

The Pope, the Rosary and the Battle of Lepanto Kathy Schiffer

On October 7, Catholics remember Our Lady of the Rosary.

In 1571 Pope Pius V instituted "Our Lady of Victory" as an annual feast in thanksgiving for Mary's patronage in the victory over the Muslim Turks in the Battle of Lepanto. Two years later Pope Gregory XIII changed the title to "Feast of the Holy Rosary."

On October 7, 1571, a fleet of Catholic ships primarily from Spain, Venice and Genoa, under the command of Don Juan of Austria, was at a distinct disadvantage.

However, St. Pope Pius V, realizing that the Muslim Turks had a decided material advantage, called upon all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. Christians gathered in villages and towns to pray as the sea battle raged; and at the hour of victory the pope - who was hundreds of miles away at the Vatican - is said to have gotten up from a meeting, walked over to an open window exclaiming "The Christian fleet is victorious!" and shed tears of joy and thanksgiving to God.

The Christian fleet lost 50 of its galleys and suffered some 13,000 casualties. The Turks, however, lost much more: Their leader Ali Pasha was killed, along with 25,000 of his sailors. The Ottoman fleet lost 210 of its 250 ships, of which 130 were captured. Coming at what was seen as a crisis point for Christianity, the victory at Lepanto stemmed the Ottoman incursion into the Mediterranean and prevented their influence from spreading through Europe. Through the intervention of Our Lady, the Hand of God prevented the Muslims of the East from overcoming the Christian West.

The battle our society is embroiled in with 'same sex marriage' is really no different spiritually to the battle of Lepanto. The odds are stacked against the Christian fleet of families seeking to protect their freedoms to raise and educate their children in a moral and spiritual way of life. Like then, we today need to take up our rosaries and implore Our Lady of the Holy Rosary to intercede for the protection of the family and marriage against the marauding armies of secularism and Marxism.

The Feast of the Holy Rosary (7th Oct) will be an opportunity for us to reinvigorate our energies in prayer at Mass & in a procession in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary praying specifically for the protection of the institution of Christian Marriage and family life. Mass will be at 8am Saturday, Oct 7 followed by rosary procession.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

Nationwide Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families - October 2017. The Month of Prayer and Fasting is intended to be held in parishes across Australia during October 2017. I encourage you to support your parishes to celebrate Mass, pray the Rosary and undertake Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during this time with the special intention of marriages and families in mind. The resource also seeks prayer support for people who are same-sex attracted or gender questioning, and their families. *Most Rev Michael Kennedy D.D*



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Show me your faith apart from your works and I by my works will show you my faith. James 2:18

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Mass Times


Saturday: - (Vigil) 6pm
Sunday: - 9:30am & 5:30pm
Monday: - 8am
Tuesday: - 10am, Mass of Mercy, *2nd
Tues of month Anointing of the sick*
Wednesday: - 8am
Thursday: - 7pm, Mass & Family Novena
Friday: - 8am
**Saturday -8am- Only First Saturdays with
devotions to Bl.V.M.**
Working Bee: Sat - 9am to 11am

Sacraments and Devotions

Adoration - Fri 8:30am to 10:30am
Precious Blood - Fri 10am
Rosaries - Thurs 6:30pm and Sun 9am
Reconciliation - Thursday after Novena
Sat 5:30 to 5:50pm before Vigil,
Sun 9 to 9.20am & 5.00 to 5:20pm
Baptism and Marriage - By appointment
Legion of Mary Praesidia :
Mon 9:30am - Mystical Rose
Wed 8:30am - Mary Immaculate
Thur 5.30pm - Mother of Divine Grace

~ Parish calendar ~

2nd October 2017: Due to the long weekend there will be no Hav-A-Chat gathering on Monday .

6th Oct:  - Ken Garland has spent a life time working as an aviation engineer and a director and safety officer for SAAA (Sports Aviation Association of Australia). Ken has dedicated himself to development of sports aviation sector in designing & building kit aircraft. His vast technical knowledge has been balanced with a strong commitment to his family, his catholic faith and commitments to his parish and particularly to evangelisation activities. Ken talk will witness how God writes straight with crooked lines.

7th Oct. - 8am: Mass -Our Lady of the Rosary/ 1st Sat. Rosary Procession to shrine of Our Lady

7th Oct - 9:30am: Men alive committee meeting

7th Oct. - 6pm: Mass & Rosary - out door at Shrine

13th Oct - 8am: Mass & Rosary & devotions (Anniversary of final Fatima apparition & Miracle)



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 1st October 2017

Collect: O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6 Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second reading Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 118 (119):49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Feast of the week: *Mon*-The Holy Guardian Angels;

Wed-Saint Francis of Assisi; *Sat*-Our Lady of the Rosary

Lord hear our prayers for the:

Sick: John Dwyer, Bob Mannering,

Departed: Dorothy Fegan, Catherine Greenhalgh, Fr Phil Harding, Jane Bell, Antoinette O'Brien, Mary McLauren, Victor Zanin

Readers: this week: Sat 6pm - Peter Tobin Sun 9.30am - Jorgette Hudson

Readers & Cleaners Roster - 7/8 October 2017

Readers: Sat: 6.00 pm - Denise Murphy Sun: 9.30 am - Mark Mannering

Cleaning: Group 6 - Vera Galvin

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Peace of Soul comes to those who have the right kind of anxiety about attaining perfect happiness, which is God. A soul has anxiety because its final and eternal state is not yet decided; it is still and always at the crossroads of life. This fundamental anxiety cannot be cured by a surrender to passions and instincts; the basic cause of our anxiety is restlessness within time that comes because we are made for eternity.

If there were anywhere on earth a resting place other than God, we may be very sure that the human soul in its long history would have found it before this. *Fulton Sheen*

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Evening Mission talks
30th October – 2nd November
7pm-8.30pm
St Patrick's Church, Albury
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