



3 October 2021
XXVII Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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Saints of the week:

Monday 4th: **St Francis of Assisi.** Tuesday 5th: **St Faustina Kowalska, virgin.** Thursday 7th: **Our Lady of Rosary.**

The re-opening of places of worship will be staged in line with the NSW Government Roadmap. It is planned that for the 11 October churches will be open but not for fully public masses. If you need the assistance of a priest for Holy Communion, Reconciliation or for a talk, please contact the parish office, Fr Gustavo is available in the church or to visit you at your home.

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SUNDAY MASSES:	Vigil Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00am, 10am
WEEKDAY MASSES:	Tuesday to Saturday 9.15am
ROSARY:	Tuesday Saturday 8.30am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 4.15pm and by appointment
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday 4.15pm
BAPTISMS:	Sundays after 10am mass and by appointment
WEDDINGS:	By appointment (minimum of six months notice required)
ANOINTING MASS:	2 nd Saturday in March, June, September & December
PARISH SECRETARY:	Tuesday & Thursday 9am to 3pm

(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)

This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired

REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Recently Deceased: Hillary Senanayake, Magdalena Velarde.

Anniversaries: Onofrio Smiroldo, Georges and Damia Makari, Louis Arida, Tony Arida, Boutros Makari, Eugenio Ongcal, For all souls in purgatory: Rosita Ongcal, Salud & Claro Tungul Sur, Teresita Mora, Dodie & Priscilla Sta Cruz.

“May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

We pray for: Caterina Smiroldo, Byron Jaramillo, Mary and family.

“Mother of God, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Pray for us”



MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

My dear friends on 7 October the church celebrates the memorial of “Our Lady of the Rosary” all of us know how powerful the prayer of the Rosary is. I invite you to consider the following: **1)** For those who walk every day, make your walk to the church praying the Rosary on the way, kind of a small pilgrimage. When you arrive there, I will be waiting with a small surprise. Also, if you want to receive communion or to approach for the sacrament of reconciliation, I will be available. Before starting your walk ask for a special grace to our dear Mother. **2)** For those who cannot go for a walk we will be streaming by Facebook the Holy Rosary from the church at 3pm on the 7 October.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: My dear friends as we prepared ourselves to re-open the church and make easy the way to participate and receive the sacraments, I would like to let you know that we need to work together as community to make sure that no one is excluded from such a wonderful opportunity to strength the relationship with God our Father. So, we need to reactivate the Pastoral council and the Finance Committee of the parish, if any one of you are interested in being part of such essential parish’s groups, please contact the parish office through telephone call or email, provide your full name, telephone number or email and we will be in touch with you. More information in our [website](#). Thank you for considering this service to our community. God bless you.

FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA: The Plenary Council, the first such event in Australia since 1937, will open with Mass livestreamed from St Mary’s Cathedral in Perth on Sunday, October 3. In 2018, when the decision to hold a Plenary Council was announced, the entire People of God in Australia began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another’s stories of faith.

It has been and continue to be a very busy agenda for the organizers of the Plenary Council and for all participants. St John of God parish gives thanks to Mary Kleist, Parish Ambassador, who is representing our beloved parish in all the work as a preparation for such a historical event for the Catholics in Australia.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher will be celebrating an Opening Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday morning at 10:30am. You can follow the development of the Plenary Council through the official [website](#)

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the first Assembly will be a mix of in-person and online delivery. See the up-to-date PLENARY COUNCIL JOURNEY 2020-2022.

EASING OF RESTRICTIONS OF COVID 19: You will be aware of recent changes announced by the Premier in relation to the easing of Covid restrictions. Along with other Faith Groups, we are very grateful that, in her Covid Roadmap announcement, the Premier recognised that for people of faith **worship is more like an essential service than a recreation**. We now eagerly look forward to the opportunity to gather once more to celebrate our faith and give thanks to God. The re-opening of places of worship will be staged in line with the NSW Government Roadmap. Let us be grateful to our good Lord who is keeping us strong in faith and let us be patience until the day will come where we can finally gather together as a community to praise our God and to pray for each other.

FREE VIRTUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN’S SUMMIT The Genius Project Catholic Women’s Ministry is holding a free virtual summit on October 8 -9. Hundreds of Catholic women from around the world have already registered to encounter incredible speakers and workshops. Watch the video and find out more at <https://bit.ly/catholic2021>

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Tony and Sue Allan celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 2nd October 2021. They were married at St Maroun’s Catholic Church, Redfern on Saturday 2nd October 1971, By Monsignor Frank Coorey (Sue’s cousin) and Reverend Father John Butcher who was an assistant priest at St John of God, Auburn.
They have 5 children and 11 grandchildren.

St John of God parish congratulates them, for their faithfulness to the Sacrament of marriage and through it to Jesus Christ. May the Lord continue to bless them with, health, love, communion, and a lot of happiness!!!!



A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES FOR OUR PARISH

A copy of the Safeguarding Policy has been uploaded to the website of St John of God and a copy will also be attached to our notice board. If anyone would like a copy of the Safeguarding Policy, one can be provided to you upon request.

As part of the Safeguarding procedures, the Parish is now making available a suggestion box especially for children and young people in order that we take into consideration their thoughts, feelings, and suggestions in a more proactive way. The Suggestion Box which will be placed on a table in the church foyer. We look forward to hearing from our children.

Also, as part of the Safeguarding procedures, it is available for parents, guardians and the general community a protocol 'Managing Safeguarding Complaints'. We value the process in moving forward positively in relation to all Safeguarding measures. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Priest.

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 legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Sunday Readings

(Readings are proper for the votive mass)

First reading: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.

Second reading: Philippians 2:1-4

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will teach you all truth
And bring to your mind all I have told you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14: 23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you
while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let
your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

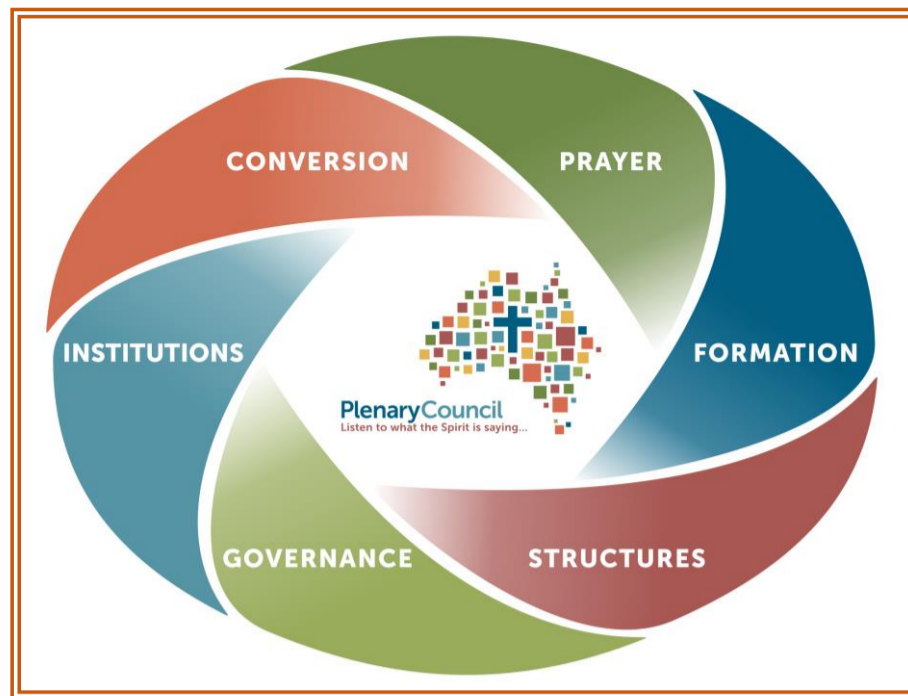
I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am
going to the Father,

for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now, before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may believe



The Plenary Council

A Plenary Council is a formal meeting of the bishops and other representatives of all the dioceses and eparchies of the Catholic Church in Australia. Its purpose is to discern what God is asking of us in Australia at this present time. A Plenary Council is a particularly graced instrument for seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance. The Plenary Council of Australia has a legislative function that does not apply to other national synods.

Vatican II taught that the Church should be more dialogic and participatory in its processes, involving all the baptised in the Church. The council teaches that the whole Church has been given the gift of divine revelation, as well as the gift to interpret it faithfully. The bishops have a ministry of teaching that necessarily involves a process of listening to the voices of the faithful before they speak.

Thousands of Australians have been involved in the first phase of the journey toward the Plenary Council, the Listening and Dialogue stage, which ended on Ash Wednesday in 2019.

A draft report analysing submissions to the Council and collating themes that emerged during discussion was released to coincide with the second phase of the journey, the Discernment and Dialogue stage on 9th June, Pentecost Sunday 2019.

In August 2020 the thematic papers were released, which collated the submissions from the Discernment and Dialogue phase. These papers also included a discernment guide for reflection.

On 30 January 2021 the delegates for the Sydney Archdiocese were commissioned in St Mary's Cathedral in preparation for the first Assembly of the Plenary Council in October 2021. Delegates participated in a reflection day in February and will participate in formation sessions and another reflection day prior to the October Assembly.

The working document Instrumentum Laboris (Working Document), Continuing the Journey was approved by Rome and published in February 2021. Following this publication Sydney ambassadors gathered to reflect on the document in preparation for parish involvement.

Let us pray that the Church in Australia may be able to listen the voice of God, and keep it faithfully as the first reading says: "Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul" and also the gospel: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him" The Lord certainly wants to make his home within us. God bless you.

PRAYER OF PETITION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
conscious of our sinfulness,
but aware that we gather in your name.
Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.
Give us light and strength
to know your will,
to make it our own and to live it in our lives.
Guide us by your wisdom,
support us by your power,
for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.
You desire justice for All

enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favour.
Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true.
As we gather in your name
may we temper justice with love,
so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward
promised to good and faithful servants,
Amen.

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