



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

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / C

20 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

Maureen Margaret Bailey

### Death Anniversary

Isabelo Corpus  
Concetta Rigoli  
Camilo P. Bitong  
Elsa S. Bitong  
Lourdes Guevarra  
Linda Swords  
Clarita Pacheco  
Mario Umali  
Micheal Semrani

### For the Souls

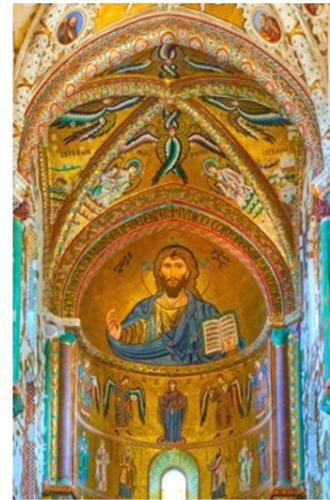
Domenico Gallucci  
Vincenzo - Lupino Concetta  
Salvatore Galluccio  
Amante Concetta - Montagnina  
Avati  
All deceased members of  
Balastrieri family  
All forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

### Special Intention

Henry & Tina and my family  
Leah Tillam

## The Feast of Christ the King

Entering this 12<sup>th</sup> century cathedral at Cefalu in Sicily, as I did on an autumn afternoon many years ago, is to enter into another world. Dominating the whole interior of the church is this mosaic of Christ, Lord of all (Christos Pantocrator). Even without the gold background, this image of Christ looking directly at you as you enter the church demands a personal response. Christ raises his right hand in blessing and with his left hand holds a book with the words of John's Gospel: "I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in darkness but will have the light of life." (Jn 8:12)



This is Jesus as he is presented in Paul's letter to the Christian community at Colossae: "He is the image of the unseen God." As in the mosaic, Christ is the icon (image in Greek) of God. When we look at this image we see who God is to us - our creator who is infinite and who continues to sustain us: "Before anything was created, he existed and he holds all things in unity." We remember how Jesus reassured his disciples and strengthened their faith in him when he said to them "whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

This "image of the unseen God" is also a very human one. We will soon celebrate his very humble birth to a poor family in Bethlehem. They had been obliged to go there by a distant emperor who believed that it was he (and his legions) who "held all things in unity". Our Gospel reading today describes how this baby, as he grew older and came to the end of his life, expressed the nature of the power that he had as the image of God. As he was dying on the cross, all those who thought of power in terms of controlling others mocked him. How could he be God's chosen one, the long promised King of the Jews who would bring the whole world under his rule, if he couldn't count on God to save him?

The two criminals crucified alongside Jesus shared in his pain and suffering but one of them chose to join in with the others in mocking Jesus. The other criminal however recognised who Jesus is. Jesus is 'the sinless one' and his insight, as he rebukes the other crucified criminal, begins with words that remind us of a saying repeated several times in the psalms and the Wisdom books of the Old Testament, "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Jesus' response, "today you will be with me in paradise," echoes what he had said to Zacchaeus: "today salvation has come to this house." As our commentary **Break Open the Word** notes, "Luke's characteristic focus on the mercy of God is maintained by Jesus up to his dying breath." It is through his humanity as "the Word made flesh" that we see, through Jesus, how much God loves us and how much he wants to free us from the darkness of our sins and failures.

This Sunday's Feast of Christ the King also reminds us of our role and our place in God's plan, through Christ, for "all things to be reconciled through him and for him." Paul reminded the tiny Christian community at Colossae (perhaps no more than twenty or thirty people) that Jesus had taken them "out of the power of darkness and created a place for them in the kingdom of the Son that he loves." We may not consider our lives to be at all significant but, through Baptism and our place in "the Church, his body", we have been invited into another world. This is the world that God has always wanted us and the whole of humanity to live in.

*The ancient Jewish hope that the glory of the one God would return and fill the world is thus starting to come true. It may not have looked like much at Colossae with a handful of oddly assorted people coming together... but actually the Messiah, 'the hope of glory', was there in their midst. One day the whole of creation will be flooded with his presence (Paul: a biography N T Wright)*

Deacon Louis

## Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week

(21 - 26 Nov 2022)

Mon	21/11	The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue	22/11	St Cecilia, virgin, martyr
Wed	23/11	St Clement I, pope, martyr St Columban, abbot
Thu	24/11	Sts Andrew Dūng-Lac, priest, and Companions, martyrs
Fri	25/11	St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr

### The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

There was a religious custom among the Jews, in former times, of promising to dedicate children to God's service in the temple, even before the children were born. Tradition tells us that the Blessed Virgin Mary was vowed to God by her parents, St Joachim and St Ann, and taken by them to the temple when she was three years old. This offering and dedication of the Blessed Virgin to the Lord, the Church commemorates by the feast of the Presentation on November 21.



### Advent Reflections

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. To help you in preparing for Christmas, we have once again ordered a number of small beautifully illustrated daily reflection booklets for Advent. Please take one and read each day's reflection together with its Gospel passage. This will help you make the most of this wonderful season and enable you to find a prayerful space in what can often be a very busy time. A \$2 donation would be appreciated.

### Morning Tea - Third Sunday of each month

This Sunday, 20th November, is our Morning Tea Sunday after the 10:00am Mass at the front of the Church (outside).

*Please join and bring a plate to share.*



### 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.

The signature light show of Christmas art will be projected onto the Cathedral at 8:30pm.

### Mass for Expectant Mothers and those hoping to conceive

Sunday 11 December 10:00am  
St Paul of the Cross church  
522 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill

Are you expecting a little one? Are you hoping to conceive but have been unable to have children? The Mass for Expectant Mothers is for you. Join Bishop Daniel Meagher for this annual celebration-family and friends welcome! The celebration will be followed by some light refreshments, please RSVP for catering purposes by 27 November at [www.trybooking.com/CDILN](http://www.trybooking.com/CDILN)

### 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/)

### 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

### 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

### PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 26 - 27 November 2022

<b>Readers:</b>	5:30pm	R Lazarus P Allport
	8:00am	A Di Donato N Dudley
	10:00am	P Marshall J Duru
<b>Acolytes:</b>	5:30pm	Philip Morea
	8:00am	Tony
	10:00am	Andre

"Break Open the Word" (the book for readers) now available in the Sacristy.

### Choir Notice

The next rehearsal will be on Monday 5th December 2022 at 7:00pm

### Support Caritas Ukraine Appeal

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine. Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>  
Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

### 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](mailto: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.

