

# THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH  
AUGUST 17 2025 | TWENTIETH  
SUNDAY IN ORD TIME | YEAR C

The two saints featured below focus our attention on the Second World War and its cruelty, and how the Light of Christ shone within that darkness in these two out of millions of unknown souls.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross – Edith Stein, martyr of Auschwitz. (1891-1942).** Edith Stein was the 11<sup>th</sup> child of a Jewish family, from Breslau, Germany. Gifted with a brilliant intellect, she decided **she was an atheist by the age of 15 and declared she would never pray again!** As she recalled later, “My quest for truth was my only prayer.”

In her search for truth, she studied psychology, history and philosophy at Freiburg, Germany. There she eventually studied under **Max Scheler** who **influenced her thinking to include a Catholic understanding of love and sacrifice in her philosophical worldview.** She wrote, “The barricades of my rationalist prejudices were lifted to reveal the world of faith.”

Providentially she read over the space of one night, the Autobiography of the great Carmelite **St Teresa of Avila** and declared: “**This is the Truth!**”

**She was baptized a Catholic at age 31 in 1922. She entered the Carmelite Nuns’ Monastery at Cologne in 1933 just after Hitler came to power. She said, “Henceforth my only vocation will to be to love more.”** Hitler was able to use the scarcely dormant antisemitism in Germany which had a centuries-long history to turn the Jews into scapegoats for the economic turmoil which followed the First World War. **Approximately 500,000 Jews, representing less than 1% of the population, lived in Germany prior to WWII.** As a result, cruelty never before seen in the history of racial persecution was exacted upon the Jews, firstly in Germany and then across Europe. In 1936 the infamous **Nuremberg Laws were passed: Jews were segregated, deprived of citizenship, without status. A Catholic lawyer devised these laws!** Soon after Jews were transported to concentration camps, especially the nearby Auschwitz work/liquidation camp in conquered Poland.

**In 1938 Sr Teresa and her sister Rosa, by then also a Carmelite extern Sister, were transferred from Cologne Carmel to the Carmelites in Echt, Holland, to escape Nazis persecution.** On 2 August 1942 the Bishops and Protestant leaders of by then occupied Holland issued a **Pastoral Letter unambiguously condemning Nazism.** However, the **German Bishops did not, and the Pope did not issue a clear broadcast against Nazism.** The very next day the Nazis arrested 244 convert Jews, including the Carmelites Teresa and Rosa. **They were transported by cattle box car to Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, soon after their arrival, they were gassed and cremated, two victims along with 1,250,000 mainly Jewish people to be liquidated in that one location.** As she was arrested, she said to her sister, “**Come, we are on our way to our own people.**” She is remembered as a person who walked in love through the most terrible absence of mercy and compassion in recorded history – in union with the sufferings of Christ. **St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, pray for us that we do not become indifferent to our own faith.** PHmsc various sources



Teresa Benedicta  
of the Cross



Maximilian Kolbe

## THIS WEEK



### SATURDAY 16 AUGUST

5:00pm-5:30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm winter-time Mass

### SUNDAY 17 AUGUST

9:30am Mass, KidsChurch + Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

### MONDAY 18 AUGUST

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration/Reconciliation

7:30pm Finance Meeting

### WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST - ST BERNARD

9:00am Mass

### THURSDAY 21 AUGUST -ST PIUS X

5:00pm: Adoration | Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

### FRIDAY 22 AUGUST – ST ROSE OF LIMA

9:00am Mass

### SATURDAY 23 AUGUST

5:00pm-5:30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm winter-time Mass

### SUNDAY 24 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

Sat Vigil 5.00pm-5.30pm

Sun 5:30pm-6:00pm

Thurs 5:00pm-6pm

### ROSARY

First Saturday before 6.00pm Mass

### BAPTISMS | WEDDINGS |

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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

Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, come to my aid!

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 12: 1-4

### ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice,  
says the Lord; I know them,  
and they follow me.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Luke 12: 49-53

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

## OREMUS

*Let us Pray*

### SICK

Chris Setiobudi, Lily Rose Parks, Bernard Fonti,  
Alice Gatt, Peter Haylen, Manuel Mouco

### PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Tom Carlton, Sr Joan Pender rscj, Frank Mifsud,  
Margaret Stocker, Jill Rees, John Dorahy,  
Brenda Longworth, Christine Moyle, Olga  
Nasser, Maria Pockaj, Lucienne Radzynski,  
Nicole Chiaradia

### BELOVED DECEASED

Fr Terry Naughton msc, Peter Bennett,  
William Perez

### ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Sidotti, Jack Papallo, John Morgan,  
Joy Simon, Fr Peter Robinson msc, Vincent  
McGuinness, Leo Patrick O'Sullivan, Br Eugene  
Van Ly, Bill Mullins, Fr Chris Sheehy, Vincent  
Leonard, Peter Mifsud, Fr Barry Brundell msc,  
Roy Joseph Nicholas, Leonard See

## SACRAMENTAL DATES

### First Holy Communion Ceremony:

Sunday 14 & 21 September, 9.30am

### First Reconciliation:

Enrolments Close: 7 September

Parent Info: 17 September, 6.30pm Church

Commitment Mass: 26 October, 5:30pm

Ceremony: Wednesday 19 November, 6:30pm

### MAINTENANCE

- Stained-glass windows are in, a very big thank you to all who donated towards the cost of repair.
- Leaks in the church are being looked into.

## ROSTERS

16/17 AUG	SATURDAY 5:30PM	SUNDAY 9:30AM	SUNDAY 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	Yosep Rizal	Briant Koh
Readers	Simona Wong Sr Pauline Richards	Michelle Alimhamzah Jeff Kildea	Elisha Lim Ethan Lim
E. Ministers	Simona Wong	Margaret Rigotti Ana Corpuz	Patricia Reyes
Kids Church	Herlina & Sisca		
Counters	Johanna Jahja, Marissa Meyn		
Comm to Sick	Jan Nicholas		
23/24 AUG	SATURDAY 5:30PM	SUNDAY 9:30AM	SUNDAY 6PM
Acolyte	John Ryan	Arthur Handjojo	Gunawan Gunawan
Readers	Jorence Jo Joyance Jo	Ana Corpuz Ross Martin	Natalia Kuirintinus Isabel Reyes
E. Ministers	Sr Pauline Richards	Robyn Kildea Dewi Suryani	Marieann Duncan
Kids Church	Lily & Eka		
Counters	Helen Liew, Arief Suhadi		
Comm to Sick	Robyn Kildea		

(Continued from P.1) **August 14<sup>th</sup>: St. Maksymilian Maria Kolbe martyr of Auschwitz, Poland, 1894 - August 14, 1941.**

In 1906 aged 12, Maksymilian had a vision of Our Lady in which she offered him a white crown and a red crown and asked which he would accept. Understanding the white to represent a life of purity and the red to represent martyrdom, he said he would accept them both. **The vision deeply affected him, and the following year he and his elder brother joined the Franciscan Conventuals in their High School.**

In 1918 he was ordained a priest in Rome and on his return to Poland he established the **popular periodical “The Knight of Mary Immaculate”**. **In 1927 he founded the City of Mary Immaculate, a religious centre, that eventually attracted some 700 Franciscans and workers. Later he founded a monastery and printery in Nagasaki, Japan which survived the bombing as it was over the ridge of a hill from the city.**

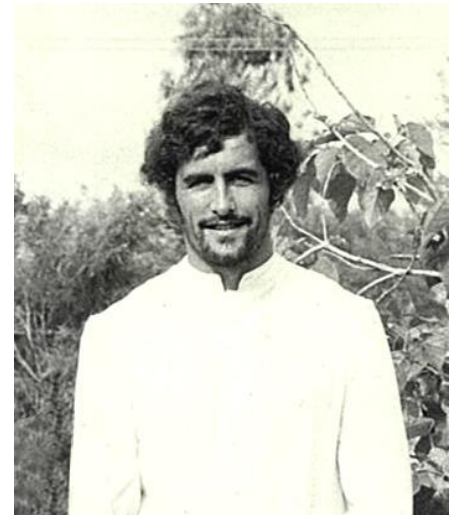
Upon his return to Poland, Kolbe became superior of the City of Mary Immaculate and director of Poland’s chief Catholic publishing complex. In 1938 the centre started its own radio station. **He was arrested by the Gestapo in 1939 for his anti-Nazism but was later released.** He continued to publish against the Nazis while **the remaining brothers used the centre to shelter an estimated 2,000–3,000 Polish refugees, the majority of whom were Jewish.** He was again arrested in February 1941 on charges of aiding Jews and the Polish underground.

**He was transported to Auschwitz.** There he continued his priestly ministry, including hearing confessions and celebrating Mass with smuggled bread and wine for which he was subjected to beatings by the guards. **In retaliation for a prisoner who had escaped, the deputy camp commander picked out 10 men to be starved to death in an underground bunker.** When one of the selected men, Franciszek Gajowniczek, cried out, "My wife! My children!", Fr Kolbe volunteered to die in his place. **"Kolbe left the ranks, risking being killed on the spot, to ask the camp leader to replace me," recalled the prisoner who survived Auschwitz to see Kolbe declared a Saint.**

Maximilian and 9 others were locked up in the "starvation bunker" without food and water. According to an eyewitness, who was a forced worker-prisoner in that Block, Fr Kolbe led the prisoners in prayer. **After they had been starved and deprived of water for two weeks, only Fr Kolbe remained alive. The prison authorities who wanted the bunker emptied, gave him a lethal injection of carbolic acid killing him on August 14. Before dying, he pronounced the two words, “Ave Maria”.** His remains were cremated on 15 August, the feast of the Assumption of Mary.

**In 1982 Pope John Paul II canonized him in the presence of the Polish man Fr Kolbe saved and his family. During his visit to Poland in 2016, Pope Francis visited the “starvation bunker”. He signed the visitors’ book with a brief prayer: “Lord, have mercy on your people. Lord, forgive us for so much cruelty”.** Fr Kolbe’s faith and charity, inspired by his profound love of Mary, was a clear light witnessing to the dignity of the human person, shining in the vortex of evil and darkness represented by Auschwitz.

**St Maximilian Kolbe, help us bear whatever crosses may come to us when we stand as Christ’s Church for the dignity of the human person.** (PHmsc various sources.)



*Fr Peter – Port Keats Wadeye NT at age 31*

**Happy Birthday Fr Peter**  
**17 August**

### **HOLY HOURS**

Join us for Adoration **Monday 18 August, 6-7pm** (call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour) and Thursdays before 6:00pm Mass. **Reconciliation is available.**

### **COELIAC – NOTE:**

Our special breads for Communion are LOW GLUTEN in order to be matter for consecration. “Amount of Gluten is 20ppm”. If these are not suitable for you, you will need to receive from the Chalice. We can arrange that. Please let the Acolyte or Celebrant know. Peter Hearn msc.

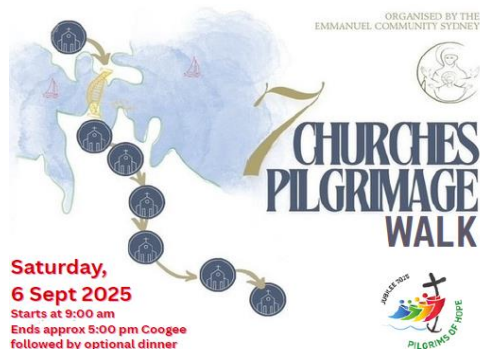
### **CATHOLIC JOURNEY**

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.

### **PARISH COLLECTIONS 9/10 AUG**

First Collection	\$1,314
Second Collection	\$641
Envelope Collection	\$755
<b>August CWF Appeal so far</b>	<b>\$2,035</b>





**Saturday,  
6 Sept 2025**

Starts at 9:00 am  
Ends approx 5:00 pm Coogee  
followed by optional dinner

OLR Parishioners are invited to walk as a parish group for this pilgrimage as we visit the 7 Holy Doors for the "Year of Jubilee".

1. Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel (Praise, 9am)
2. St Patrick's, Church Hill
3. St Mary's Cathedral
4. St Maroun's Cathedral (Maronite)
5. Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo
6. Shrine of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Randwick
7. St Bridgid's, Coogee



You're welcome to join the walk at any  
of the 7 churches.  
Please wear comfortable shoes and  
bring sunscreen, hat and water.



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## THE GOOD OIL 2025 WRITERS' AWARD

Entries are invited for The Good Oil 2025 Writers' Award, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan in partnership with Garratt Publishing. In this Jubilee Year in the Church, the theme of the award is Pilgrims of Hope. The award aims to support and encourage the development of aspiring and published writers. Entry is free and open to writers aged 18 and over.

**Entries close at 5pm AEST on Friday 29 August 2025. For further information,**

**visit:** <https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/entries-invited-for-the-good-oil-2025-writers-award/>

## 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 on 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.

## 2025 MSC MISSION OFFICE APPEAL AUGUST 30/31

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## THE CANONIZATION OF PETER TO ROT

The MSC Mission Office wishes to notify all of the Celebration of the Canonization of Peter To Rot at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick, on **19<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm**. All are welcome to attend and participate.

## THE CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH 2025

An overnight pilgrimage for men in honour of our Spiritual Father, St Joseph. The entire walk from start to finish will include six churches. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration for spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for a quick bathroom break.

**Itinerary from start to finish:**

1. St Joseph's, Como - Opening Mass | 2. St Patrick's, Sutherland
3. St Catherine's, Gympie | 4. Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda
5. Our Lady of Fatima, Caringbah | 6. St Aloysius, Cronulla - closing Mass

**DATE: Friday 5 September 2025 7:00 PM - Saturday 6 September 2025 8:00 AM**

**COST: \$35 pp / Bus Ticket: \$24 return 7 pm sharp on 05/09 from Holy Family Menai and 7.30 am on 06/09 from St Aloysius Cronulla. To register and for more information, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CXLAO>.**

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday, 17th August. Arrival from 10 am to register for a 10:30am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, Middle of the Day Prayer with the monks, Mass at 2pm and conclusion around 3pm. Book display and morning tea provided, please BYO picnic lunch. Extensive grounds and labyrinth. No charge, donation to the monks as you are able. General enquiries: Ann Lomas: [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com), 0437 340 250. Possible accommodation at the monastery guest house: Fr Michael Kelly - [mkelly@silvestrini.org](mailto:mkelly@silvestrini.org) / 0455 329 607.

## THEOLOGY OF THE BODY MADE SIMPLE – BISHOP ANTHONY PERCY

Bishop Tony will draw from his book Theology of the Body Made Simple to help us understand and explore this teaching of JP II.



**25** August  
2025

7pm Holy Family  
Church Maroubra  
214 Maroubra Rd

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Event is free but please register by code or link