of the martyrs of faith through the centuries. We see it in our reading from the Book of Maccabees where each of the seven brothers were tortured and then killed for refusing to break the Law that God had given to the Jewish people through Moses. As each of them makes clear in their testimony, the choice they made was not to die but to live and 'living' meant much more to them than simply existing and being physically alive.

Living for them meant "a better choice" even though it would cost them their lives. They relied "on God's promise" a promise that they would be raised up on the Last Day but also, more generally, the promise of God's continuing faithfulness to them. This was a promise that they acknowledged by being faithful to God and his Law. Even the King and his attendants "were astounded by the young man's courage and his utter indifference to death", although it doesn't seem to have altered their determination to impose an alien ideology and way of life on the Jewish people.

What was it that enabled each of these brothers and the Coptic Christians to make such an extraordinarily difficult "better choice"? The men martyred by ISIS, for example, only needed to say yes to the question put to them and they would have been freed. They didn't have to believe in what they had said but their lives would have been spared and their families would have been spared the loss of husbands, sons and brothers.

Stories of martyrs, particularly ones that are well documented, remind us very forcefully that faith is much more than a kind of 'inner belief'. It is a way of life where God is so clearly the centre and focus of all of one's relationships that life without God is literally impossible. Put more simply, it has been said that, before you can die for God you have to learn to live for God. Faith is then a way of life in response to God that is made up of thousands of ordinary everyday choices. On some occasions, as it is for the martyrs, these choices may literally involve a life or death decision; at other times it might involve affirming our faith and experiencing contempt and ridicule as a result. More often it involves the way in which we respond to the highs and lows of everyday life. But the foundation for what could be considered a heroic expression of faith is always the same. It is the way in which we have lived up to that moment.

St Paul describes this process of continuous conversion when he urges the Thessalonians "to turn their hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ". Turning our hearts toward God is a life choice that we make not once, but every day of our lives. It is a choice that tells everyone who we really are through who or what is most important to us. As he awaited his own execution in a Nazi prison, the German theologian and pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, found courage, the 'fortitude' that St Paul describes, in his experience of God's faithfulness to him throughout his life. His words could equally apply to each of us in the choices that we need to make each day:

*I am weak at heart, but you do not leave me.  
I am restless, but with you there is peace.  
In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience.  
Your ways are beyond understanding, but you know the way for me.*  
( 'Morning Prayer' in **Letters and papers from prison** )

Deacon Louis

## Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (7-12 Nov 2022)

Wed	9/11	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thur	10/11	St Leo the Great, pope, doctor
Fri	11/11	St Martin of Tours, bishop
Sat	12/11	St Josaphat, bishop, martyr



### The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

The Lateran Basilica is the cathedral church of Rome and was dedicated to Christ our Saviour in the 4th century. The feast commemorates our communion in Christ.

The present archbasilica was built later, on the site of the original church, and is known as St John Lateran, having been dedicated to St John the Baptist.

The other patriarchal basilicas of Rome are St Peter's, St Mary Major, and St Paul's which is situated outside of the walls of the ancient city. These four basilicas represent the four great patriarchates, or ecclesiastical provinces, of the world. There are a number of churches in Rome and elsewhere which rank in honour as lesser basilicas, but do not possess the special privileges of the greater basilicas.

### Discover the mysteries of the Eucharist A 'must' for all Catholics!

Whether you are someone who yearns for the Eucharist, someone who lines up regularly to receive Communion without really understanding why, or someone who decided not to return to Mass after the lockdowns, don't miss our next **Didaskō** short course.

Fr Ben Johnson OFMCap will present on the topic "Receiving the Graces of the Eucharist" revealing why the Eucharist is so important, and how we can refer to the Eucharist as Presence, Sacrifice and Communion. The course will be delivered online over three evenings, with time for question and answer. Dates and time: **Mondays 14, 21 and 28 November | 7:30pm – 8:45pm**  
Where: Online via Zoom  
Cost: \$25 (includes three sessions)  
Register at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/)

## Christmas at the Cathedral

Presented by Paynter Dixon  
**8-25 December**

St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.  
Festivities begin at 7pm with Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment.

## STAY AWAKE! Prepare for the Coming of Christ

### Advent Companion 2022

The beautiful Season of Advent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus. This free Advent Companion contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, and spiritual reflections by Bishop Danny Meagher, Mrs Tania Rimac, Sr Mary Julian Ekman RSM, Dr Michael Casey and Fr Benjamin Saliba.

Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online. The resource will be distributed among the parishes in early November, and will also be available for download on the *Go Make Disciples* website at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au).  
**Training Sessions** - The Parish Renewal Team, will be providing training for those keen to lead a group - see [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/) for dates and registration.

For further information, contact Helen Wager at [helen.wagner@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:helen.wagner@sydneycatholic.org)  
Parishes are encouraged to share the [attached tile](#) (please see the parish bulletin board) to promote the resource.

### CWF Parish Appeal

The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal** will be happening this weekend and we need your help!  
Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so please keep an eye out for them! You can also make a donation and find out more at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf)



### PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 12 - 13 November 2022

Readers:	5:30pm	R Lazarus M Dos Santos
	8:00am	P Tan M El Khoury
	10:00am	L & J Scanlon

### Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas.

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

### Parish Office

Maria - Mondays  
Cecilia - Wed-Friday  
9.30am - 2:30pm

### Parish & Hall enquiries

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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

### Morning Tea Sunday

3rd Sunday of the Month after 10:00am Mass

### Filipino Mass

1st Sun 11:30am

### Sacraments

#### Confession

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

#### Baptism

Every 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

