

Let us remember in our prayers ...

**Recently deceased:** Sr Leonie Peterson CJ, Bernard Cullinane

**Anniversaries:** Phillip Pandal, Jim Cardile, Hector Arias, Alan Jennings

**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, Paddy Walker

**REMAINING HUMAN IN THE AGE OF ALGORITHMS**

By **Andrea Torielli, Vatican News**

**Magnifica humanitas** — Pope Leo XIV’s first encyclical — is not primarily an analytical text on artificial intelligence, nor does it enter into the details of constantly evolving processes. Rather, it is a “*summa*” that applies the principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church to our time of AI, consolidating and updating key points of the papal magisterium. It is a text that puts an end to the misunderstanding of those who, trusting in the absolute freedom of markets and new technologies, tend to dismiss the Popes’ teaching of the need for shared human governance of AI, integral ecology, economic structures that become “structures of sin,” and the rejection of war. Pope Leo XIV invites each of us in this time of digital revolution to take on an active role. The building of the “civilization of love,” is achieved through small and tenacious acts of fidelity capable of stemming dehumanization, and this task concerns us all intimately. Pope Leo reminds us “injustices do not arise solely from the wrong choices of individuals, but also from structures, mechanisms and economic and cultural systems that produce inequality,” and “development is not truly human if it increases consumption for some while shifting costs and burdens onto others, or relegates entire regions to subordinate roles.” Unfortunately, this is already happening in the field of new technologies and the resources required. The encyclical states the principle of private property bears “an indispensable societal role” and is upheld by the Church. “Today, among the goods universally intended for everyone, we must also include new forms of property such as patents, algorithms, digital platforms, technological infrastructure and data,” in order to prevent new forms of exclusion and deprivation of freedom from arising or becoming entrenched. Technology is not a simple tool; when it becomes the standard by which everything is judged, “it begins to dictate what matters and what can be discarded,” reducing “human beings to mere cogs in a system driven toward ever greater efficiency.” Today control over platforms, infrastructure, data, and computing power “rests with major economic and technological actors.” These companies set the conditions for access, the rules of visibility, and the very possibility of participation. “When such power is concentrated in the hands of a few,” says the Pope, “it tends to become opaque and evade public oversight, increasing the risk of distorted forms of development that give rise to new dependencies, exclusions, manipulations, and inequalities.” Reaffirming the need to move beyond the “just war” theory, Pope Leo calls for the use of artificial intelligence in warfare to be subjected to the strictest ethical constraints, because “no algorithm can make war morally acceptable.” Artificial intelligence has become a decisive element in shaping public opinion through the manipulation of images and content, making it increasingly difficult to distinguish truth from falsehood. There are also many unknowns regarding the labour market. In this regard, the encyclical recalls it is no longer possible to rely solely on the “invisible hand” of the market. Political systems have the task of guiding economic and technological dynamics toward the common good, promoting dignified work, social inclusion, and a fair distribution of the benefits of innovation. Remaining human, governing processes, and avoiding monopolies that end up increasing the power of a few at the expense of the lives of many: this is the path indicated by the Pope, which does not raise barricades, nor does it reject the use of AI outright. On the contrary, Pope Leo points out the many positive aspects and useful applications of AI. At the same time, he explains, it is not enough to ask an ethical question about the good or bad purpose for which AI is used. It is essential to intervene earlier, and to ask how a system is designed and what idea of the person and of society is inscribed in the data and models that guide it. For this reason, he calls for adequate legal frameworks, independent oversight, user education, and above all, “a political system that does not abdicate its task.” Otherwise, change will be governed only by technocratic logic and will be presented as “necessary and inevitable,” ultimately imposing rules “dictated” by those who possess the data, infrastructures, and computing power. Pope Leo says we must “disarm” AI — i.e. discredit “the assumption technical power automatically confers the right to govern.” We must do so not in order to renounce technology, but to prevent it from dominating humanity and open it up for discussion. Rather than abdicate our humanity, we must “bear witness to the grandeur of humanity, in which God has made His dwelling.”

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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](mailto:outreach@perthcatholic.org.au) for further information. Register by 31 May.

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**WEEKLY HYMNS**

5pm Saturday 30 May & 9am & 5pm Sunday 31 May

Lyrics are available on the Parish website by using the QR code (right), or by visiting [stjosephssubiaco.org.au/lyrics](https://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	Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (279)	Benedictus Sit	Benedictus Deum I Believe in God the Father	Firmly I Believe and Truly (109)
Sun 9am	Firmly I Believe and Truly (109)	Open My Eyes	Anima Christi Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (283)	Now Thank We All Our God (243)
Sun 5pm	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (279)	A New Commandment (2)	In Christ Alone (189) Trinity Song (346)	They’ll Know We are Christians (339)



**ST JOSEPH’S UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Young Family Group</b> 6 June	<b>Faith Formation for Little Tots</b> 7 June	<b>Youth Group</b> 21 August	<b>Combined Men’s Groups</b> 26 June	<b>Seniors Morning Tea</b> 2 July
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**2026 NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE**

30 & 31 May

The last 2026 National Count will be undertaken this weekend 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.

**YOUNG FAMILY GROUP BONFIRE NIGHT**

6pm, Saturday 6 June, St Joseph’s

Join the St Joseph’s Young Family Group for a cosy and fun **Bonfire Night** - a night of warmth, fellowship, laughter, and community under the night sky. Marshmallows, coffee, and tea provided. Bring a plate to share and come along for great company, meaningful conversations, and plenty of fun for the children around the bonfire. All parishioners welcome!

**PERTH CATHOLIC SINGLES DARTS NIGHT (20-35yrs)**

5pm-7pm, Saturday 13 June, Strike Bowling Carousel, Cannington

Join us for a relaxed night of darts and dinner with other Catholic young adults from around Perth! Whether you’ve played before or are just giving it a go, this is a great opportunity to meet like-minded people, enjoy friendly competition and get to know others in a welcoming and low-pressure setting. For tickets and more information, visit [perthcatholicsingles.eventbrite.com](https://perthcatholicsingles.eventbrite.com), or contact us via email at [perthcatholicsingles@gmail.com](mailto:perthcatholicsingles@gmail.com); Instagram / Facebook: @perthcatholicsingles; or Mobile: 0421 952 963 (Matt).

**CROSSROADS YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT**

5pm Friday 17 July to 1.30pm Sunday 19 July

Anyone aged 18 to 30 is welcome to step away from the demands of everyday life and make space for rest, reflection, and renewal. This weekend retreat offers time to pause, breathe deeply, and reflect on the next steps in your journey. Private ensuite accommodation, ocean views, and tranquil gardens, encourages stillness and reconnection with yourself and God. Whether you are discerning your future, relationships, vocation, or direction in life, the retreat provides space and support to seek clarity. Cost: \$240. Visit [events.humanitix.com/crossroads-2026](https://events.humanitix.com/crossroads-2026) to register. Registrations close on 16 June.



**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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	<b>Account #:</b> 887 970 525
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PARISH DIARY		
<b>Sunday 31 May</b>	9.45am 11.30am 12.15pm 3.15pm	<b>The Most Holy Trinity, Solemnity</b> Baptism: <i>Beth &amp; Annie Woods</i> Baptism: <i>Lorenzo Camilo</i> Baptism: <i>Raiden James O’Neill</i> Upper Room: <i>Rite of Christian Initiation for Young People</i>
<b>Monday 1 June</b>		<b>St Justin, Martyr, Memorial</b>
<b>Tuesday 2 June</b>	2pm 6pm	<b>Tuesday, Week 9 of Ordinary Time</b> Upper Room: <i>St Josephs’ Ladies Book Club</i> Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i>
<b>Wednesday 3 June</b>	9.30am 5.30pm	<b>Sts Charles Lwanga &amp; companions, Martyrs, Memorial</b> Upper Room: <i>Ladies’ Prayer Group</i> Upper Room: <i>Centering Prayer</i>
<b>Thursday 4 June</b>		<b>Thursday, Week 9 of Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Friday 5 June</b>	5pm	<b>St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr, Memorial</b> Upper Room: <i>Rite of Christian Initiation for Young People</i>
<b>Saturday 6 June</b>	6pm	<b>Saturday, Week 9 of Ordinary Time</b> <b>Optional: St Norbert, Bishop; St Marcellin Champagnat, Religious</b> Church Grounds: <i>Bonfire Night</i>

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