



Renaissance Greats: Leonardo Da Vinci, Raphael, Desiderius Erasmus, Michelangelo, Benvenuto Cellini, Niccolò Machiavelli, Thomas More

Renaissance

Started in Italy, the social “rebirth” is referred to as the “Renaissance”. In the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries there was a rediscovery of the glories of classical Greek and Latin culture. Thanks to the research of Islamic scholars, many ancient texts, dealing with philosophy, theology and literature generally, became available.

We are aware of how authors, artists and “celebrities” have hay-days which can fade, only to be rediscovered later. The Renaissance began with literature, philosophical and theological texts but quickly spread to art, poetry, music and architecture, creating a new culture. For example, the writings of Plato and Aristotle became available. The centres of the Italian Renaissance were Florence and Rome and therefore it manifests also Catholic culture and learning. Great Italian figures include Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Machiavelli, Michelangelo and Cellini.

As the Renaissance moved north it took on a more religious aspect; new translations of the Bible and other Christian classics appeared, and considerable focus was put on Church reform. Among some of the leaders of the Renaissance in northern Europe were St Thomas More and Desiderius Erasmus.

Some of us will remember Pope St John XXIII and his inspiration to convoke the Second Vatican Council with the purpose of renewing the Church, updating the present (“aggiornamento” in Italian), returning to resources from the past (“ressourcement” in French) and facing the future (development).

If we include the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15:5-29), there have been 22 Councils from Nicaea (325) to Vatican II (1962-1965). This reinforces the maxim “The Church always needs to be reformed”. We need to live in a state of constant renaissance.

Another feature of Renaissance living, which still applies, are the ways in which the Church is catholic (small c). Open to innovation, Christianity is catholic, i.e. universal in its appeal and inclusive in its interests. Given that the Gospel is for everyone, it is more prone to a “both-and” rather than an “either-or” approach to difficulties.

August Comte (1798-1857) was a French intellectual who became famous for his “law of the three stages” in human development: from the theological to the metaphysical to the positivist. The implication was that humanity has to outgrow theological and speculative to arrive at scientific/positivist maturity. Christian apologists were quick to stand Comte on his head and propose that real progress is from primitive science, through metaphysics to theology.

In his monumental encyclical on “Faith and Reason” (1998), Pope St John Paul II addressed contemporary scientists, encouraging them in their scientific research and advising them “without ever abandoning the *sapiential* horizon within which scientific and technological achievements are wedded to the philosophical and ethical values which are the distinctive and indelible mark of the human person”. (106)

With watchful faith, one of Pope Leo XIV’s first public statements concerned our AI age. Welcoming this as a contemporary horizon for humanity, he raised some troubling questions. An amazing tool, AI can also be used to control our openness to truth and beauty and our ability to grasp and process reality. Likewise, the governance of AI raises important moral questions. Leo called for intergenerational apprenticeship to integrate AI “truth” into our moral and spiritual life.

We have not heard the last of Pope Leo on this latest challenge.



SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, forget not the life of your poor ones forever. Arise, O God and defend your cause; do not forget the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 85.

RESPONSE:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God speaks;
he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.
His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**
2. Merciful love and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have kissed.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and justice look down from heaven. **R**
3. Also the Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.
Justice will march before him,
and guide his steps on the way. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I long for you, O Lord, my soul longs for his word. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 10 Aug ST LAWRENCE, DcnM

2 Corinthians 6:9-10; Psalm 112; John 12:24-26

During his execution, when a Roman prefect demanded the church's treasures, Lawrence gathered the poor, famously stating: "The Church's true treasure is in the poor". Do we practice that today?

Tue 11 Aug St Clare, V

Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Psalm 119; Matthew 18:1-5.10.12-14

"What she (St Clare) shows us is that we need only have the courage to unlock what is within us, to spend our days powered by the graced anointing that we already possess." – Margaret Carney, OSF

Wed 12 Aug (Bl. Isidore Bakanja, M)

Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Psalm 113; Matthew 18:15-20

"You showed brotherly love to all... you earned the esteem and respect of your companions, many of whom were not Christians. Thus you show us the necessary way of dialogue among us all." – St Pope John Paul II

Thu 13 Aug (Ss Pontian, P & Hippolytus, Pr Ms)

Ezekiel 12:1-12; Psalm 78; Matthew 18:21-19:1

Both these saints were exiled together to the mines of Sardinia, where they suffered and died as martyrs in 235 AD. Their reconciliation before death stands as a powerful witness of unity in Christ.

Fri 14 Aug St Maximilian Kolbe, PrM

Ezekiel 16:1-15.60.63; Isaiah 12:2-6; Matthew 19:3-12

Many of us dream or aspire to be the greatest or the best at something. St Maximilian Kolbe asked the question: "I want to be the greatest. But in what? In loving people and in loving God".

Sat 15 Aug Liturgy of the Day

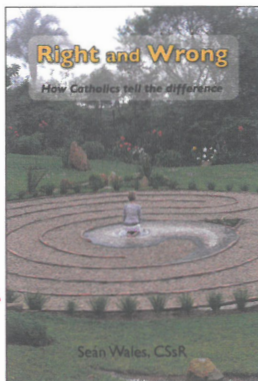
Ezekiel 18:1-10.13.30-32; Psalm 51; Matthew 19:13-15
Life seems to pass one by so quickly. So much seems to happen 'in the blink of an eye'. But among all of life's events, do we remember the seamless blanket of gratitude woven through our lives?

Sun 16 Aug ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Revelations 11:19; 12:1-6.10; Psalm 45; Luke 1:39-56

"May the Blessed Virgin, unique in her merits, stand in the presence of her Creator, interceding always in our favour." – St Amadeus of Lausanne (1108-1159).
Bring the prayers of your heart before her today.

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)
Dcn=Deacon; M=Martyr; V=Virgin; Pr=Priest



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MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 2026

08	Sat	17h00	RIP Francis Manickum RIP Sarah Simo A special intention
09	Sun	08h00	RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho RIP Maria dos Reis & Jose Ferreira RIP Fr Mark Beard RIP Elvira Venturi RIP Stephanie Munro Happy birthday Luis de Olim Vocation discernment
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Francis Manickum RIP Horacio Andrade RIP Taymin Platt RIP Kathy Ash RIP Souls in Purgatory
		17h00	
10	Mon	08h00	PUBLIC HOLIDAY RIP Francis Manickum
11	Tues	18h00	RIP Francis Manickum
12	Wed	18h00	RIP Francis Manickum
13	Thu	18h00	RIP Francis Manickum
14	Fri	18h00	RIP Francis Manickum

SICK LIST

We pray for the sick, housebound and their caregivers.



Richard Heslop, Shammy Naidoo, Kevin Demmer, Harold de Jongh, Gordon Milburn, Veronica Wheeler, Leonardo, Ken Walters, Wendy Elliott, Genevieve van der Merwe, Gideon Wathen, Nadine Botha, Enita Davies, Michael Serrao, Vincent S, Leo Vest, Pat Vosloo and Jean Loudon

PARISH NOTICES

FR AWAY

Fr Daniel will be away from the 10th of August till the 25th of September.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING

Outreach has a need for donations of men's clothing and shoes. If anyone can assist, please contact the parish office or leave the donation in the baskets at the entrance of the church.

SOUP KITCHEN

The Soup kitchen will start operating again on the weekend of the 15th of August.

It will be run by Ernest Breytenbach.

Should you like to get involved via donations or as a participant, please contact Ernest on 0725849963.

PARISH ARCHDIOCESE FUNDRAISING

We will be selling chicken wings and chip combos and chicken wings and roll combos after all the Masses for the next few weekends please give your support to this fundraising effort. The combo prices start at R60.

BAPTISMS:

Our next baptism will be on the 4th of October after the 10am Mass. All parents wanting to baptise their children must contact the parish office to make an appointment with Fr Daniel.

WEDDINGS:

All those wishing to be religiously married in the Parish must please contact the parish office **before booking the wedding venue** as there are matters of importance that need to be discussed.

REPOSITORY:

The hours are Sunday 07h45 till 09h45 and 30 min after the 10h00 mass

PARISH FINANCES

TITHING:

All parishioners who are tithing can find the record of payments made on the noticeboard. Please check that your payment is registered. If you would like to tithe please fill in the form in the box.

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NGOME NEWS

NGOME SEPTEMBER PILGRIMAGE

We have extended the time frame for payments to be made till this weekend. Please contact the parish office to ascertain that you are on the list and that your payment has been received. This will determine if your place on the bus has been confirmed. Please send through all proof of payments to the office as the size of the bus will be determined by the number of paid people on the list as of the 15th of August.

The bus will leave the church on the morning of the 18th at 05h00 and will arrive at the church on the 20th in the late afternoon.

A copy of the itinerary is available upon request from the parish office.

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CARITAS

CHRIST THE KING OUTREACH PROGRAMME



We provide various food parcels, baby and adult clothing, all household items and toys to the less fortunate. We support various homes for both adults and children. Should you have items that you wish to donate these can be dropped off at the parish office during the week or left in the baskets at the back of the church over the weekends. We continue to assist many families in our parish with everyday necessities thanks to your generous donations.

Should you wish to donate to this worthy cause our banking details are:

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