

Ta' Pinu Shrine

Our Lady, Queen of the Family

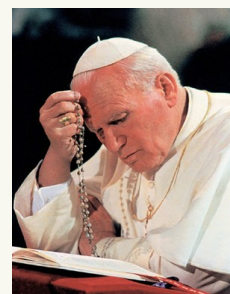
A CALL TO PRAYER



“On the Most Holy Rosary (Rosarium Virginis Mariae) by [Pope John Paul II](#)

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and so it would be most appropriate for us to re-visit the thoughts of St John Paul II's on the *"Blessed Rosary of Mary, sweet chain linking us to God"*.

On 29 October 1978, two weeks after his election to the See of Peter, St John Paul II admitted: *"The Rosary is my favourite prayer. A marvellous prayer! Marvellous in its simplicity and its depth. [...].* He also said that the Rosary is, in some sense, a prayer-commentary on the final chapter of the Vatican II Constitution, a chapter which discusses the wondrous presence of the Mother of God in the mystery of Christ and the Church. In continuity with his reflection in the Apostolic Letter *'Novo Millennio Ineunte'* in which, he invited the people of God to *"start afresh from Christ"*. He said to have felt drawn to offer a reflection on the Rosary, as a kind of Marian complement to that Letter and an exhortation to contemplate the face of Christ in union with, and at the school of, his Most Holy Mother.



To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ.

As a way of highlighting this invitation, he expressed his desire that the Rosary should be especially emphasized and promoted in the various Christian communities which should urgently become "genuine schools of prayer". The Rosary belongs among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation. The Rosary has many times been proposed as a prayer for peace, especially in this millennium which witnesses every day in numerous parts of the world fresh scenes of bloodshed and violence, *to rediscover the Rosary means to immerse oneself in contemplation of the mystery of Christ who "is our peace"*, since he made "the two of us one, and broke down the dividing wall of hostility" (Eph 2:14). Consequently, one cannot recite the Rosary without feeling caught up in a clear commitment to advancing peace, especially in the land of Jesus, still so sorely afflicted and so close to the heart of every Christian. A similar need for commitment and prayer arises in relation to another critical contemporary issue: **the family**, the primary cell of society, increasingly menaced by forces of disintegration on both the ideological and practical planes, so as to make us fear for the future of this fundamental and indispensable institution and, with it, for the future of society as a whole.

"Behold, your Mother!" (Jn 19:27) Many signs indicate that still today the Blessed Virgin desires to exercise through this same prayer that maternal concern to which the dying Redeemer entrusted, in the person of the beloved disciple, all the sons and daughters of the Church: **"Woman, behold your son!" (Jn 19:26)**. Well-known are the occasions on which the Mother of Christ made her presence felt and her voice heard, in order to exhort the People of God to this form of contemplative prayer. He mentioned in particular, on account of their great influence on the lives of Christians and the authoritative recognition they have received from the Church, the apparitions of Lourdes, of Fatima; and many others*. These shrines continue to be visited by great numbers of pilgrims seeking comfort and hope.

He concluded with this powerful statement: "I look to all of you, brothers and sisters of every state of life, to you, Christian families, to you, the sick and elderly, and to you, young people: confidently take up the Rosary once again.

Rediscover the Rosary in the light of Scripture, in harmony with the Liturgy, and in the context of your daily lives. May this appeal of mine not go unheard! I entrust this Apostolic Letter to the loving hands of the Virgin Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary:

"O Blessed Rosary of Mary, sweet chain which unites us to God, bond of love which unites us to the angels, tower of salvation against the assaults of Hell, safe port in our universal shipwreck, we will never abandon you. You will be our comfort in the hour of death: yours our final kiss as life ebbs away. And the last word from our lips will be your sweet name, O Queen of the Rosary of Pompeii, O dearest Mother, O Refuge of Sinners, O Sovereign Consoler of the Afflicted.

May you be everywhere blessed, today and always, on earth and in heaven".

Made from the Vatican, on the 16th day of October 2002, at the beginning of the twenty-fifth year of his Pontificate.



From the Catholic Catechism

Jesus - "Conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit and Born of the Virgin Mary"

The whole of Christ's life was a continuous teaching: his silence, his miracles, his gestures, his prayer, his love for people, his special affection for the little and the poor, his acceptance of his total sacrifice on the Cross for the redemption of the world, and his Resurrection are the actualisation of his word and the fulfilment of Revelation" (John Paul II, CT 9)

Christ's disciples are to conform themselves to him until he is formed in them (Gal 4:19). For this reason we who have been made like him, who have died with him and risen with him, are taken up into the mysteries of his life until we reign together with him".

No one, whether shepherd or wise man, can approach here below except kneeling before the manger at Bethlehem and adoring hidden in the weakness of a new-born child.

By the obedience to Mary and Joseph, as well as by his humble work during his long days in Nazareth, Jesus gives us the example of holiness in the daily of family and work.

From the beginning of his public life, at his baptism, Jesus is the "Servant" wholly consecrated to the redemptive work that he will accomplish by the

"Baptism" of his Passion.

The temptation in the desert shows Jesus, the humble Messiah, who triumphs over Satan by his total adherence to the plan of salvation willed by the Father.

The Kingdom of heaven was inaugurated on earth by Christ. "The Kingdom shone out before men in the word, in the works, and in the presence of Christ" (1.G.5). The Church is the seed and the beginning of this kingdom. Her keys are entrusted to Peter. Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent onto the "high mountain" prepares for the ascent to Calvary. Christ, head of the Church, manifests what his body contains and radiates in the sacraments: "The Hope of Glory" (Col 1.27, St Leo the Great Serm.51, 3, PIS4, 310c)

Jesus went up to Jerusalem voluntarily, knowing well that there he would die a violent death because of the opposition of sinners (Heb.12:3).

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem manifests the coming of the kingdom that the Messiah-King welcomed into his city by the children and humble of heart, is going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection.

QUOTE: "No one can cheat God" "Love one another... But let no one among you be a Saint in Church and a Devil outside!!!"

Gospel Reflection: *Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. (Mat.22:1s-21)*

When we open our eyes into this world we automatically become citizens of the country where we are born, with all its benefits as well as obligations. Similarly, when we become Christians become citizens of Heaven with all its benefits and obligations.

The Herodias together with the Pharisees always eager to find means to accuse Jesus asked him a very tricky question, 'whether they had to pay taxes to Caesar or not'. If He said "Yes" he would be going against the Jewish belief. If He said "No" he would be subject to the Roman hatred. However, Jesus knowing their intentions, gave them a straight and simple answer, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's".

Today we are not going to discuss what we should give to Caesar but what we should give to God. It is very clear to everybody that we should respect the State's Laws, and as Christian, should set good example.

When we receive our Baptism, we become entitled to all the benefits God bestows on us and subject to its obligations. God, in his love, grants us so many gifts, spiritual as well as physical. He adopts us as His sons. Then He gives us the Sacrament of Confirmation to make us good and strong Christians;

He gave us the sacrament of Confession to forgive us our sins; then the Holy Eucharist as food for our soul; the Holy Marriage to strengthen our families and the Holy Orders to administer to us all these channels of Grace, who watered them with his own blood on the Cross.

What a marvelous vineyard of precious Graces.

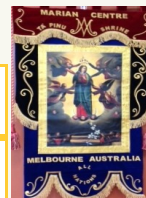
But many people do exactly what those whom the Lord left to look after his vineyard did; they reject all the benefits to go their own way

The greatest gift that the Lord in his love has given us before leaving this world is surely the Holy Eucharist, instituted at His last supper with the Apostles changing the Bread and Wine



Liturgical Celebrations for October 2014

Date	October Celebrations
Sat 4 th October 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Mass in ITALIAN BY Fr E Ashkar For Yarra Valley Cultural Group At 11.30a.m FIRST SATURDAY -Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotion Rosary, Holy Mass & Eucharistic Benediction at 2.00p.m
Sun 5 th & 19 th October	Our Lady of Lanka Oratory: Closed due to refurbishment
Sat 11 th October	<p>FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT BISHOP VINCENT LONG OFMConv Rosary– Candlelight Procession from the oratory followed by Vigil Mass & Benediction at 7. 00p.m Note: Mass will be celebrated in English</p>
Sun 12 th October	<p>FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA Rosary– Procession from the oratory followed by Hoy Mass & Benediction at 9.30 a.m. Note: Mass will be celebrated in Portuguese</p>
Sun 12 th October	<p>Our Lady of Good Health , Vailankanni Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet ,Holy Mass & Benediction at 1.45p.m</p>
Sat 18 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day Retreat - Legion of Mary Pilgrimage Walk from Toolern Vale to OL of Good Health oratory from 6.30 a.m.
Wed 29th October	Mother and Child Oratory Wednesday Novenas will resume and will be held at 7.30p.m



WALK WITH OUR LADY TA PINU...
 On **Sunday 5th Oct 2014**, Our Marian Centre will take part in the Diocese of Sandhurst Annual Marian Festival Immaculate to be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo. We invite devotees of Our Lady to join in Her walk . This festival will commence with Holy Mass at 11.00a.m. with a procession of various Marian and ethnic groups with their own banners or national costumes.. After lunch Rosary procession around the church with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima , Crowning of the Statue with Consecration to Our Lady and Benediction . The day concludes with the ringing of the Cathedral bells.

"Do not pick a groundless quarrel with a man who has done you no harm... For the wilful wrong-doer is abhorrent to the Lord. (B. of Wisdom 3.30)

into His Body and Blood. It is the banquet Jesus offers us every day during Holy Mass. This is God's invitation to help each and every one of us to strengthen ourselves against the devil's aggressions .

However many people don't appreciate it All they know all is that it is good to attend this banquet ,but they are discouraged through many excuses.

There are others seem to serve to serve two Lords, God and the Devil. They accept the invitation but they don't go with the dress. They go to Mass just to fulfil an obligation . They might also receive Holy Communion but with a sinful soul. What a great mistake such people do by not appreciating such valuable spiritual banquet.

All this boils down to three words, 'lack of God's love'.

When the lawyer asked Jesus which is the great commander in the law, he got the answer "(You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it.: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself"

"Love" is what God wishes and expects for us. "Love is what humanity needs. Each and every human being is responsible for what he or' she does and one day has to answer for it.

*What is at stake is an eternity' of heavenly joy With God, Our Creator and Redeemer and our heavenly mother Mary, **OR** an eternity of hatred in the presence of Satan. It is your choice ..*

WHICH ONE YOU ARE PLANNING TO ENJOY?

SAVE THE DATE

Sat 6th Dec 14

Feast of The Immaculate Conception

2.00p.m Rosary Procession Eucharistic Celebrations

will be led by

Msgr Greg Bennet ,
 Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne & concelebrated with Leaders of the "All Nations Marian Family"
 So Bring along your own 'Family & friends'

Theme: Families and Evangelization

THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF MY DAY

An Inspirational story of the Eucharist

I am a cradle –catholic, who went to Catholic schools for fourteen years. I was married in the Catholic Church thirty seven years ago to a non-practicing Jewish man. There were periods in my life when I stopped going to Mass, and didn't receive the sacraments on a regular basis.

In 2001, I returned to Mass and the sacrament after having been away for several years. At that time, I promised the Lord, and myself, that I would not allow myself to get off track again.

Since I am retired, I was able to begin attending daily Mass upon my return to the faith. I have found that when I go to Mass in the morning, I don't care what happens in my life for the rest of the day, because I know I'll have the strength to handle it. Mass is now the most important part of my day. It give everything in life meaning.

The pastor of my parish has Eucharistic adoration available five days a week from 8.30 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. and during the evening five nights a week. I began going and discovered that being in the presence of the Lord in adoration is a very special and important time for me.

Remember my Jewish husband that I mentioned earlier? After I went back to Mass and the sacraments in 2001, he told me that he has seem changes in me. As time went on, he began to attend Sunday Mass with me, and surprised me when he decided to attend RCIA Classes. We went to the classes together because he wanted me to go with him , and I wanted to do this if it would make it easier for him. On Holy Saturday, April 19th 2003, he became a Catholic.

My husband's conversion was a wonderful gift and it was all the Lord's doing. There was a time in our married life that he did not even believe in God. Once he retired, he told me he had started to become more spiritual but did not attend any church or synagogue until he joined me in the Catholic Church.

I used to be a worrier, but since returning to Mass, the sacraments, and the adoration, I am more at peace. I have come to realize that it is far more beneficial to just pray about the situation, and then try to forget it. If one needs peace and serenity, there is no better place to find it than in the presence of the Lord. I always leave adoration with peace in my heart, knowing that I have just spent my time in a most valuable way.

Since I have returned to our faith, I have been filled to the brim with joy, peace, happiness and tranquility. All these gifts are from the Lord. I have seen changes in myself, which I know is the Lord's work, and I am extremely grateful for His blessings.

The Lord truly makes a profound difference in our lives if we allow him to!

Rita D Moore

Pembroke Pines, Florida, U.S

"They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers"

PRESENCE OF GOD

With all of creation,
I am immersed in God.
I allow myself to let go
of the past and the future,
To leave all my concerns
in God's hands, And
to simply be with God,
Here and now.

FEAST DAYS OF ST. JOHN XXIII, AND ST. JOHN PAUL II

The feast days of Pope St. John XXIII (October 11) and Pope St. John Paul II (October 22) will be observed as *optional memorials* on the liturgical calendar, according to a decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. The decree, dated May 29, was published in the September edition of L'Osservatore Romano.



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