

Blessed Sacrament Congregation Newsletter

St Francis' Church
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Another look at Pope Leo by Jo Dirks, SSS

The new Pope has visited Australia six times as the Augustinian general superior as Fr Peter Jones, the Australian provincial declared. In a cameo of World Youth Day in Sydney 2008, there was a special Mass for Augustinian youth held at Collaroy Beach celebrated by Fr Bob Prevost. All this and more was provided in a special Zoom meeting hosted by David Hughan from Garrat Publishing. Readers of this article can view the video for themselves by going to

<https://www.garratpublishing.com.au/pope-leo-xiv-an-augustinian-an-australian-perspective/>

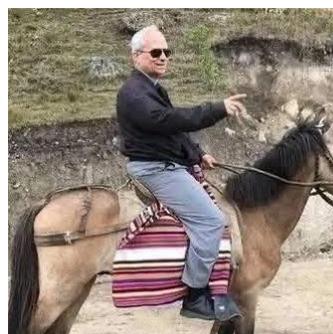
The webinar host Fr Chris Monaghan CP began by introducing the *Peace Prayer* attributed to St Francis of Assisi 'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love...' inviting Fr Peter to read the prayer, in memory of Pope Leo's first appearance on the loggia of St Peter's and praying for peace. But the origins of this man could not have been guessed from the photo of the three young boys standing in front of the single storey house in Chicago; young Bob and his two elder brothers. The Prevost family was poor. The simple house was a weatherboard without a driveway and presumably, no car.

Fr Chris described the seminary, Catholic Theological Union, entered by the student Bob, as a mix of religious orders for the formation of seminarians and students in religious orders present in the Chicago area. The building was an old hotel bought jointly by the religious orders involved in Catholic Theological Union and occupied different floors of CTU.

Australian delegate Susan Pascoe was at the same round table at the World Synod of Bishops with the future Pope in 2023 and found him alert, but never domineering. This was a clear sign of synodality in action. Fr Peter notes how the future pope had the knack of setting the student priests, and himself included, at ease with the Italian language and Roman customs. His kindness was very manifest.

The last commentator, Br Mark O'Connor FMS, Vicar of Communications, Parramatta Diocese, met the future Pope several times in relation to the Helder Camara Lectures and gained an insight into his kindness. "I was ecstatic, when he was elected Pope. As a man he is more measured and considerate than Francis was. When he appeared on the loggia, he had a piece of paper where I am told he had written his text of what to say. Br Mark drew proceedings to a close with the comment that "Donald Trump is now the second most important American in the world. For Pope Leo XIV is a great listener and that bodes well for the world."

Let us conclude with Pope Leo himself – he cited sports as a "means of reconciliation and encounter" in his homily at St Peter's Basilica on 15 June, the feast of the Holy Trinity, during the celebration of Mass that closed the Jubilee of Sport. Pope Leo emphasised that while the connection between the Holy Trinity and sport may be unusual, it is far from impossible. Through sports, we can encounter God because we are invited to relate to the experiences of other human beings in both an outward and interior manner. "Every good and worthwhile human activity is in some way a reflection of God's infinite beauty, and sport is certainly one of these," Pope Leo said. 'Sports can teach us how to be more giving, transform our personal narratives from "me" to "us", combat harmful addictions to technology that divide humanity and allow us to experience failure.



ST. PETER JULIAN'S CHURCH

Monday to Friday 7.30am, 12.10pm, & 5.30pm
(Public Holidays 12.10pm only)
Saturday 12.10pm, & 5.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9.30am, 12.30pm, & 3.30pm (English)
 Chinese Mass 11.00am
 Korean Mass 5.00pm
 Anointing Mass 1st Saturday of each month 12.10pm
 Filipino Mass 1st Sunday of each month 1.30pm
 Indonesian Mass 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month 3.30pm

NOVENA & BENEDICTION

Wednesday 12.45pm (St Peter Julian) after the 12.10 Mass
Friday 12.45pm (Our Lady of Perpetual Help) after the 12.10 Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon, Tue & Thu 8.00am to 12.00pm
 12.45pm to 2.00pm
Wed & Fri 8.00am to 12.00pm
Sunday 1.30pm to 3.00pm
(except on the 1st Sunday of each month)

RECONCILIATION

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 11.00am to 12.00pm

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday to Friday 7.00am to 6.15pm
Saturday 10.30am to 6.30pm
Sunday 9.00am to 6.15pm
Public Holidays 11.00am to 1.00pm

For updates, please see our website:
www.stpeterjuliansydney.com
 and our Facebook page,
 or call (02) 9270 6940 (24 hour information line)

ST PETER JULIAN'S BOOK STORE

We are open

**Monday to Friday 9:30am to 4:30pm and
 Sunday 9:00am to 5:00pm.**

New stocks of piety items, books and religious cards arriving each week.

If you can't visit us, please call on (02) 9270 6900 or Email: haymarket@blessedsacrament.com.au

Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre is open to the public free of charge and parking is available.

We are able to offer guided or self-guided tours, or a Sister of Charity is available for groups. Visitors can also visit the Chapel and by request we can arrange a Mass.

There's also a Walking Tour of the local area available. We invite you to explore the history of our ministries and share in the story of Australia's first religious sisters.

The Centre is open **Tuesday to Thursday 10.00am to 3.00pm** or by appointment.

Bookings are recommended.

*Discover and share
 in our story*

The Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre brings alive the spirit of the Congregation, its history and heritage. Australia's first religious sisters have been of service to the community regardless of creed, wealth or ethnicity, for over 185 years.

Tuesday - Thursday
 10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment
 Free entry, parking available
 Bookings recommended

You too are part of this continuing and living heritage and we'd love to welcome you.

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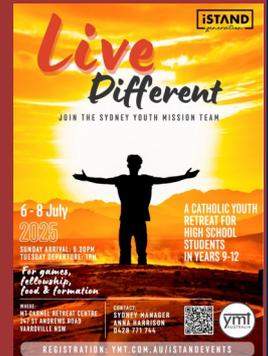


HERITAGE CENTRE



ISTAND - Live Different

Inviting all Year 9 to Year 12 students (14 to 18 years) to come along to our three-day school holiday retreat for an immersive experience of community, fun and faith. Break open the topic of 'Live Different', meet other like-minded people, participate in games, challenges, small groups and more, whilst enjoying YMT's ministry with music, dramas and testimonies!



Time: Sunday, 6th July 5:30pm to Tuesday, 8th July 1:00pm

Venue: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville NSW.

The Emmanuel Community invites families, parish groups, and individuals to the annual '7 Churches Pilgrimage Walk'. Come along and be part of this enjoyable day of walking, praying, and fraternity. Make the most of this opportunity to evangelise by inviting your family and friends. All welcome!



Fr. Gregory Pine OP Speaking Tour

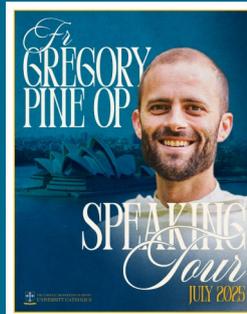
Fr Gregory Pine O.P. from the Thomistic Institute (USA) will be visiting Sydney for a speaking tour this July! He will be giving a public lecture for the Thomistic Institute on the topic of Martyrdom followed by dinner and discussions (Dinner at own expense).

Date: Monday, 7th July 2025

Time: 6:15pm

Venue: UTS Building 11 Collaborative Theatre Room 405 (CB11.00.405), Broadway, Ultimo NSW 2007

To register and for more information, please visit: <https://unicatholics.org.au/uts-thomistic-institute-lecture>



Download [the flyer](#) and [schedule](#) for more information on his speaking tour.

07 JULY

MARTYRDOM AND THE VIRTUE OF COURAGE
 THOMISTIC INSTITUTE LECTURE
 6:15 - 8:00 PM, UTS
 (DINNER AT OWNERS EXPENSE)



Grace & Truth Series

You are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Friday, 18th July for an evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship. Open to men and women of all ages. The theme of the talks will be around Christology. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner and talks by Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP and Sister Susanna, OP. The event will run from 5:00pm to 9:00pm, starting in the St. Mary's Cathedral Crypt and moving to the Cathedral Hall.

Fee: \$20. To register please visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1393185> or for more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at email: sydney@op-tn.org



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