

THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH
AUGUST 3 2025 | EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY IN ORD TIME | YEAR C

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.**



Nagasaki Hypocentre & Cathedral



80th Anniversary Atomic Bomb over Nagasaki August 9th, 1945, 11.02am

THIS WEEK

"Take care to guard
against all greed."

Luke 12:15

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST

5:00pm-5:30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm winter-time Mass

SUNDAY 3 AUGUST

9:30am Mass, KidsChurch + Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 4 AUGUST- ST JOHN VIANNEY

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration/Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST - TRANSFIGURATION

9:00am Mass

6.30pm 1st Eucharist Enrolment

THURSDAY 7 AUGUST – ST SIXTUS POPE MARTYR & COMPANIONS

5:00pm: Adoration. Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 8 AUGUST – ST MARY MACKILLOP

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 9 AUGUST - CWF APPEAL

5:00pm-5:30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm winter-time Mass Commitment 1st HC

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST – CWF APPEAL

9:30am Mass, KidsChurch + Morning Tea

1st Eucharist Commitment Mass

3.30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass – CWF Appeal

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

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In every age, O Lord, you have been
my refuge.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord bread from
heaven, endowed with all delights and
sweetness in every taste.

**Thieves stole three of our copper
downpipes during the night last
week!**

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

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

Peter Bennett, William Perez,
Br Colin Griffin

ANNIVERSARIES

Roy Joseph Nicholas, Leonard See,
Jack Papallo, Lyn King, Judith Bennett,
Sr Philomene Tiernan, Philip Newton,
Doris White, Minnie Keating, Mary Tanti,
Patricia Ann Caba, Neil Arundel,
Carlo & Alfredo Pengue

SACRAMENTAL DATES

First Holy Communion:

Parent Info: 6 August, 6.30pm Church
Commitment Mass: 9/10 August,
5:30pm & 9.30pm
Ceremony: **Sunday 21 September, 9.30am**

First Reconciliation:

Parent Info: 17 September, 6.30pm Church
Commitment Mass: 26 October, 5:30pm
Ceremony: **Wednesday 19 November, 6:30pm**

ROSTERS

2/3 AUGUST	SATURDAY 5:30PM	SUNDAY 9:30AM	SUNDAY 6PM
Acolyte	John Ryan	Danny Tjahjadi	Briant Koh
Readers	Simona Wong Bernadine Lavender	Billy Siauwidjaja Michelle Alimhamzah	Petra Haylen Paul Haylen
E. Ministers	Vien Suhadi	Anna Corpuz Robyn Kildea	Michael Reyes
Comm to Sick	Robyn Kildea		
KidsChurch	Caroline & Sherly		
Counters	Robyn Kildea, Inge Sutanto		
9/10 AUG	SATURDAY 5:30PM	SUNDAY 9:30AM	SUNDAY 6PM
Acolyte	Danny Tjahjadi	Gus Alimhamzah	Handojo Widjaja
Readers	Shilla Azalea Sr Helen Hearne	Francine Pirola Byron Pirola	Erin Beavis Alice Beavis
E. Ministers	Vien Suhadi	Trish Veness Kayla Thumwanich	Geraldine Marcellino
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness		
KidsChurch	Lia & Martha		
Counters	Selvi Ung, Bob Brenac, Jan Nicholas		

Donate to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal

2 and 3 August 2025

The CWF is the charity of the Catholic community in Sydney and your local parish. Together, we bring hope and care to those who need it most.

Give generously.
Your tax-deductible gift changes lives.



To donate:

Scan the QR code
Visit: www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf
Call: 1800 753 959
Or complete the parish envelope.

Scan to Give



TOGETHERNESS SURVEY

At Our Lady of the Rosary, we want to build a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone feels they truly belong.

Please take a few minutes to fill out our Togetherness & Inclusion Survey and share your thoughts. There are paper surveys available at the church or you can access the survey through this link

- [HTTPS://WWW.OLRKENSINGTON.ORG.AU/TOGETHERNESS-SURVEY](https://www.olrkensington.org.au/togetherness-survey). The survey will be available until the 10th August.

HOLY HOURS

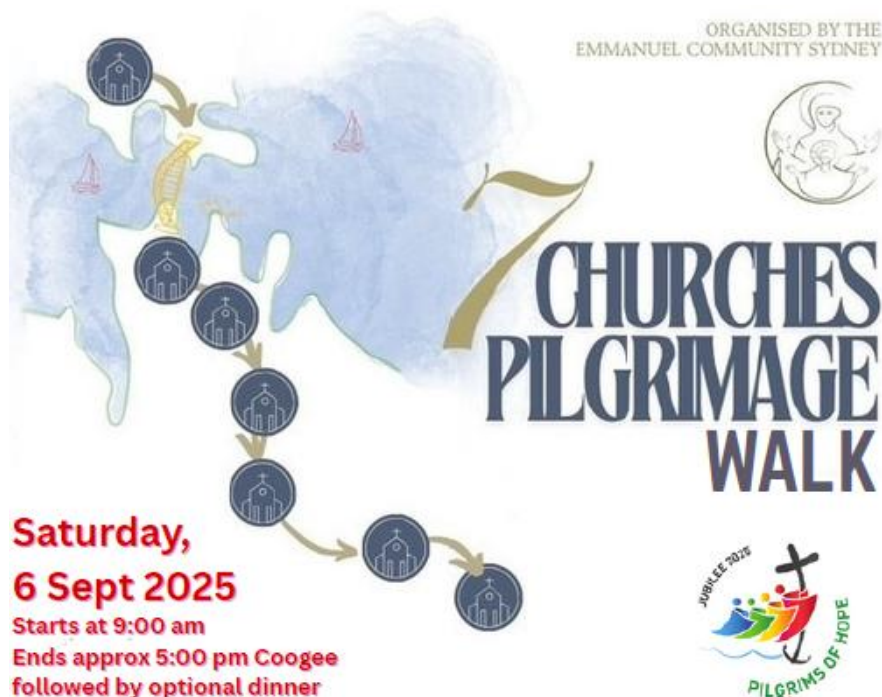
Join us for Adoration **Monday 4 August, 6-7pm** (call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour) and Thursdays before 6:00pm Mass. **Reconciliation is available.**

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 followed by 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



**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 Chaple (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 suncream, hat and water.



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One of our gems! Congratulations!
Frank Mifsud – 100 on 30th July.
Came to Australia from Malta in 1948 and lived in Kenso ever since.
Until retiring to St Joseph's Aged Care he opened and closed OLR Church, took up collections at all Masses and kept paths clean.



PART TIME HOUSEKEEPER

A part time housekeeper is required at the Sacred Heart Monastery for 22 hours per week. A small team and a lovely place to work. **For details, please ring Catherine on 0419 256 522.**

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. 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.

WALKING TO EMMAUS: MINISTRY-THE YOUNG & SEARCHING

This gathering is designed to support and encourage those working with young people across parishes, schools, and the wider Catholic community. It's a chance to reconnect, share ideas, and be renewed in our mission. Together, we'll explore practical tools, spiritual insights, and fresh approaches to walking alongside young people who are searching for meaning, belonging, and deeper faith.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, 23 August 2025 | **Time:** 1:30pm– 4:45pm

Venue: St Benedict's Hall, University of Notre Dame, Broadway Campus

Free entry – registration essential (places limited) – go to

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1421909>.

ACU CAMPUS MINISTRY: THEOLOGY AT THE PUB

ACU Campus Ministry, in collaboration with MacKillop Bakhita Law Students' Society and Sydney Crossroads, invites all young adults from Sydney to an evening of theology at the pub! Dr Michael Casey will be sharing his thoughts on the topic, "What's a person worth? Some thoughts on human dignity and the common good in law and society". 18+ Event.

Date: Monday 11 August, 2025 | **Time:** 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Venue: Top Floor, The Orient Hotel, 89 George St, The Rocks NSW

Free entry, but please register via the Facebook event at <https://bit.ly/3UndaZp>

ARETE: FOUNDATIONS OF MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP COURSE

The Arete Centre is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2025 Foundations of Missionary Leadership program. This transformative course is designed to form and equip laypeople for the vital mission of the Church, contributing to the renewal of parishes and evangelising others. Participants will have the opportunity to discover and use their gifts to build up the kingdom of God in whatever setting they are in. **For the course prospectus and more information go to** <https://aretecentre.org/programs/>

