

Our parish will take part in the October Family Rosary Pilgrimage this Sunday (4th Oct) after 3pm Mass and Divine Mercy Chaplet. This event promotes the Rosary in the family setting in accordance with Archbishop Anthony Fisher's following statement: "...that every family pray the rosary daily. The rosary is indeed the spiritual sword so much needed in our time."



Whilst recovering from illness, Bob sincerely thanks all for their prayers and support.

Feast Days: 4th: St Francis of Assisi; 6th: St Bruno, Priest; 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary; 9th: St Denis, Bishop, Martyr / St John Leonardi, Priest.

Congratulations and many God's Blessings to Lila and Andrzej Gurba for their 44th Wedding Anniversary on 2nd October.



Pope Francis to sign a new encyclical on human fraternity on Oct. 3. The encyclical is entitled *Fratelli tutti*, which means "All Brothers" in Italian, and will focus on the theme of human fraternity and social friendship, according to the Holy See Press Office. Pope Francis will offer a Mass at the tomb of St. Francis in Assisi privately at 3pm before signing the encyclical on the day before St. Francis' feast day. Human fraternity has been an important theme for Pope Francis in recent years. In Abu Dhabi the pope signed "A Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together" in Feb. 2019. Pope Francis' message for his first World Day of Peace as pope in 2014 was "Fraternity, foundation and pathway for peace." Pope Francis' previous encyclical, '*Laudato Si'*', published in 2015, had a title taken from St. Francis of Assisi's "Canticum of the Sun" prayer praising God for creation. Prior to that he published *Lumen Fidei*, an encyclical begun by Pope Benedict XVI.

Our COVID-19 Safety Plan (SP):
1) all must be aware of content of SP; **2)** those with flu symptoms must not enter the church; **3)** Sanitising hands and registration are strict requirements in order to come inside the church; **4)** congregational singing prohibited; **5)** Required sanitisation of the seats before and after each service; **6)** Holy Communion on hand; **7)** social distancing 1.5m apart (only 80 seats); **8)** Strict prohibition of gatherings after the Mass in the foyer or outside the door of the church.

When we feel helpless we often cling to control as a life raft, but Christ tells us to cling to him during times of illness and every other time imaginable. God has the power to heal us, and he has the power to comfort us and give us new hope. He gives us rest when we are weary and peace when we are uncertain. If you find it hard to pray during difficult times, you are not alone; pray along like this:

"Jesus, you control all the parts of my body, and you know when they're not working at their best. Sickness leaves me stressed and steals time from all the things I want to be doing. I'm honest, Lord. I don't like to be sick. But times like this also make me rest in you, so I thank you for this chance simply to wait on you".

Plurimos Annos Plurimos

In the story of Job, the Lord is asking Job if he knows the physical and moral laws by which the course of nature is governed (*Do you know the laws of heaven?*) In asking Job that question, God was helping His troubled servant to understand just how little humans really know in comparison with the limitless wisdom of the Creator.

Daily Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (Holy Hour, Confession and Mass) 7.30am; Tuesday 5.00pm: Adoration, Novena, Confessions, Benediction and 6pm Mass
Weekend Mass times:
 Saturday: Vigil 5pm
 Sunday: 8am, 9.30am, 3pm: **Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction and Mass.** **You Tube stjosephcomo**

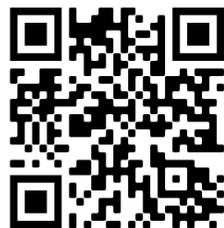
Sunday 4th October. Saint Francis of Assisi (1182 - 1226) is the most popular Christian saint. His radiant spirit is a beacon for those seeking a life of meaning and service. It does no good to put him on a pedestal; rather we should walk with St. Francis on the path of peace, openness, mysticism, poverty, reverence for nature, and love of animals. Adopt St. Francis's words "My God and my all!" as a sacred prayer and repeat it often through the day...Spend some quality time in the company of an animal. Here's a story from *Living the Wisdom of St. Francis* about how St. Francis communed with a bird: "Once when Saint Francis was about to eat with Brother Leo he was greatly delighted to hear a nightingale singing. So he suggested to his companion that they would also sing praise to God alternately with the bird. While Leo was pleading that he was no singer, Francis lifted up his voice and, phrase by phrase, sang his duet with the nightingale."...

Sat: 7.30am: †Deceased Priests; **5pm:** For D.T.; **Sun: 8am:** Arch. Anthony; **9.30am:** Pro Populo; **3pm:** In Honour of St Anne & St Joachim; **Mon:** †Souls in Purgatory; **Tues:** Thanksgiving; **Wed:** †Holy Souls; **Thurs:** †Benny Gomes; **Fri: 7:30am:** †Dr Patrick Lim Snr & †Patrick Lim Jnr

Child sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police or contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

Our sick: Bob Harrison, Pam Andreallo, Ida Melis, Katrina Marinilli, Rita Shah, Julia Lock, Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffey, Glennise Hall, Eliette Majdandzic; Barbara Eadie, Helen McGuirk, Dragica Furda, May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, Jan Gurba, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Joan Hagle, Steven Marinilli and all homebound and dear friends from Mildred Symons House.

Thank you for your financial support of our Church. Your generosity in all appeals has been outstanding. Please note that 40% on PG tax deductibility is provided for this year. PG envelopes for the new FYR 2020/2021 and tax receipts are now ready for collection



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Weekend: 19th / 20th Sept:
 1st Colln: \$264.50
 2nd Colln: \$282.90
 EFT: \$70
 Planned Giving: \$565

Family Educators work in our schools to connect families with the religious life of the school and the parish. Visit: sydcatholicsschools.nsw.edu.au for details.

Postcard from holidays



Next Sunday 11th Oct 2020 – Holy Father's Appeal. Our parish will hold the Holy Father's Appeal next weekend for which we ask your support. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.