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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 13 April 2025 Year C/1—Divine office Psalter Week 2

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (19:28-40)

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"

²⁸ Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it". ³² So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴ And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'.

And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

39 Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'. ⁴⁰ He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!



Gospel: Please pick up a copy of 'The Passion of Our Lord' (green or blue sheet) available in the foyer.



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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 4pm

Mass Timings:

Weekday: Tue - Sat 9.15am 1st Friday of the month: 7.00pm Weekenď: Saturday Vigil 5.30pm Sunday: 8.30am, 10.00am

Blessed Sacrament Exposition

Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am Fri - 8.30am Laud's music

8.45am Divine Mercy Chaplet 9am Benediction of the Blessed

1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass

Lauds Tue, Wed and Thu - 8.45am

Reconciliation: Sat: 4.30 - 5.15pm Or by appointment.

Holy Communion or Visit at Home: Please contact the parish office to arrange a time.

Baptisms: 1st Sunday during 10am Mass and every 2nd and 4th Sunday, 11.15am (no baptisms during Lent)

Baptism Preparation Program: 11am on the 1st Sat of each month.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (50:4-7)

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2)

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Phil 2:6-11)

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus 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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to

Death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!



In your love and concern, please pray for all the sick and vulnerable members of our Holy Family community:

Lynette Rocca, Marie Gonsalvez, Kathleen Branley, Victoriano Mendoza, Jan Kurianski, Bernadette O'Brien, Ivan David, Tony Trainor, Ilse Von Stamm, Anthony Mifsud, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Sandra Thomas, Frances Rupolo, Matthew McLachlan, Mark F, Robbert A, Carlos Simoes, Beatrice Gonsalvez, Matilda Oliver-Nalder, Angela Symons, Carol Galdes, Julie Gonsalvez, Robert Nicholls, Brad Jory, Jayden, Natividad Sora, Bernard Aclan, Julius Aclan, Jean Aclan, Geoff Eastgate, Joanne Mannah, Marie Collins and Chris Halvey.

We remember those whose Anniversaries and Special Prayers have been requested :

Megan Pettitt, Lucia Cristiano, Ronald Ball, Teresa Jacob, Felicity Thomas, Maria De Bellis, David Stephenson, Cassie Fonseca, Joseph Alam, Thomas Trutwein, Marilyn Nicholls, Johanna Nicholls, Justin Oliffe, Ken Olliffe, Joe Bridgett and Peter Howlett.

Recently Deceased.

Giuseppina Gallo, Steven Carlo Kopjar, Julia Chalita and Carmelo Schifilliti.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. - Amen -

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and

apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

What's on at Holy Family Parish

- † Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tue Sat: 8.30am 9.10am
- † Morning Prayer (Lauds) Tue Thu 8.45am.
- † Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - Fri 8.45am

1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)

- † Rosary Sat 8.45am.
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- † Children's Liturgy Not in the School Holidays
- † Daily Rosary, Rosary at 8-8.30pm on Zoom, please text (ROSARY) to 0418 433 333 to receive the link.

THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

Saint John the Evangelist describes the impending events celebrated throughout the Easter Triduum as the hour of Jesus. We should consider the events of the Triduum as a single, salvific event. In fact, the beginning of this single event is the Lord's Last Supper. As we hear in tonight's Gospel, "Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father." (John 13:1) Holy Thursday is rightly considered the moment that Our Lord instituted the Holy Mass. For this reason, it is a day of exceptional devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. At the end of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the hosts consecrated at that Mass are solemnly processed to a beautifully adorned altar of repose (these hosts will be distributed at the celebration of the Passion of the Lord). The faithful are then encouraged to keep vigil with Our Lord as he enters into his Passion. The atmosphere should be prayerful and meditative. The liturgical books instruct that once midnight passes, any continued adoration should take place "without solemnity" as the focus of the faithful shifts to the Christ's Passion.

Catholic Weekly

SUNDAY, 13 APRIL 2025

- ◆ Faith leaders gather at opening of Sydney's newest cemetery
- ◆ Parishes prepare for 7 churches Pilgrimage on Holy Thursday
- ♦ Celebrating 30 years since Evangelium Vitae
- ♦ Why parents should watch Adolescence
- ♦ Greek Easter biscuits recipe
- ◆ Encounters in street evangelisation

Available to purchase in the foyer. **Only \$2 please leave the money in the box provided.** Thank you.

WHY DO CATHOLICS VEIL THE CRUCIFIXES, STATUES AND IMAGES IN THE CHURCH?

The Catholic Church recommends the practice of veiling statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, in order to heighten our senses and build within us a longing and anticipation for Easter Sunday.

We use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. The last weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

The veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

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ROSTER FOR 19/20 APRIL: (3RD WEEKEND) SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION YEAR C	ACOLYTE	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Counters: Allen Oliver's Team		
	READERS	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Children's Liturgy: Not in the school holidays		
	WARDENS	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Aeralife Aged Care: Mona Barden Lodge Aged Care: Luce & Vanessa		
	Musicians	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Easter Roster			
	PIETY STALL	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Easter Roster			



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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 **(02) 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.

From Fr Mani's desk...

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as both <u>Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday</u>. This is the time of year we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying to sin and rising in Him, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments -- one of glory and one of suffering - the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem and the drama of His trial culminating in His crucifixion, death and burial.

<u>We need to answer 5 questions today</u>: 1) <u>Does Jesus weep</u> over my sinful soul as He wept over Jerusalem at the beginning of His Palm Sunday procession?

- 2) Am I a <u>barren fig tree?</u> God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Am I a barren fig tree? Or do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness?
- 3) Will Jesus have to cleanse my heart with His whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of his Holy Spirit in me by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts words and deeds; neither does He approve of my business mentality or calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God, my heavenly Father.
- 4) <u>Do I welcome Jesus into my heart?</u> Am I ready to surrender my life to Him during this Holy Week and welcome Him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Savior? Let the palms remind us that Christ is our King and the true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in life.
- 5) Are we like the humble donkey that carried Jesus, _carrying Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness and sacrificial service to our families, places of work and communities by the way we live our lives?

BAPTISMAL CANDLES

There is powerful symbolism in having your Baptismal candle at Easter Masses. We will light them for the Renewal of Baptismal Promises as a sign that each person is professing that we believe in and follow Jesus, our Risen Lord, our Light.

Please bring your own Baptismal candle or, if you don't have one, any other candle.
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Thank you to the parishioners that brought in the palm leaves.



REAL For and the Initi reco

For Nigel, Larissa, Lucas and Jarrod who through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be received into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil.

During this time of Lent we are called to a profound conversion of life. The steps being taken by our Candidates are a model of the steps we all take during Lent, steps to the profession of our faith in the Risen Christ at Easter.

PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please remember to bring in your Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes on the Easter weekend. Kindly

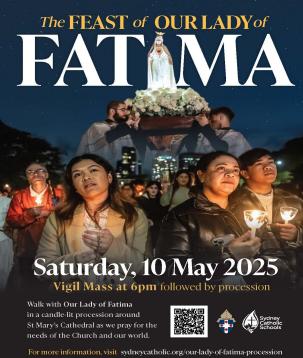
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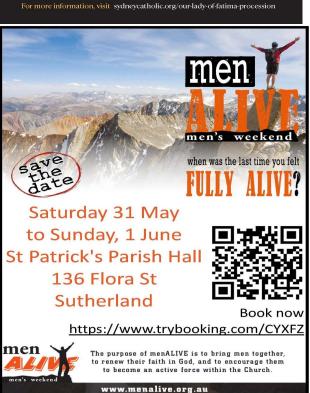






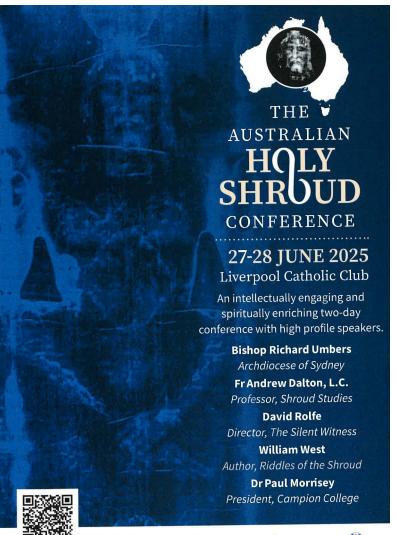






- 10:30am Welcome message by Salwa Elias
- 10:45am Opening Prayer by Fr Chris Alar
- 11:00am Talk by Fr Chris Modesty: Why is it Important Today? Explaining the Faith
- 12:00pm Angelus followed by Q&A
- 12:15pm 12:55pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration
- **2:00pm** Closing prayers

Register at: Women's Mini Retreat with Fr Chris Alar MIC Tickets, Fri 30/05/2025 at 10:30 am | Eventbrite











Alpha

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

What is life all about and what have we been put on this earth for?

For some people this searching includes GOD, and for others, it doesn't.

Regardless, the question of "IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?" is universal.

ALPHA is a series of conversations about Life, Faith, Meaning & God. It creates a safe space for people to ask questions and get connected with others. Alpha runs all around the world and shares a common themse.

- Connect Have a meal together
- watch a Talk via video and
- Conversation in small groups

Alpha is for everyone; all backgrounds, all contexts, and all ages. ALPHA welcomes people from all walks of life. It explores life's big questions with other people in a friendly, non-judgmental environment.



Testimonies from those that have attended Alpha previously, say that it changed their lives.

Alpha at Holy Family Parish begins on <u>Wednesday 30th April at zpm</u> in the Church Foyer. Registrations are essential, so please pick up a registration form in the church foyer or email us on the email address below.

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JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Lk 23: 1-49

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Try to find these words:

Barabbas criminals cross forgive gambled insulted paradise Pilate punishment save soldiers wine

Passion Sunday, Year C [N00HOPAC_2004_WSG.rtf]

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PASSION SUNDAY

Crowds of people saw Jesus ride a donkey into the city of Jerusalem. The people cheered, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Draw some of the symbols of Passion Sunday.

Historical Godesar

Crucifixion

The Romans used crucifixion as a deterrent against insurrection and rebellion. Not only was it an agonising death it was usually a slow, drawn out death - taking days to die. Victims were always crucified in public settings; alongside main thoroughfares or on hilltops outside a city. The victims were left on the cross for weeks while birds and wild dogs ate their bodies. The idea of crucifixion was that nothing was left to bury as this was the ultimate domination and humiliation of the rebel. The account of Jesus dying within a few hours is very unusual.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Lowly Prince of Peace

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to *non-violent* revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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Easter Triduum



Holy Thursday - 17 April Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.30pm

Adoration at the Altar of Repose after the Mass until 12am.

There will be a special collection for Project Compassion.

Good Friday - 18 April (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)

Stations of the Cross - 10am

The main ceremony for this day is Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - 3pm

A collection to support the Holy Places will be taken up after prayers of

intercession. Envelopes are available on the pews.

Holy Saturday – 19 April No morning Mass

Easter Vigil - 7.30pm

(No 5.30pm Mass on this day)

Easter Sunday - 20 April Masses 8.30am and 10.30am (No 10am Mass on this day)

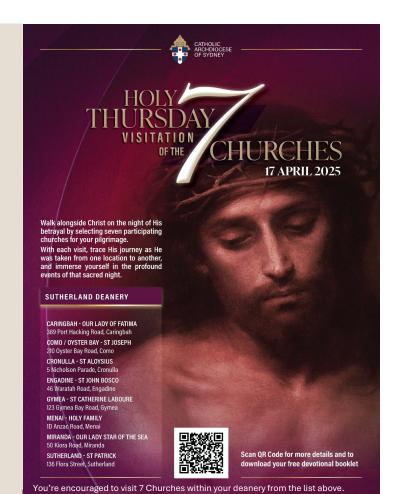
RECONCILIATION TIMINGS:

GOOD FRIDAY

- after Stations of the Cross (~ 11:15am)
- after the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (~4:30pm)

HOLY SATURDAY

• 10am—11:30am





Holy Family Catholic Church Menai Mercy, everyone is welcome to receive in great abundance the gifts of His resurrection.



The Second Sunday of Easter would be called "Divine Mercy Sunday" as desired by Jesus and expressed through St. Faustina. The late Pope St. John Paul II said, "Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium." Today it is in the mercy of God, the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness and there is no other hope for mankind.

Friday 18 April 2025

Novena to Divine Mercy starts.

Sunday 27 April 2025

2pm: Blessing of the Divine

Mercy Image

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament and

Confessions. Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm:

and Benediction

3.20pm: Holy Mass

Veneration of the image of

Divine Mercy.

Sunday, 27 April 2025

You may wish to remain in silent prayer before the Altars of Repose otherwise download or pick up the 12 page guide to help you with your reflections.



"Say unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it, they will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy". (Diary, 687)

'The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death" (Diary, 754).

'At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same' (Diary, 841).

"Through this chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (Diary, 1731).



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