

# THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH  
AUGUST 24 2025 | TWENTY FIRST  
SUNDAY IN ORD TIME | YEAR C

## Midori and Takashi Nagai, wife and husband saints in the making – Nagasaki, Japan.

Takashi came from a family imbued with Shinto and Confucian beliefs, although his father had been trained in Western medicine. While at High School he was “curious” about Christianity, but on entering Nagasaki Medical University in 1928, he was a convinced atheist, a scientific materialist. His mother’s death in 1930 caused him to ponder the meaning of life given the bleakness of atheism. He read widely and came across the Catholic French philosopher and scientific genius, **Blaise Pascal**, especially his writing, the *Pensées*, which opened Takashi to the idea that **faith and science can coexist**. To better understand Christianity, he deliberately boarded with the **Moriyamas, a long-standing Catholic family in Nagasaki**. There he met the daughter, **Midori, later to become his wife**. Midori’s family were direct descendants of the **Hidden Christians** who practised their faith for 250 years in secret, while undergoing extreme persecution if caught. They survived the very last persecution in the 1860s when they were dispersed from Nagasaki and suffered in various prisons around Japan. When freedom from persecution was granted, the remnant which returned, mainly poor farmers, set about building the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at Urakami** – the largest in Southeast Asia. It was built on the very land where the government had called the **Catholics to stand on the Fumie**, the image of Mary or Jesus, and thus a **sign of apostasy**. In reparation for the apostasies, the Catholics acquired the land and built the Cathedral. Their strength of faith and kindness impressed Takashi.

While living with the Moriyama family, Takashi got an infection after returning blind drunk, wet thorough and passing out following a party. He lost hearing in one ear and was **unable to use a stethoscope**. To continue in medicine, he moved into the **evolving science of radiology** in the hospital, becoming the director. Because of poor protection, **he received overdoses of radiation** in his treatment of patients, who he never turned away.

He was conscripted into the medical corps during the Sino-Japanese War serving in Manchuria. He was totally disheartened by the brutality of the Japanese forces and the acute suffering of the people which resulted. All that time, Midori had promised to pray for him. **On his return he was baptised a Catholic and joined the Society of St Vincent de Paul**, caring for the poor. He also met the future martyr of Auschwitz, **Maximilian Kolbe** who had opened a Franciscan Monastery in Nagasaki. **Takashi married Midori** and they had four children, two of whom died in early childhood.

During the War he worked in the radiology department of the Nagasaki Medical School Hospital and was there on the morning of August 9<sup>th</sup>. The bomb exploded at 11.02am around 500 metres immediately above a **prison, and 500 metres from the Urakami Cathedral**, the historical centre of Catholicism in Japan, introduced by St Francis Xavier, August 15<sup>th</sup> 1549.

As the hospital was also around 500 metres from the blast centre, **80% of staff and patients died**. Takashi was badly wounded but with the care of a doctor and nurse managed to live. He attributed the **cessation of the intense bleeding of his head wound to the intercession of Fr Maximilian Kolbe**, who by then, and certainly unknown to Takashi, had been martyred at Auschwitz. **Three days later he found the scorched, skeletal remains of Midori, his wife, together with her Rosary nearby, the glass beads congealed by the blast**. Their two children had been sent the day before over the mountain to their grandmother and thus were saved from the blast.



Marina Midori Moriyama Paolo Takashi Nagai

## THIS WEEK



Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem.  
Luke 13:22

### SATURDAY 23 AUGUST

5:00pm-5:30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm winter-time Mass

### SUNDAY 24 AUGUST

9:30am Kindergarten Family Mass, KidsChurch + Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

### MONDAY 25 AUGUST – STS LOUIS OF FRANCE & JOSEPH CALASANZ

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration/Reconciliation

### WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST – ST MONICA

9:00am Mass

### THURSDAY 28 AUGUST – ST AUGUSTINE

5:00pm: Adoration | Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

### FRIDAY 29 AUGUST - MARTYRDOM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

9:00am Mass

### SATURDAY 30 AUGUST – MSC MISSION OFFICE APPEAL

5:00pm-5:30pm Reconciliation

5:30pm winter-time Mass

### SUNDAY 31 AUGUST – MSC MISSION OFFICE APPEAL

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 |

### SACRAMENTS | RCIA

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### YOUNG ADULTS CO-ORDINATOR

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## RESPONSES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you,  
my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 66: 18-21

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Go out to all the world and tell the  
Good News.

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

### ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life,  
says the Lord; no one comes to the  
Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Luke 13: 22-30

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of  
your work, O Lord; you bring forth  
bread from the earth and wine to  
cheer the heart.

## 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

- Leaks in the church are being looked  
into.

## ROSTERS

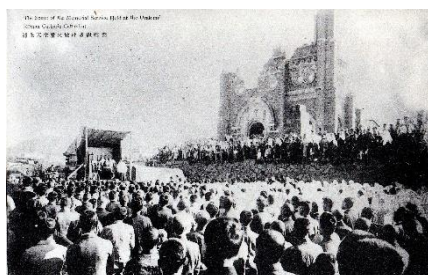
23/24 AUG	SATURDAY 5:30PM	SUNDAY 9:30AM	SUNDAY 6PM
Acolyte	John Ryan	Arthur Handjojo	Gunawan Gunawan
Readers	Jorence Jo Joyance Jo	Ana Corpuz Ross Martin	Natalia Kuirintinus Isabel Reyes
E. Ministers	Sr Pauline Richards	Robyn Kildea Dewi Suryani	Marieann Duncan
Kids Church	Lily & Eka		
Counters	Helen Liew, Arief Suhadi		
Comm to Sick	Robyn Kildea		
30/31 AUG	SATURDAY 5:30PM	SUNDAY 9:30AM	SUNDAY 6PM
Acolyte	John Ryan	Danny Tjahjadi	Handojo Widjaja
Readers	Simona Wong Sr Diana Hayes	Hannah Antoun Isabel Antoun	Patricia Reyes Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Simona Wong	Francine Pirola Byron Pirola	Michael Reyes
Kids Church	Lia & Sisca		
Counters	Robyn Kildea, Inge Sutanto		
Comm to Sick	Jan Nicholas		

The city had been reduced to utter rubble, with only skeletons remaining of thousands of victims, **including hundreds of children from nearby schools.** The suffering of the people was extreme. Takashi rallied medical and lay people to assist survivors as best they could. From the initial blast, some victims had only their shadows remaining on the surfaces behind them; many had their clothing burnt off, sometimes leaving an imprint of patterns on any skin remaining; many had the skin literally peeled from their body exposing the underlying flesh; for others only parts of skeletons remained. An immense thirst gripped them all. While estimates suggest 37,000 died instantly, another 40 - 50,000 died within days, and a further 70,000 in the months to come. Agonising deaths awaited them all in the resourceless, destroyed city.

**Takashi wrote extensively on the effects of radiation sickness** from the A-Bomb, the first medico to do so in the world. The extra radiation he received from the blast, added to the overdoses he already acquired through his treatment of patients, soon disabled him. In the meantime, to lift the spirits of the devastated people, he gathered some men together **to install the one remaining bell of the ruined Cathedral, the Angelus Bell.** Hoisting it on to a scaffold, he had it ring out for the first time on the Eve of Christmas four months after the bomb. That night, the Catholics gathered for the midnight Mass within the cathedral ruins. Of the 12,000 parishioners of Urakami before the bomb, **only 3,500 survived.** And, according to a bishop, many of them lost their faith in God and humanity.

At a later **memorial Mass in front of the ruined Cathedral,** Takashi gave a memorable reflection which took some by surprise and horrified a few. However, he insisted on the main theme: **that the Nagasaki Catholics had been chosen by God as a pure sacrifice, (Hansai in Japanese), a Lamb slain, to bring about the end of the War.** (The only gap in the clouds for the bombing crew happened to be several miles away from the intended target over the shipyards – an intensely urban area!)

Takashi, desperately ill as he was from radiation sickness, grieving the loss of his wife and city, wrote prolifically – on medical matters, **but especially to lift the spirits of the devastated people to provide a context of spirituality in which to view the A-Bomb.** The first of his many books and articles, *The Bells of Nagasaki*, published in time for the first anniversary of the bomb, was made into a popular movie not long after. Bed-ridden in a small shack where he continued to write, he was visited by people including the Emperor of Japan, foreign VIPs, and local people coming to him, **often for hours at a time, for inspiration and to thank him. He died of radiation sickness, holding a Crucifix, with the prayer, “Jesus, Mary, Joseph” with his last breath.** Both his and Midori’s cause for beatification have been introduced – they are now, *Servants of God*, the first step towards canonisation. **Midori and Takashi, pray for us that we will appreciate more deeply the beautiful gift of our Catholic Faith, and learn how to better attract others to Jesus and his Church.** PHmsc (various sources)



Urakami Cathedral



Cathedral rebuilt 1950s

## HOLY HOURS

Join us for Adoration **Monday 25 August, 6-7pm** (call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour) and Thursdays before 6:00pm Mass. **Reconciliation is available.**

## SUNDAY MORNING TEA

We will not have morning tea on Sunday **14 and 21 September** due to 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Masses.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.**

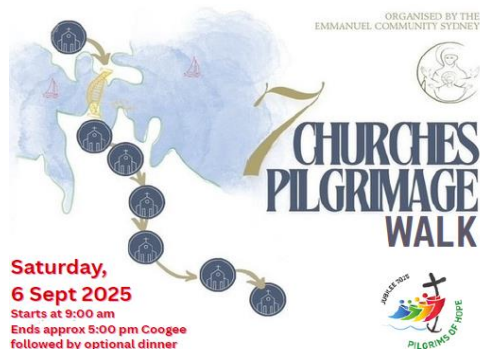
## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

## PARISH COLLECTIONS 16/17 AUG

First Collection	\$972
Second Collection	\$764
Envelope Collection	\$465
<b>August CWF Appeal so far</b>	<b>\$3,055</b>





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 sunscreen, hat and water.



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## ISTAND CONFERENCE

Sydney Youth Mission Team invite all Year 9 - 12 (14-18 year old) students to our iSTAND Conference. This event is an opportunity for young people to connect with peers over faith, food, formation, prayer and games and promises to provide incredible opportunities for young Catholics seeking more. **When: Monday, 29 Sept 2025 9am - 9pm | Venue: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Peakhurst | Cost: \$70.** Includes morning and afternoon tea, lunch, dinner and all activities. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/201754200820846>. For more info, follow @ymtsydney on Instagram.

## 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.

## OLR SCHOOL NEWS – YEAR 3M

This term, our students are preparing to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time. As part of their spiritual journey, they've been exploring the question: "How is Jesus Christ present in the celebration of the Mass?"



Through stories, discussions, and activities, students are learning about the sacred parts of the Mass, the symbols and rituals that help us encounter Jesus, and the meaning behind the Sacraments of Initiation. From the Sign of the Cross to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, each moment is being unpacked with reverence and curiosity. We're so proud of the thoughtful reflections and growing understanding our students are showing as they prepare to welcome Jesus. Please keep 3M in your prayers as they continue this special journey of faith.

## 2025 MSC MISSION OFFICE APPEAL AUGUST 30/31

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following are Tax Deductible: Clan water, Youth, Health,

Environment. General (Non-tax-deductible):

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Intentions. See Envelopes on the Seats for Credit Card.

Automatic Transfers available at Mass. Our opportunity to give to the poorest of Christ's poor sisters and brothers. We can make a huge difference. PHmsc



## 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

<https://forms.gle/1PaasWVJBhaMW9iRA>

Event is free but please register by code or link

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

We had a good Finance meeting last week – we are in pretty good shape (but let's not slacken off 😊). The Committee will give the Report in September after Father's Day and First Holy Communion Days...

PPC: I have emailed the group with possible days. We have much to do as **November 26th Next Year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of this Church** (Note: not the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish... which began in the Monastery and Convent Parlours (marriages were held in the latter). I suspect we will have to organise a **special Committee** to prepare and advance the celebrations. We need to take stock of our pastoral programs and see what we can do to draw on parishioners experiences, desires etc... gaps in our parish life... whatever comes up...

Peter H MSC

## POSITION VACANT - SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

The Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea is seeking expressions of interest for this position. A full-time role and based at Stanmore. Enquiries to Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055 or [anthony@reachhr.com.au](mailto:anthony@reachhr.com.au).