

# THE ROSARY RECORD

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## JUBILEE YEAR: 2025 and the Opening of the "Holy Door" in St Peter's Rome.

As Pope Francis opened the **Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica**, on Christmas Eve 2024, he ushered in the widely anticipated **2025 Jubilee Year of Hope**. This comes about every 25 years.

The Jubilee will conclude with **the closing of the same Holy Door on 6 January 2026**, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

**Significance:** The Holy Door is deemed 'Holy' since **it calls all those who enter through it to walk in holiness of life**. In the footsteps of the Pope, during the singing of the Jubilee hymn, **representatives of the entire People of God** crossed its threshold, as a prelude to the countless pilgrims of hope from every country and language who will visit St. Peter's Basilica and **celebrate the mysteries of salvation during the Holy Year**.

**Origin:** The origin of the custom goes back to Pope Martin V who, for the Extraordinary Jubilee of 1423, opened a Holy Door to enter the Lateran Basilica. In St. Peter's, it was first used for the Jubilee of 1450. Pope Alexander VI, in 1500, endowed this symbol of the opening of the Jubilee with a ritual that remained virtually unchanged over the centuries, until the turn of the millennium, when in the year 2000, the removal of the former brick wall was replaced by the ceremonial opening of the bronze Door.

**Purpose:** The Jubilee is **to strengthen faith and recognize Christ in our midst**. "During the Holy Year," the Pope has prayed, "may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!"

**Preparation:** Francis invited us to pray, to prepare ourselves throughout this year, so that this Jubilee may **"strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope."** At Christmas, Francis reflected on how Heaven breaks forth upon earth amid the wonder of the poor and the singing of angels. **"God," he highlighted, "has become one of us to make us like Himself; He has come down to us to lift us up and restore us to the embrace of the Father.** "Tonight, the door of hope has opened wide to the world" and "God speaks to each of us and says: **'there is hope also for you!'"** he said.

**Move Forward:** Significantly, Pope Francis underscored, the Jubilee **"is a summons not to tarry, to be kept back by our old habits, or to wallow in mediocrity or laziness."**

**Greater Hope:** The Pope recalled that Saint Augustine suggested that **hope calls us to be upset with things that are wrong and to find the courage to change them. With this in mind, as disciples of the Lord, "we are called to find our greater hope in Him, and then, without delay, carry that hope with us, as pilgrims of light amid the darkness of this world."**

"Dear sister, dear brother, on this night the 'holy door' of God's heart lies open before you. Jesus, God-with-us, is born for you, for us, for every man and woman. **With him, joy flourishes; with Him, life changes; with Him, hope does not disappoint.**" [From Vatican News Service.]

[To be continued: what can we do about this in the Archdiocese of Sydney, and what a Plenary Indulgence offers.]



Pope Francis opens Holy Door

## THIS WEEK

"The parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord!"

Luke 2:22



### SATURDAY 1 FEB

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

### SUNDAY 2 FEB

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch, Morning Tea

11:00am Baptism

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

### MONDAY 3 FEB – ST BLASÉ, ANSGAR

9:00am Mass

### WEDNESDAY 5 FEB – ST AGATHA

9:00am Mass

### THURSDAY 6 FEB – ST PAUL MIKI

5:00pm Holy Hour/Adoration/Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

### FRIDAY 7 FEB

9:00am Mass

### SATURDAY 8 FEB – STS JEROME EMILIANI,

JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

### SUNDAY 9 FEB – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUN YEAR C

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 6:00pm (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 5:30-6.00pm  
Sunday 5.30-6.00pm  
Thursday 5:00pm-6pm

## ROSARY

First Saturday before 6.00pm Mass

## BAPTISMS | WEDDINGS | SACRAMENTS | RCIA

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## RESPONSES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love,  
O God, we have received  
in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God,  
like your name, reaches the  
ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with  
saving justice.

### FIRST READING

Micah 3: 1-4

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Who is this king of glory?  
It is the Lord?

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 2: 14-18

### ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
This is the light of revelation to  
the nations, and the glory of  
your people Israel.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Luke 2: 22-40

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My eyes have seen your  
salvation, which you prepared  
in the sight of all the peoples.

## OREMUS

*Let us Pray*

### SICK

Bernard Fonti, Alice Gatt, Peter Haylen,  
Manuel Mouco

### PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Lucy Tan, Tom Carlton, Sr Joan Pender,  
Frank Mifsud, Margaret Stocker,  
Terrence Hertford, Brian Beaver, Jill Rees,  
Rose Kelter, Robert Preece, Gina Vizacos,  
Sebastiano Gentile, Gai Tyne, John Dorahy,  
William Van Burke, Brenda Longworth,  
Christine Moyle, Olga Nasser, Sayde Harb,  
Maria Pockaj, Lucienne Radzynski,  
Nicole Chiaradia

### BELOVED DECEASED

Kathleen Cullen, Fr Chris Murphy msc

### ANNIVERSARIES

Sr Margaret McKay rscj, Ana Gamulin,  
Lynette Marie Allen, Fr Adrian Meaney msc,  
Br Barney Delaney msc, Barbara Zakrzewski,  
Philomena McGrath Morgan, Jack Papallo

**THANKS to Luis and others who decorated the church for the Luna New Year.**

**THANKS to all who helped with funeral of Fr Chris Murphy msc.**

## ROSTERS

1/2 FEB	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	Arthur Handjojo	Handojo Widjaja
Readers	Sr Pauline Richards Bernadine Lavender	Nani Widarto Roy Rigotti	Isabel Reyes Natalia Kuirintinus
E. Ministers	Joyance Jo	Francine Pirola Byron Pirola	Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch			
Counters	Robyn Kildea, Bob Brenac		
Comm to Sick	Jan Nicholas		
8/9 FEB	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Ryan	Yosep Rizal	Briant Koh
Readers	Jorence Jo Joyance Jo	Kayla Thumwanich Billy Siauwidjaja	Petra Haylen Paul Haylen
E. Ministers	Simona Wong	Robyn Kildea Ana Corpuz	Geraldine Marcellino
KidsChurch	Lia & Herlina		
Counters	Helen Liew, Inge Sutanto		
Comm to Sick	Robyn Kildea		

## 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU CONCENTRATION CAMP - 1945

During World Youth Day in 2016, I, with the Antioch Young Adults Pilgrims and Fr Tru, and with hundreds of thousands of other pilgrims visited Auschwitz-Birkenau **the epicentre of the liquidation of European Jews on a previously unknown, and unthinkable industrial scale: 1,200,000 murdered in that one camp alone, including Polish citizens, Romani, Communists, homosexuals and around 2,000 Polish priests.** Nearby is another massive section spread out **over 300 acres of desolation, suffering and dehumanisation called Birkenau** – an endless collection of long sheds into each were crammed 400 prisoners.

Auschwitz is the German name given by the Nazi Regime during World War II to the **Polish village of Oswiecim, about 30 km to the west Krakow**, a major, beautiful Southern Polish city.

The first sight of the Auschwitz camp is of a very extensive series of three storied brick barracks. It had been a **Polish army barracks** in pre-war times. **Its appearance belies the truly evil regime there.** The Nazis first used it for political prisoners, and then slave labour and eventually as one of a number of liquidation camps mainly for Europe's Jews. Over the main gate are the words in German, **"Arbeit Mach Frei" - "Work Makes Free" - demonically cynical.**

During our walk around Birkenau camp, Tru and I took refuge from the burning sun and stood under some trees, only to read a sign that said that **those very trees gave shelter to tens of thousands of already traumatized victims straight off the trains waiting to be gassed and cremated.** They did not enter the camp itself but were left there in all-weather conditions until there was "room" for them in the gas chambers. Their ashes were thrown into a small dam nearby. **If trees could speak, they would weep.**

**It seemed to me that all humanity, myself included, is on trial there** – for it reminds us of the evil each is capable of giving the triggering contexts, especially fear. Such juxtaposition – **the beauty** of so much of European culture, religion, art, architecture, music, learning – and yet **after a millennium of Christianity, this evil thrived until it was forcibly stopped.** Kyrie Eleison, indeed.

The sheer scope of the evil is difficult to comprehend **as are Holocaust Deniers and those who still persist in anti-Semitism and fascism.** After the War, a "big question" was **'How does one believe in God after Auschwitz'**, the **"silence of God"** and so on? How can God be blamed, displacing human responsibility and the abuse of our free wills? **This evil was purely managed by human involvement and the malevolent demonic world influencing humans.**

In Poland, at the risk of their own lives, 66 congregations of nuns in about 450 institutions and 25 male congregations in about 85 institutions, and around 700 diocesan priests in 580 locations in occupied Poland did what they could to assist Jews. **3,000,000 non-Jewish Poles were murdered in camps during the occupation.** More light is being brought to bear on **the role of the Papacy and the Church/es** during this period with the opening of Vatican Archives of the period under Pope Francis. It is complex to say the least as are the historical contexts which allowed Nazism to take such a hold on so many. **May our prayer and action also be "Never Again".** Peter Hearn msc



**Birkenau on arrival – first "selection". Some went straight to gas chambers.**

### HOLY HOURS

Join us for Adoration **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 6pm-7pm** (*call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour*) and Thursdays before 6:00pm Mass. **Reconciliation is available.**

### 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.**

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**First Friday Masses with anointing of The Sick at 9am, also at the Thursday evening Mass the day before the First Friday. PHMSC**

### CATHOLIC JOURNEY

Are you or someone you know interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Our parish offers RCIA for adults. Please contact us on 9663 1070 or at [olrkensoevangelise@gmail.com](mailto:olrkensoevangelise@gmail.com) for more information. All parishioners welcomed to attend any or all of the sessions.

### DONATIONS/PAYMENTS

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### PARISH COLLECTIONS 25/26 JAN

First Collection	\$843
Second Collection	\$571
Envelope Collection	\$580



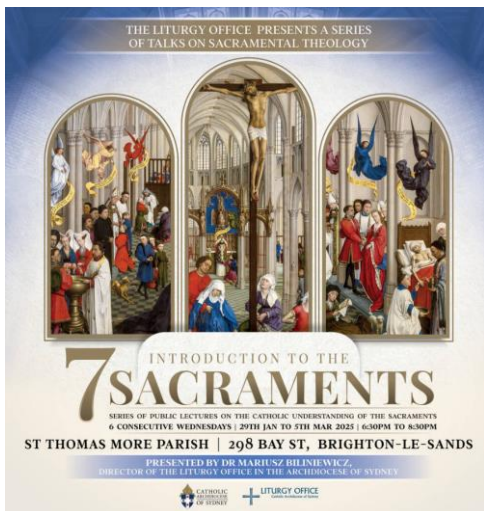
## KENSINGTON YOUTH MINISTRY

The Kensington Youth Ministry designed specifically for teenagers has been running for about a year, meeting once a month for fellowship, fun and faith formation.

This weekend we welcome **Icha and Wie** who will talk to us about the Ministry and upcoming events.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Do you want to learn more about the Catholic understanding of the sacraments? Come along to a series of six lectures on the basic sacramental theology in the Catholic tradition.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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 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.



## GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

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"The online component in particular was beautiful, informative and made the theology interesting and engaging."

David  
Cathedral Parish, Bathurst

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