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SPECIAL EDITION: MAY 2025 A Farewell to Pope Francis and a Welcome to Pope Leo

HABEMUS PAPAM WE HAVE A POPE



*"Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we go forward. Thank you, Pope Francis, for all you've done."
Newly-elected Pope Leo XIV*



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather and worship, the Turrbal people, and pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

IN MEMORY OF POPE FRANCIS – PAPA FRANCESCO



The next edition of Cooee is not due until August. In the meantime, it was hoped this special edition – a farewell to Pope Francis – would be ready earlier but with preparations for the special “Journey of Devotion” evening and other tasks, this was put on hold. Time flies but the words are still heartfelt and his memory a blessing.

With so much anxiety and sadness in our world today, Pope Francis, Papa Francesco, was a light, a shining light, not just to Catholics but to many people all over the world. He lived Jesus’ call to humble service.

When he died, there was such an outpouring of love and since then, the media, of course, was full of stories from people who knew him. As is often the case when someone dies, you learn more about the person who died than you knew before. His goodness had left this world. He suffers no more.

We knew Pope Francis from his encyclicals and his messages of love, reports of papal visits and so on. We knew of his love for the marginalised,

the poor, the immigrant and his care of God’s gift to us – our earthly home. His encyclical ‘Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home (Praise be to You) addresses the urgent need to care for the environment, to praise God for the gift of his creation and to work together to create a more sustainable and just world. He was a pope of action.

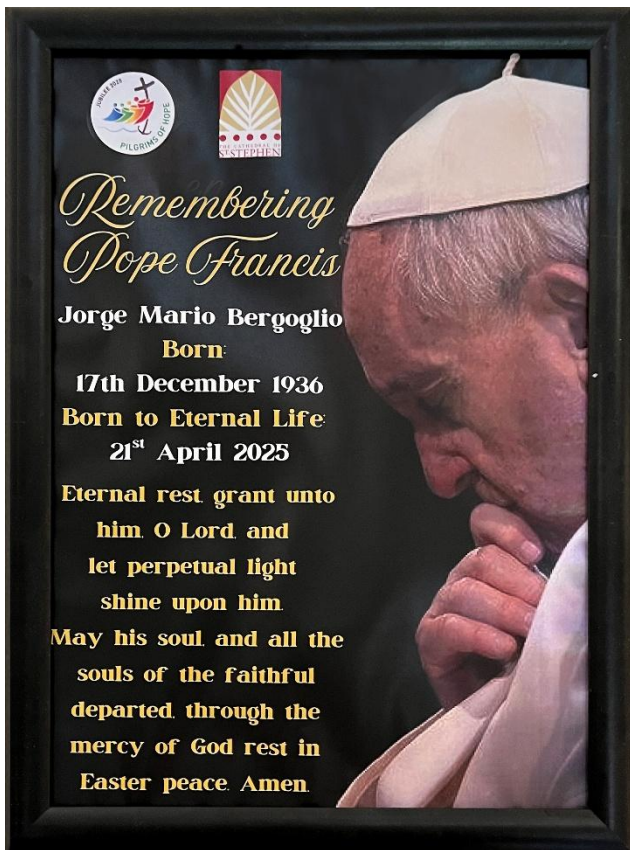


From when he was first elected and appeared on the balcony, Pope Francis asked us to pray for him and continued to ask this throughout his pontificate.

We prayed for him weekly in the Prayer of the Faithful. This year we have been praying his Jubilee Prayer.

We prayed for him when he was sick and we prayed for him when he died. So, as one way of remembering him, prayers from both the St Stephen’s Cathedral Requiem Mass and our Mass, held at Brighton on the morning of the pope’s funeral in Rome, have been included. Rest in Peace Pope Francis.





PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

(From the Solemn Requiem Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral - 24 April 2025)

ARCHBISHOP MARK:

As we remember the life and mission of Pope Francis, let us now open our hearts in the power of Easter faith, praying for ourselves, for the church and for the whole world.

LEADER:

For Francis our pope, whose gifts of compassion, love of the poor and care of the environment so inspired our world: that the God who is love will embrace him for all eternity as a good and faithful servant.

For the church as it gives thanks for the life, service and witness of Pope Francis: that it will strive to bring people of all faiths together in the one Lord.

Pope Francis heeded and put before the world the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Let us pray that this message of hope will lead all to an understanding of what God requires for his people and for all of his creation.

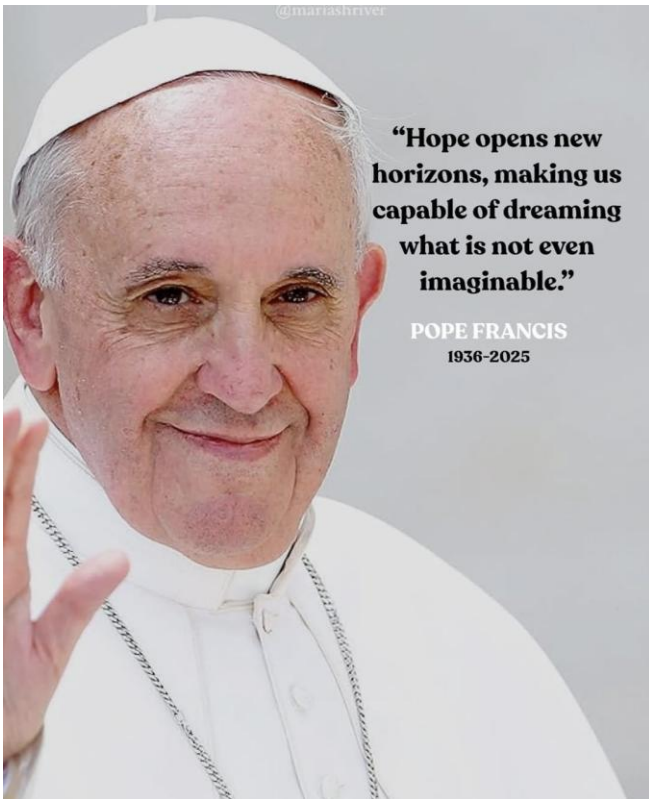
For the world and its leaders: that through the influence and legacy of Pope Francis all will come to know what it means to be truly a servant of all God's people in the spirit of the Gospel.

For Pope Francis for whom the joy of the Gospel was his guiding principle: that Christ will now welcome him into the eternal joy of his kingdom.

ARCHBISHOP MARK:

We praise and bless you Father for the gift of Francis as successor of Peter and witness to the resurrection. Listen to us now and answer us for the sake of Jesus your son, first born from the dead, the lord of life and death. For ever and ever. Amen.





PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

(From the Day of the Funeral Mass of Pope Francis at Church of the Real Presence – 26 April 2025)

FATHER JOSEPH:

My dear friends, we are one in prayer with the Universal Church and with all people of goodwill, as the Funeral Mass for Pope Francis is offered at the Vatican later today.

LEADER:

For Pope Francis: that God will embrace him for all eternity as a good and faithful servant.

For the Church mourning the death of Pope Francis: that it will be comforted with the gift of hope.

For the cardinals, soon to elect a successor to Pope Francis: that they may be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the Conclave.

For the poor, prisoners and the oppressed who were close to the tender heart of Pope Francis: that they may experience comfort from the Risen Jesus. May those caught up in war have peace for which he constantly pleaded.

For people of different faiths, to whom Pope Francis reached out as sisters and brothers: that they may respond to his example of mutual respect and work together in harmony for the sake of the poor and the care of creation.

FATHER JOSEPH:

Heavenly Father, receive Pope Francis into your tender care, comfort the Church and bring the grace of hope to all in need. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



REMEMBERING POPE FRANCIS

Having just been on the “*Journey of Devotion*” in March, Leesa Marshall was moved to write this when Pope Francis died on Easter Monday.

“Tonight, many of us will watch the funeral of a much-loved Pope Francis, who led with his heart, particularly for the poor and marginalised and gave many people hope. I so prayed he would leave hospital and lead Christians and Catholics during this important year – the Jubilee 2025.

St Peter’s Square – A sign calling people to pray the Rosary for Pope Francis while he was still in hospital.



I attended the Wednesday audience in Rome back in 2015 by chance. While I was on my tour of the Vatican and St Peter’s Basilica, I heard cheers. When I investigated, people were getting invitations to go to the Wednesday audience at the Bronze Gates in St Peter’s Square. I was thrilled when I received one.

I would like to tell you about the man who sat on my right. He came on his own and appeared not to speak English. He was middle-aged and looked Italian and while many of us had our mobile phones, this gentleman came with a disposable camera and I think prayer cards or photos of family members he held in his hands. He was in awe of the Holy Father as Pope Francis delivered his Wednesday

audience and travelled in the Popemobile. I remember the simplicity of his devotion always.

Little did I know when I stood in St Peters just over a month ago on 21 March, there would be a funeral for our much-loved Papa Francisco.

It is hard to believe that a different Pope will close the Holy Doors than the one who opened them on Christmas Eve last year. They are only opened in the Jubilee Year celebrated every twenty-five years.

Pope Francis opens the Holy Doors at the start of the Jubilee Year – Christmas Eve, 2024.



I had visited the Sistine Chapel for the first time in 2015. However, this time I thoroughly enjoyed listening to my fellow travellers in the Sistine Chapel (no photos allowed), pointing out certain scenes on the ceiling by Michelangelo. Little did any of us know that there will be a conclave there choosing a new pope, approximately seven to eight weeks after we left that beautiful chapel.

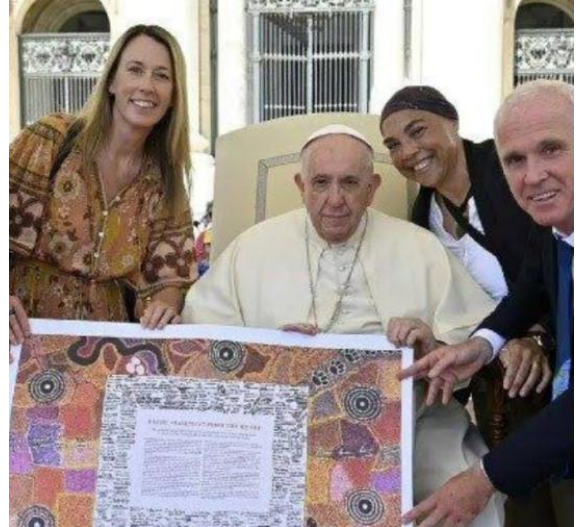
Rest in peace Papa Francisco. You have served your God and faith well. Thank you for giving the world hope.”



THANK YOU FOR SHARING, LEESA

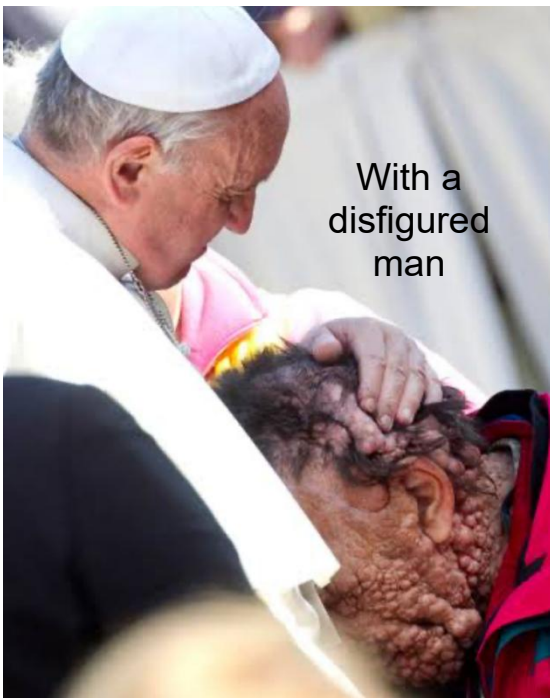
A POPE AMONG THE PEOPLE

“Please, let’s stop making invisible those who are on the margins of society...”



A HEART FOR THE PRISONER

With a
disfigured
man



Reflecting Jesus’ act of service in washing the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper, Pope Francis did the same each Holy Thursday at various locations – a juvenile detention centre; a rehabilitation centre for people with severe physical handicaps; in prisons for both men and women and for people of other faiths. On the Holy Thursday before he died, Pope Francis was too weak for the washing of feet. However, he still wanted to visit a nearby prison, bringing rosaries and little Gospels for the inmates and spent 30 minutes there. Many were in tears.



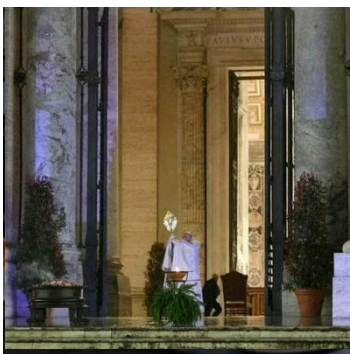
SUPPORT FOR THE POOR AND HOMELESS



Pope Francis actively addressed homelessness in St. Peter's Square by providing showers, barber shops, and medical services, as well as establishing a shelter nearby. He also gave out sleeping bags to homeless individuals. A shelter called "Palace of the Poor" was opened in a 19th-century palace behind the square, offering hot meals, medical assistance, and counselling.



At a live Nativity scene



A SHEPHERD IN THE STORM

In an empty and rain-soaked St Peter's Square during the Covid 19 Pandemic, Pope Francis held Eucharistic Adoration; offered the Urbi et Orbi (to the city and the world) blessing – usually only given after a pope's election, Christmas and Easter. He gave words of comfort to his flock.



LOVE FOR THE SUFFERING

In May 2024, Pope Francis said he called the parish in Gaza every evening at 7pm. "They tell me about what is happening there. It is tough, very tough. I listen and they tell me things."



COMPASSION FOR THE REFUGEE

"Openness to God makes us open towards the marginalised of this world."

PEOPLE EVERYWHERE HAD THEIR OWN WAYS OF REMEMBERING THE POPE THEY LOVED



Sudarsan Pattnaik, an award-winning sand artist from Puri, Odish in India created a beautiful sand sculpture of Pope Francis in the days after his death.



A street artist chalked a portrait of the late Pope Francis in front of the Cathedral in Buenos Aires, Argentina on the day of his death – 21 April.

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Ukrainian President Zelensky said: "He knew how to give hope, ease suffering through prayer and foster unity. He prayed for peace in Ukraine and for Ukrainians. We grieve together with Catholics and all Christians who looked to Pope Francis for spiritual support."
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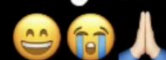
Pope Francis loved soccer and was a card-carrying member of San Lorenzo soccer team in Argentina. He insisted on paying his membership fees every year. His membership number was 88235 He died at age 88 at 2:35am (Argentinian time). A member said "Was it a coincidence? A blessing? Or something he sent us?" The team wore jerseys with his picture in a match shortly after his death



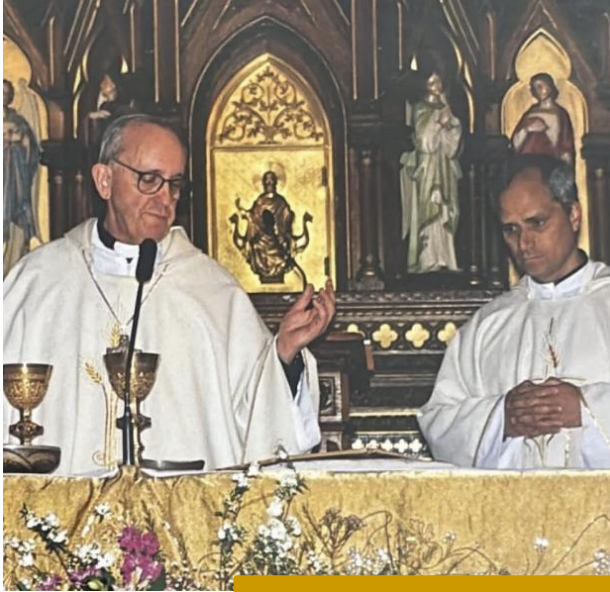
Pope Francis reading a verse from the Bible:
"Do you love me?"



Filipinos: "Yes!"
Pope Francis: "Thank you very much."



POPE FRANCIS AND POPE LEO XIV THROUGH THE YEARS



REFLECTING ON SOME WISE WORDS

POPE FRANCIS

- ❖ A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.
- ❖ The world tells us to seek success, power and money. God tells us to seek humility, service and love.
- ❖ The future does have a name. And its name is HOPE. Hope is the door that opens into the future.
- ❖ The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.
- ❖ Separate what is necessary and what is not.
- ❖ No one reaches salvation by ourselves.
- ❖ Those who love do not stand idly by but serve others.
- ❖ “Fathers always love it when their children fall asleep in their arms.” His response when asked do you ever fall asleep during prayer.
- ❖ Death is not the end of everything but a new beginning.
- ❖ Thank you for bringing me back to the square. (Easter Sunday)



MAY POPE FRANCIS REST IN
PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY.

POPE LEO XIV

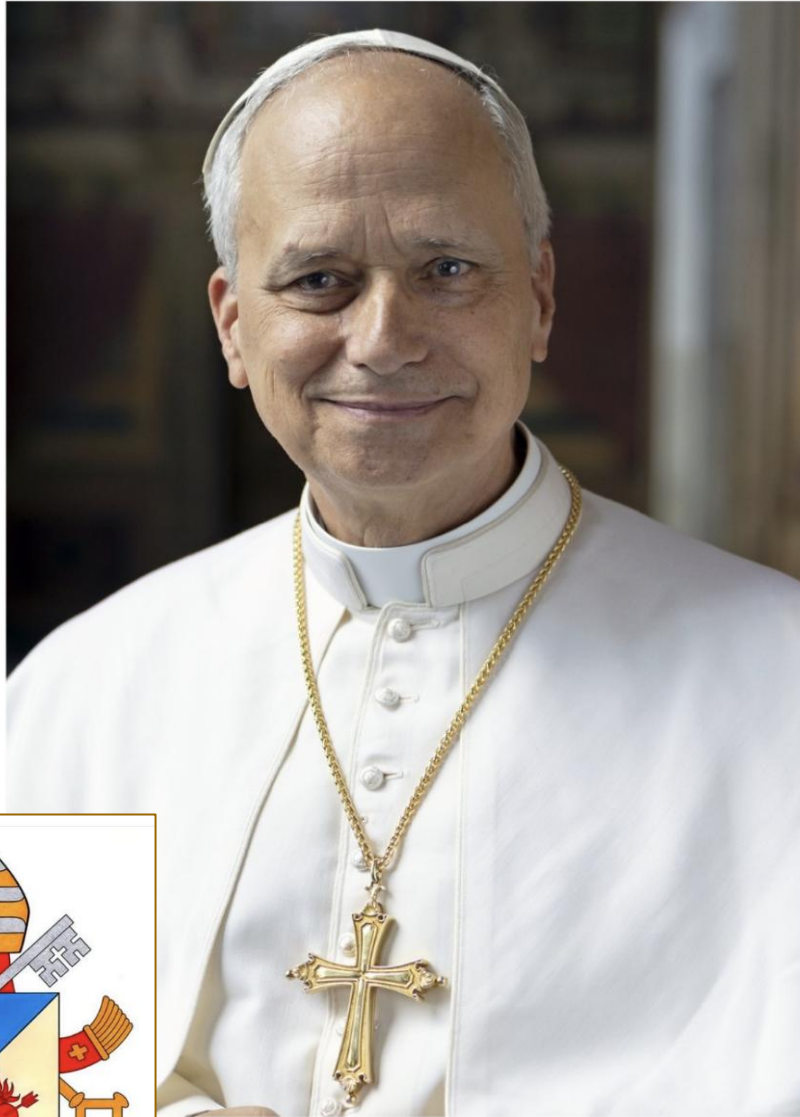
- ❖ Peace begins with each one of us: in the way we **look** at others, **listen** to others and **speak** about others.
- ❖ The Jubilee is a time of conversion and renewal, an opportunity to embark on a new path, animated by the hope that, by working together, we can build a world in which everyone can lead an authentically human life in truth, justice and peace.
- ❖ Pope Leo's motto "In illo Uno unum" – "In the One, we are one." is a bit like our parish's motto "One in Christ" which is on our logo.
- ❖ Our work is to enlarge the tent and to let everyone know they are welcome inside the Church."
- ❖ Those who make history are the peacemakers, not those who sow seeds of suffering.
- ❖ Every word of the Gospel is like a seed that is thrown on the ground of our life."
- ❖ God loves us all and evil will not prevail.
- ❖ "I was chosen without any merit of my own and now, with fear and trembling, I come to you as a brother, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God's love, for he wants us all to be united in one family. Love and unity: these are two dimensions of the mission entrusted to PETER BY JESUS." (Pope Leo XIV at his Inauguration Mass.)

LET US PRAY FOR
POPE LEO.

PRAYERS FOR POPE LEO XIV

In remembering Pope Francis, we now pray for Pope Leo XIV as he has begun his pontificate. He follows his good friend and all his predecessors, as St Peter's successor, the new Bishop of Rome and the Universal Pastor. Pope Leo said:

"Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters let us walk towards God and love one another."



Dios te
bendiga con
paz
Papa Leon
(Spanish)
God bless
you with
peace,
Pope Leo.

Jesus,
concede-lhe
a vossa
gaca, luz e
amor
(Portuguese)
Jesus, give
him your
grace, light
and love.

Que le Saint-
Esprit vous
guide
(French)
May the Holy
Spirit guide
you.



Leo P.P. XIV

Dio concede a Papa Leone la saggezza la tua volonta e il
coraggio per compierla. (Italian)

*"God grant Pope Leo wisdom to discern Your will and
courage to fulfill it." – Source "mycatholiclife"*

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

- 29 MAY: **5:30pm** – RECEPTION OF BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS RELIC DURING SOLEMN MASS (Sacred Heart Church)
- 30 MAY – 1 JUNE: **9am – 4pm** – EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION (Sandgate Parish Hall)
- 1 JUNE: **9am** – ONE IN CHRIST MASS (Sacred Heart Church)
Followed by BIGGEST MORNING TEA raising funds for the Cancer Council (Sandgate Parish Hall)
- 8 JUNE: PENTECOST SUNDAY
- 21 JUNE: **5:30pm** – FIRST COMMUNION MASS (Church of the Real Presence)
- 22 JUNE: **9:30am** – SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
FIRST COMMUNION MASS (Sacred Heart Church)
- 27 JUNE: **9am** – SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART MASS (Sacred Heart Church)
- 17 JULY: **5:30pm** – OPENING OF THE PARISH OFFICE at Brighton.
Blessing followed by Mass and then refreshments (Church of the Real Presence)
- 23 AUGUST: JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE INTO ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL (Bus, Guided tour of the Cathedral, morning tea in the grounds. 11:30am – Mass in the Cathedral.) Look in the newsletter for further details closer to the day.

➤ **Sacred HeART Collective**: Sandgate Parish Hall

- Friday 6 June: Art Show Opening Night
- Saturday 7 June: Art Show continues – open to the public
 - : Crafted with Heart Fair – Artisan Market 9am – 2pm
 - : Heart and Soul Market – Sustainable Clothing Sale 9am – 2pm



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