

# Season of Septuagesima

We are sojourners upon this earth; we are exiles and captives in Babylon, that city which plots our ruin. If we love our country, - if we long to return to it, - we must be proof against the lying allurements of this strange land, and refuse the cup she proffers us, and with which she maddens so many of our fellow captives...

These are the sentiments wherewith the Church would inspire us, during the penitential Season, which we are now beginning. The Church wishes us to reflect on the dangers that beset us, - dangers which arise from our own selves, and from creatures. During the rest of the year, she loves to hear us chant the song of heaven, the sweet Alleluia! - but now, she bids us close our lips to this word of joy, because we are in Babylon. We are pilgrims absent from Our Lord [II Cor. v. 6]; - let us keep our glad hymn for the day of his return. We are sinners, and have but too often held fellowship with the world of God's enemies; let us become purified by repentance, for it is written, that Praise is unseemly in the mouth of a sinner [Ecclus. xv. 9].

The leading feature, then, of Septuagesima is the total suspension of the Alleluia, which is not to be again heard upon the earth, until the arrival of that happy day, when, having suffered death with our Jesus, and having been buried together with him, we shall rise again with him to a new life [Coloss. ii. 12].

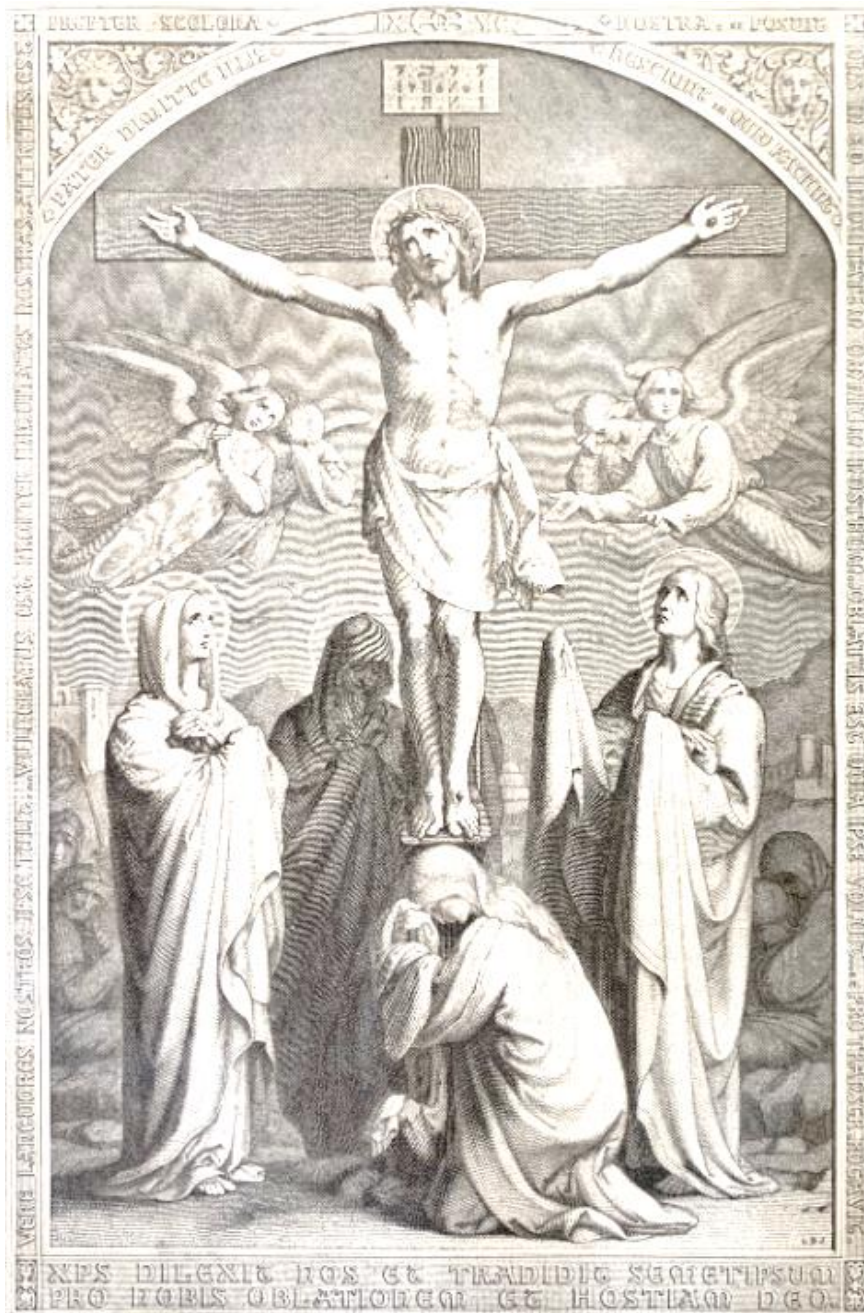
The sweet Hymn of the Angels, Gloria in excelsis Deo, which we have sung every Sunday since the Birth of our Saviour in Bethlehem, is also taken from us; it is only on the Feasts of the Saints, which may be kept during the week, that we shall be allowed to repeat it. The night Office of the Sunday is to lose, also, from now till Easter, its magnificent Ambrosian Hymn, the Te Deum; and at the end of the Holy Sacrifice, the Deacon will no longer dismiss the Faithful with his solemn *Ite, Missa est*, but will simply invite them to continue their prayers in silence, and bless the Lord, the God of mercy, who bears with us, notwithstanding all our sins.

After the Gradual of the Mass, instead of the thrice repeated Alleluia, which prepared our hearts to listen to the voice of God in the Holy Gospel, we shall hear but a mournful and protracted chant, called, on that account, the Tract.

That the eye, too, may teach us, that the Season we are entering on, is one of mourning, the Church will vest her Ministers, (both on Sundays and the days during the week, which are not Feasts of Saints,) in the sombre Purple. Until Ash Wednesday, however, she permits the Deacon to wear his dalmatic, and the Subdeacon his tunic; but from that day forward, they must lay aside these vestments of joy, for Lent will then have begun, and our holy Mother will inspire us with the deep spirit of penance, by suppressing everything of that glad pomp, which she loves, at other seasons, to bring into the Sanctuary of her God.

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## Septuagesima Sunday

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# This Week's Schedule

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Septuagesima Sunday. (2<sup>nd</sup> cl.)**

8:00 am Low Mass  
10:00 am Low Mass

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January. St. Francis De Sales. (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)**

7:20 am Low Mass

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. St. Martha. (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)**

7:20 am Low Mass

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. St. John Bosco. (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)**

7:20 am Low Mass

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February. St. Ignatius of Antioch. (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)**

7:20 am Low Mass

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Purification of the BVM. (2<sup>nd</sup> cl.)**

7:20 am Low Mass  
11:30am Low Mass

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Our Lady on Saturdays. (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)**

7:20 am Low Mass

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Dedication of the Canberra Cathedral. (1<sup>st</sup> cl.)**

*Comm. Sexagesima Sunday*

8:00 am Low Mass  
10:00 am Sung Mass

Ignatian Retreats			
Men: Feb 12-17; April 22-27		Ladies: Jan 29-Feb 3; Oct 14-19	
Altar Serving			
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Ac: Riley Ignacio		
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Mc: Kevin Murphy Ac1: Xavier O'Neill	Th: Riley Ignacio. BB: Joe Murphy Ac2: Francois O'Neill	
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Ac: Riley Ignacio		
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Ac1: Francois O'Neill	Ac2: Xavier O'Neill	
Rosters			
Sunday	Cleaning (Sat)	Flowers (Sat)	Tea Stall (Sun)
28 <sup>th</sup> January	HCP / Armstrongs	HCP	HCP
4 <sup>th</sup> February	HCP	HCP	HCP
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Liz	Rose	Simone
17 <sup>th</sup> February	HCP	No flowers	HCP
24 <sup>th</sup> February	HCP/ Armstrongs	No flowers	HCP
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Rose	No flowers	Liz

# Announcements

## **Holy Souls**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ramona Chahine, Kathleen Rivers, Kazimierz Keller, Ivo Spiluttini, Robert Ashelford, Timothy Luntongan, Patrick Gaynor, Helen Dam, Edward Clancy, Heather Pook, Joseph Camilleri and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## **Catechism**

Please write the name of the children you would like to enrol in the Catechism class for 2024. The adult catechism plan to start on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February.

## **Altar Serving**

Any young boys who would like to learn how to serve, please write your name on the sign-up sheet on the notice board. Thankyou. Training details will be given later.

## **Old Palms**

Please place your old palms in the box provided, so we can make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

## **Ladies retreat**

Please pray for the ladies who will be on retreat this week. Also note the change in mass times for the retreat

## **Public access areas and dogs on the grounds**

Please note that the dormitories and paddocks around the grounds of Holy Cross are out of bounds Also, all ball games are to be played away from the front entrance to avoid damage to windows. Please also ensure that any mess made by dogs is kept off the front lawn and pathway.