Parish of Saint Joseph, Subiaco SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20 July 2025

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: Brother John Carrigg CFC, Perry Vitale, Sr Philomena Butler SJG, Kate Wagner, Helen Taylor, Kevin Casey, Marie-Claire De Shalain, John Stephens

Anniversaries: Anne Daly, Sr Francis Hardbottle RSM, Pat Dallimore, Dorothy Ward, Rica Stafford, Peter Stafford, Geoff Bourke Sick: Gerri O'Reilly, Ken Metcalf, Beula Reddy, Joan Travers, Joseph Martino, Alan, Max Baldock, Tom Brennan, Yvette Henderson, Sr Deidre Brown IBVM, Celine Williams, Joseph Sheahan, Peter Costelloe, Catherine, Bart Welten, Peter McEvoy, Marilyn Mirabella, Archbishop Barry James Hickey, Stephen Hill, Mimi Epstein, Kaja, Marie Hebble

FILLING IN OUR PORTRAIT OF POPE LEO XIV

By Michael Sean Winters

Pope Leo XIV is still keeping his cards close to his cassock, but people who have observed him over the years are beginning to help fill in the picture of what characteristics are likely to shape his pontificate.

Georgetown University's Initiative on Catholic Social Teaching and Public Life hosted a panel discussionabout the new pope and, specifically, the connection between his election and the promotion of Catholic social teaching. Redemptorist Cardinal Joseph Tobin, archbishop of Newark, New Jersey, said he thought the single most important thing people should know about the new pope is that "he has a good grip on the Catholic identity, and Catholic in the sense of not simply a series of norms or rituals but as a universal, a global perspective. And he's lived that and the church is going to be enriched by that."

Tobin recalled before the conclave, the cardinals focused on the needs of the church and the quickness of the election was in part the fact that then-Cardinal Robert Prevost checked so many boxes: He has experience of pastoral ministry, has been to the peripheries, he worked closely with Pope Francis, and has knowledge and experience of the church in multiple countries. Recalling Prevost's time as a bishop in Peru, Tobin said: "In a very divided episcopal conference, Bob was almost always elected to the leadership, somewhere in what they call the permanent council of the conference of bishops. And to me, I thought that was extraordinary for someone who was not born in Peru. Clearly, he has a broad degree of acceptance in the divided group."

John Carr, who founded the initiative, seconded Tobin on the quickness of the election of Leo. Carr noted the speed with which the cardinal electors converged on Prevost's candidacy demonstrated a high degree of global unity within the church. Carr said this global unity was "a challenge" for those Catholics who relentlessly criticised Francis. They are the outliers.

Christopher White, associate director at the Georgetown initiative, was also on the panel. He said he thought the key word to understanding Leo is 'missionary'. "He comes from working in the mission field and his lane is going to be looking at the least of those in society and figuring out how the church can best serve and promote those."

Emilce Cuda, secretary for the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, who worked closely with both Francis and Cardinal Prevost, echoed White about the importance of the peripheries, noting Francis had been archbishop of Buenos Aires, the capital and largest city in Argentina, a cosmopolitan centre, but Leo had served as a bishop of a poor, rural diocese that constituted a periphery. She also noted Leo will be different from Francis not only because of their different experiences and personalities, but because 2013, when Francis was elected, was a different time from 2025.

Overall, the panel highlighted the fact we should look for significant areas of continuity between Francis and Leo, but that Leo will pursue some of those same agendas differently, with different emphases and a different style, particularly how the Augustinian order influence is likely to shape the new papacy.

"To be Augustinian is to be shaped — like Augustine himself (not the order's founder but its inspiration) — by a deep sense of both interiority and community. Augustine is known for writing the first personal memoir and the first soliloguy. He was always surrounded by a community of friends, and he articulated a deeply ecclesial understanding of Christ. Where some mystics have a personal, almost individualistic sense of the afterlife, Augustine famously described heaven as a city."

How could this affect Leo's leadership of the church in this historical moment? "The Augustinian vision of community means, as Pope Leo puts it, 'we continue as a Church' — that is, 'as a community of friends of Jesus,'. Pope Leo the Augustinian knows we will need this summons to real, incarnate friendship with each other and the Incarnate God. The world summons us into isolation with our devices. May Pope Leo the Augustinian summon us into communion with each and all."

At America magazine Colleen Dulle has an article rounding up the five most surprising things she learned about Leo while working on a series of podcasts about the new pope. The most important item, although not really surprising, came from Cuda, who, after describing her impressions gained from reporting to him the past two years when he was prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, offered a caution: "Now we are speaking about Prevost, but Leo will not be Prevost. He will be Leo, the pope."

Each of these comments about the new pope help fill out our picture of Pope Leo XIV, or help create the hermeneutic frame for understanding him. Both are important tasks and they are distinct. What is critical is that we all exercise some patience and let Leo show, rather than tell, who he is and, most importantly, where he wants to lead the church.

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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH RETREAT

Upper Room: 1pm, Saturday 30 August 2025

The St Joseph's Parish Retreat this year will be led by parishioner The Honorable Peter Quinlan.

Commencing at 1pm and concluding with the Vigil Mass at 5pm, the theme of the afternoon is 'The God Who Lies Hidden'.

Attendance is limited to parishioners due to restricted numbers.



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ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU

SVDP Subiaco wishes to sincerely thank parishioners and Tina Perez Optometrists for their generous support of our winter appeal. 'The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness'. (St Gianna Baretta Molla). Thank you for being an amazing community!

ST JOSEPH'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Family Group Youth Group 17 August 27 July

Faith Formation for Little Tots 27 July

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Sunday 27July

Next Sunday, 27 July, is the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Leo XIV's message is available on the Parish website: stjosephssubiaco.org.au/pastoral-letters. All are encouraged to acknowledge the day with your families.

ORCHESTRAL MASS

9am, Sunday 20 July, St Joseph's Subiaco

The Camerata de Immaculata group has assembled musicians from across Perth to form an orchestra and massed choir to lead the congregation at today's 9am Mass. We welcome them all to St Joseph's Subiaco.

UWA CHORAL SOCIETY

2.30pm, Sunday 3 August, St Patrick's Basilica Fremantle

Join the UWA Choral Society in a celebration of "Rutter's Magnificat" & Elgar's "Sea Pictures" plus "Now may we singen" by Cecilia McDowell. Tickets are available at trybooking.com/events/landing/1415278.

WEBINAR INVITATION

5.30pm WST, Thursday 24 July

MONSIGNOR

IF AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLICISM BECOMES SYNODAL? The promise and vision of living faith The Synod on Synodality and its Final Document seem to have become yesterday's news, with hardly a mention in parishes or church conversations. Who cares? What is the point in discussing communion, participation, and mission when nothing seems to change?

Speakers Richard Lennan and Anne Benjamin will share their hopes and visions for a revitalised, expansive and inclusive faith where Catholicism is a broad church. They will be joined by John Warhurst, who will moderate the event, and Trish Hindmarsh, who will be the responder. Presented by Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR) and Garratt Publishing.

Visit garrattpublishing.com.au/events/ and follow the link to register. Zoom meeting details will be forwarded upon registration.

MASS TIMES (Subject to change - refer to Parish Diary for latest information)					
Tuesday	5.30pm				
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9am				
Saturday Reconciliation	4.30pm				
Saturday Vigil	5pm				
Sunday	9am & 5pm				

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	MONSIGNOR			
Sunday 20 July		Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	10.30am	Baptism: Andre Joshua Calkin	Monsignor Kevin	
	10.30am	Upper Room: Sacramental Preparation Classes		
	11.30am	Baptism: Isabella Rose Frewen & Hugh Jerome Lawson Frewen	Fr Oscar Aguiliera	
	11.30am	Upper Room: Sacramental Meeting		
Monday		Monday, Week 16 of Ordinary Time		
21 July		Optional: St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor		
Tuesday		St Mary Magdalene, Feast		
22 July	6pm	Upper Room: St Vincent de Paul Meeting		
Wednesday 23 July		Wednesday, Week 16 of Ordinary Time		
		Optional: St Bridget, Religious		Requiem Mass:
	9am	Church: Communion Service		Br John Carrigg CFC
25 July	10am	Upper Room: Ladies' Prayer Group		Bi John Carrigg CFC
	5.30pm	Upper Room: Centering Prayer		L
Thursday		Thursday, Week 16 of Ordinary Time		
24 July		Optional: St Sharbel Makhlüf, Priest		
Friday		St James, Apostle, Feast		
25 July				
Saturday		Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial		
	2pm	Upper Room: Reconciliation Preparation Class		
26 July	3.30pm	Upper Room: First Holy Communion Preparation Class		