

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: Br Eric Perrett, O.S.Cam, Grace Budimlich, Hilario-Jose Ramirez

Anniversaries: Hector Arias, Fr Tim Quinlan SJ, Theresa D'Souza, Gabriella Silipo, Phillip Pental, Jim Cardile

Sick: Beula Reddy, Ken Metcalf, Joan Travers, Tom Brennan, Yvette Henderson, Peter McEvoy, Anunciata Alteri, Sr Deidre Brown CJ, Celine Williams, Julia Audino, Alberto Audino, Liam Brady, Lachie Glasfurd, John Audino, Peter Foss, Pat Docherty, Abigail Fells, Cate, Anne Hutchins, Anne Jennings, James Wambow, Veronica Kong, Jason, Helen Hawkes

POPE EXPLORES AI AND DIGNITY IN FIRST ENCYCLICAL

By Courtney Mares, OSV News

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, 'Magnifica Humanitas', will be published on 25 May, addressing artificial intelligence and the protection of human dignity. The encyclical, the title of which is Latin for 'Magnificent Humanity', was signed by the pope on 15 May, the 135th anniversary of 'Rerum Novarum', Pope Leo XIII's foundational 1891 social encyclical on labour and capital written during the first Industrial Revolution. In an unprecedented first, Pope Leo XIV will be present in person at the Vatican press conference to mark the publication of the social encyclical, along with a tech founder from one of the world's fastest growing AI companies.

Christopher Olah, co-founder of the artificial intelligence company Anthropic, which developed the AI large language model (LLM) named Claude, will speak on a panel presenting the document at the Vatican's Synod Hall. Also joining the panel will be Anna Rowlands, a British theologian specialising in Catholic social teaching who helped organise the Synod on Synodality, and Léocadie Lushombo, a professor of theological ethics at the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University. Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernández, prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, and Cardinal Michael Czerny, prefect of the Dicastery for Integral Human Development, will also take part in the press conference. Pope Leo XIV and Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican Secretary of State, will give speeches at the end of the press conference.

Pope Leo XIV has expressed interest in the issue of artificial intelligence and the dignity of work since the first week of his pontificate, telling the College of Cardinals days after his election that he took his papal name partly in honour of Pope Leo XIII, whose landmark encyclical 'Rerum Novarum' has shaped the Church's social teaching for more than a century. "The Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defence of human dignity, justice and labour," Pope Leo XIV said two days after his election.

The first American pope and a former mathematics major, Pope Leo has returned to the subject of AI again and again in speeches, messages and interviews in his first year, leading Time magazine to include him on its 2025 list of the world's most influential people in artificial intelligence, with the magazine describing him as a spiritual counterweight to Silicon Valley. Pope Leo has addressed the issue of AI in venues ranging from a sports stadium packed with teenagers, whom he told to use AI "in such a way that if it disappeared tomorrow, you would still know how to think," to a gathering of legislators, where he insisted artificial intelligence is a tool meant to serve human beings, not replace them. The pope has also warned priests not to use chatbots to write their homilies and expressed concern for AI's potential effect on children's "intellectual and neurological development."

The pope's 2026 message for the 60th World Day of Social Communications, published in January, has been his most robust document on AI and protecting human dignity to date. In the papal message, he underlined that "our faces and voices are unique, distinctive features of every person" that reveal "a person's own unrepeatable identity" and that by "simulating human voices and faces, wisdom and knowledge, consciousness and responsibility, empathy and friendship," AI systems "encroach upon the deepest level of communication, that of human relationships."

Pope Leo also warned AI systems "have increasingly taken control of the production of texts, music and videos," putting "much of the human creative industry at risk of being dismantled and replaced with the label 'Powered by AI', turning people into passive consumers of unthought thoughts and anonymous products without ownership or love. The ability to access vast amounts of data and information should not be confused with the ability to derive meaning and value from it. The latter requires a willingness to confront the mystery and core questions of our existence," Pope Leo said in December to participants in an AI conference. "It will therefore be essential to teach young people to use these tools with their own intelligence, ensuring they open themselves to the search for truth."

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EXPLORING THE SEASONS OF GRIEF

6, 13, 20 & 27 June, Catholic Pastoral Centre, Highgate

Exploring the Seasons of Grief is a small group (4-7 participants), peer-based educational program made up of four sessions. It offers opportunity for individual reflection and group discussion, and aims to build resilience and bring peace and hope to adults who have experienced significant change or loss. The program provides an opportunity to examine how loss and grief have impacted on one's life. It imparts knowledge, skills and attitudes to enable participants to understand and manage their grief experience. Cost: \$28.50. Contact Catholic Outreach on 9422 7920 or outreach@perthcatholic.org.au for further information. Register by 31 May.


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WEEKLY HYMNS

5pm Saturday 23 May & 9am Sunday 24 May

Lyrics are available on the Parish website by using the QR code (right), or by visiting stjosephssubiaco.org.au/lyrics. Hymn books are also available at Church entrances. Please return them at the conclusion of Mass.

Mass	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	
Sat 5pm	Come, Holy Ghost,	Emitte Spiritum Tuum <i>Psalm 103: 30-31</i>	Ultimo Festivitatis Die (<i>John 7: 37-39</i>) O Breathe On Me, Breath of God (246)	Filled With the Spirit's Power (108)	
Sun 9am	Creator, Come (78)	Spirit, Come Transform Us (311)	Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God The Spirit of the Lord is Now Upon Me (334)	Walk in the Light (351)	

ST JOSEPH'S UPCOMING EVENTS			
Young Family Group 6 June	Faith Formation for Little Tots 31 May	Youth Group 21 August	Seniors Morning Tea 2 July

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the young people who are being Confirmed at 9am Mass today. May the Holy Spirit fill them, their families and our Parish with joy. The Parish is very grateful to Jasmin Kenworthy, Kelley Carpenter and Elaine Eng for their commitment in preparing candidates for this Sacrament.

2026 NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

30 & 31 May

The last 2026 National Count will be undertaken next weekend – Saturday 30 May and Sunday 31 May – at all Masses with this final count based on the following age groups: **0-17; 18-29; 30-49; 50-69, 70+**

As in previous weeks, the count includes everyone attending and will be undertaken as you arrive at Mass. On arrival, please collect a token and then place it in the appropriate marked collection box located in the Church foyer. Parish Office staff and volunteers will be available to assist. Thank you for your cooperation in this national initiative.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE THANK YOU

The Subiaco Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society extends its heartfelt thanks to our generous supporters - The Good Grocer IGA Wembley, Woolworths Subiaco, Coles Subiaco, and parishioners of St Joseph's Subiaco - for their contributions to the sausage sizzle at Bunnings. Your generosity helps us continue our work supporting people within our community. Thank you for making a difference. "Nature makes trees put down deep roots before having them bear fruit, and even this is done gradually." St Vincent de Paul.

PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN NIGERIA

Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith. **Watch John's moving testimony** and **download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card** to unite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world. Scan the QR code or visit rebrand.ly/RedRosary26.



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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	Reference:	Name

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	Account Name:	St Joseph's Church Subiaco
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PARISH DIARY			MONSIGNOR KEVIN
Sunday 24 May	10am	Pentecost Sunday, Solemnity Upper Room & Piazza: <i>Confirmation Celebratory Breakfast</i>	
Monday 25 May		Our Lady, Help of Christians, Solemnity	
Tuesday 26 May	6pm	St Philip Neri, Priest, Memorial Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i>	
Wednesday 27 May	9.30am 5.30pm	Wednesday, Week 8 of Ordinary Time Optional: St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Upper Room: <i>Ladies' Prayer Group</i> Upper Room: <i>Centering Prayer</i>	
Thursday 28 May	12pm 5pm	Thursday, Week 8 of Ordinary Time Upper Room: <i>Compassionate Communities Meeting</i> Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Alexia Sberna & Adam Iemma</i>	<i>Fr Oscar Aguilera</i>
Friday 29 May	5pm	Friday, Week 8 of Ordinary Time Optional: St Paul VI, Pope Upper Room: <i>Rite of Christian Initiation for Young People</i>	
Saturday 30 May	11.30am 1pm	Saturday, Week 8 of Ordinary Time Baptism: <i>Christina Orlando</i> Wedding Service: <i>Alexia Sberna & Adam Iemma</i>	<i>Fr Oscar Aguilera</i> <i>Fr Oscar Aguilera</i>