

THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

AUGUST 18 2024 | TWENTIETH

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | YEAR B

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: AUGUST 15TH

Why wait until 1950 to proclaim this dogma of faith concerning Mary's Assumption? It was proclaimed mid-way through the 20th Century, and the Second World War has just finished. Europe has been wasted, yet again, so soon after the First World War, with an estimated 53 million people killed. Russia lost 27 million killed. - environments were devastated. And this on top of the 20 million killed in the First World War and about 21 million wounded! Add to that, the Genocide of the Armenians, the seven millions starved to death by Stalin's forced famine on the people of Ukraine in the 1930s, and the millions who died as a result of the Communist regimes in Russia and China.

Then came the terrible shock of the discovery of the gas chambers and crematoria and the sheer scale of the murderous regime of the Nazis. It raised the question, especially in Europe – "how do we believe in God after Auschwitz" – as though the political ideas which resulted in the concentration camps were God's doing and not, terrible to say, ordinary, living, everyday people who were drawn into the terror which was Nazism. The Nuremberg Trials following WWII determined that those who were in charge of the concentration camps were not psychopaths – they were everyday people caught up in the nationalism promoted by Hitler's party. Auschwitz was an unparalleled vortex of evil where over a million, mainly Jews, but also Communists, Catholic priests, Roma (Gypsies), homosexuals, tens of thousands of Polish citizens, all deemed undesirables, sub-humans, were liquidated. The European countries had a Christian heritage for Centuries, and yet this savage evil of Nazism had run rampant. The historical roots of Nazism are complex.

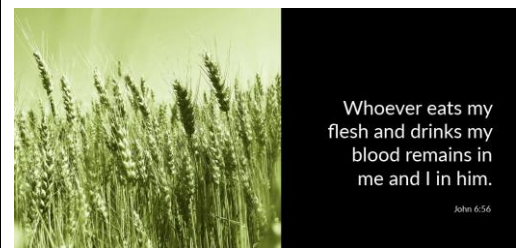
Added to these horrors was the capacity of science to be used to destroy the planet seen in the devastation of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima in Japan on August 6th, 1945. In a nanosecond, over 100,000 people were killed in Hiroshima. Terrible to note that the second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki only three days later, August 9th, with 70,000 people incinerated. You may have seen the award-winning film, *Oppenheimer* about the making of the bomb in the USA. How is it that a Christian country should be the first to actually use it on a largely civilian population? It is beyond comprehension to realise that countries continue to make these instruments of terror this day and threaten to use them, as in the case of Putin of Russia. I was reading a book by Fr Denis Edwards of Adelaide, and he quoted the figure of 231,000,000 lives destroyed through war and genocides during the 20th Century. Nor do these figures include the tragedy of the silent holocaust of abortions.

So, 1950 when Pius XII proclaimed the Dogma of the Assumption of Mary it can be seen as a cry from the very heart and soul of wounded, devalued, devastated and demoralised humanity; that human flesh was not created for bullets, for gas chambers, nuclear bombs, torture and gulags, or any form of dehumanisation; and not to be aborted, abandoned or abused. The sacredness of humanity, body and soul is clearly underlined in the light of the Incarnation – God becoming one of us in the flesh, born of Mary. The bodily assumption of Mary affirms this absolutely.

As Vatican II proclaimed: "in Mary, the Church...joyfully contemplates, as in a faultless image, that which she herself desires and hopes wholly to be..." (SC 103), But let us not wait till heaven to witness to the sanctity of the human person, body, soul, intellect and will. Let us ask Mary to guide and encourage us, to keep Christ in our thoughts, utterances and actions. PHMSC



THIS WEEK



Whoever eats my
flesh and drinks my
blood remains in
me and I in him.

John 6:56

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST

5:00pm - 5.30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm MASS - NOTE: NEW TIME DURING WINTERTIME

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 19 AUGUST – ST JOHN EUDES

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration

WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST – POPE PIUS X

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 22 AUGUST – QUEENSHIP OF MARY

9:00am OLR School Mass

5:00pm Holy Hour/Adoration

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST – ST ROSE OF LIMA

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST – ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

5:00pm – 5.30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm MASS - NOTE: NEW TIME DURING WINTERTIME

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

We acknowledge the traditional owners the Gadigal Clans of the Eora Nation, who cared for this land for thousands of years and their descendants who have maintained these Spiritual connections and traditions.

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MASS TIMES

Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun 9:30am, 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm

Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

9:00am Mass First Friday

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:00-5:30pm

Sunday 5.30-6.00pm

Thursday 5:00pm-6pm

ROSARY

First Saturday of each month

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9: 1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5: 15-20

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSEL

John 6: 51-58

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Finance Report at Masses this weekend. A full copy is available in the foyer.

Renovations to separate the office from priest's living area in full swing. Thanks to Eka for the plans.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Selina Fung, Faalele Jane Reekers, Wong Chung Hua, Rinda Wijaja Suparto, Fr Terry Bowman, Eleonora Mezzatesta, Anna Vigliante, John Stuart Park, Kim Michelle Pastor, Nyauw Kim Tjin, Cendrati Kurniawan (*mother of Henny Wong*), Shona Kaiwai, Grace Provino, Hima, Margaret McShane, Evelyn Marquez, Maria & Ivan Zic, Grace Veronica, Amina Chahrouk, Salvatore Messina, Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella, A.L., Xavier Stratton, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family, Gavin Robertson, Chris (*Cindy's husband*), Manuel Mouco, Eva (*Nicole's mum*), Paul Galea, Lynne Chaundhuri

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Margaret Stocker, Terrence Hertford, Brian Beaver, Rose Kelter, Sebastiano Gentile, Robert Preece, Gai Tyne, Gina Vizacos, John Dorahy, Frank Mifsud, William Van Burke, Brenda Longworth, Christine Moyle, Fr Chris Murphy msc, Olga Nasser, Jill Rees, Sayde Harb, Maria Pockaj, Gwen Smith, Lucienne Radzysinski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Dr John Morgan, Stephen Hannan, Valerie June Sloane, Om Akwang, Br Eugene Nguyen Van Ly fsc, Maureen Hearne (*Sr Helen's sister*), Ho Chi Ying

ANNIVERSARIES

Carlo & Alfredo Pengue, Cristina Gonzalez, Lupo Macolino, Fr Peter Robinson msc, Peter Mifsud, Fr Christopher Sheehy, Vincent McGuinness, Joy Simon, Leo O'Sullivan, Vincent Leonard, Marie Bourke, Maria Sidoti, Carmel Kearney (Fr Terry's sister), Doris White, Tereza Rodrigues, Leonard See, Lyn King, Jack Papallo, Sr Philomene Tiernan rscj

ROSTERS

17/18AUG	SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Danny Tjahjadi	Gus Alimhamzah	Handojo Widjaja
Readers	Sr Helen Hearne Cathy Shiner	Kayla Thumwanich Michelle Alimhamzah	Natalie Kuirintinus Geraldine Marcellino
E. Ministers	Shilla Azalea	Dewi Suryani Amalia Iovanella	Patricia Reyes
KidsChurch	Caroline & Eka		
Counters	Helen Liew, Jan Nicholas		
Comm to Sick	Josue Castro		
24/25 AUG	SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	Arthur Handjojo	Briant Koh
Readers	Sr Pauline Richards Bernadine Lavender	Abby Yang Billy Siauwidjaja	Marissa Meyn Marieann Duncan
E. Ministers	John Ryan	Margaret Rigotti Thomas Chia	Geraldine Marcellino
KidsChurch	Patrick & Henny Wong		
Counters	Selvi Ung, Chris Kurniadi		
Comm to Sick	Thomas Chia		

August is a special time in the Liturgical cycle of the Church with a cluster of commemorations all connected with the darkness of the 20th Century.

August 6th Transfiguration of the Lord: This feast is also commemorated on the Third Sunday of Lent each year. It is a moment of glory for Jesus when the sheer splendour of his divine personhood shines in dazzling light, **transfiguring his human body, his flesh.**

However, in stark contrast, August 6 is also a unique day in the history of the Planet and of humanity: on that date in 1945 the first ever Atomic Bomb was dropped on the Japanese City of Hiroshima. The hypo Centre was over a bridge in the centre of the city. I read a book, *Doctor in Hiroshima*. He was an eyewitness to the bomb blast and treated victims as best he could in the aftermath. It is a truly harrowing account. **Some individuals were vaporised leaving only their shadows, others died immediately, and others, including a group of small school children huddled together on a bridge in Hiroshima, with the skin literally peeling from them, in agony and sheer incomprehension until death mercifully took them. Thousands jumped into the rivers to alleviate their burns, only to drown.** Over 100,000 people were killed in an instant with others lingering for hours and days. As we now know, the effects of radiation sickness and genetic distortions also continued for years.

Three days later, August 9th, Nagasaki suffered the same fate with over 80,000 killed instantly, leaving thousands more in an agonising path to death. A famous Doctor, Takashi Nagai, convert to Catholicism, kept his diary of the aftermath. A beautiful book authored by him is *The Bells of Nagasaki*. I have the feeling that one day he will be Canonised.

On my sabbatical trip to Japan, with Fr Kenji as guide, we visited both cities. In the **Museum of the Bomb in Nagasaki**, Kenji pointed out that there was only one instance in which any Japanese guilt for the war was acknowledged: a simple parchment: "we are responsible for this" or something similar. The museum featured so much about the **Catholics of Nagasaki, especially the Urakami Cathedral which was the centre of this 400-year-old faith community. They are famous for their "Hidden Catholics" during two and half centuries of persecution.** The charred and disfigured remains of the front façade of the Cathedral had been reconstructed in the Museum, and another charred section at the hypo centre, (see pic below) only 300 metres or so from the Cathedral. **The Catholic population which accounted for 12% of the population of Nagasaki, the largest in Japan, was reduced to 8% by that one blast. The magnificent brick Cathedral, the largest in Asia, was demolished, now rebuilt on the same site, with many charred statues in the grounds.**

Other August Commemorations include **Gertrude Stein known as St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**, a Jewish Convert, Carmelite Nun (August 9th), and **Fr Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan Conventual Friar** (August 14th). Both were victims of Auschwitz - Birkenau Concentration Camps. I may write a little about them at a later date. Their stories are emblematic of the period. Peter Hearn MSC



Hiroshima



Nagasaki Hypocentre



Cathedral facade



Happy Birthday Fr Peter
17 August

HOLY HOURS

Join us for Adoration **Monday 19th August**
6pm-7pm (call in for a few minutes
or stay the whole hour)
And Thursdays before 6:00pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

First Friday Masses with anointing of the Sick at 9am. PHMSC

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Please join us at OLR Church on the **first Saturday of each month** for the "5 first Saturdays Devotion" associated with Our Lady of Fatima. **5.00pm Rosary with confessions available | 5.30pm Mass.**

CATHOLIC JOURNEY

Are you or someone you know interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Our parish offers RCIA for adults with the enquiry sessions commencing 13 August. Please contact us on 9663 1070 or at olrkensoevangelise@gmail.com for more information. All parishioners welcomed to attend any or all of the sessions.

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First Collection	\$1,404
Second Collection	\$651
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CWF	\$370

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