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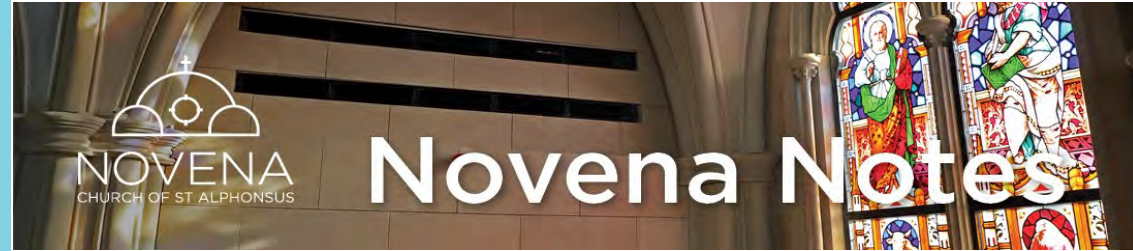
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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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Giants of Faith, Giants in Mission

In this Sunday's Gospel Reading, Jesus calls not just for witnesses but for prophets and apostles:

"What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. ... So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will also acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

In the coming week, we will celebrate two important Solemnities: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist on 24 June 2026; and Saints Peter & Paul on 29 June 2026. Jesus' call applies so well to these three giants of our Christian faith: St John the Baptist who Jesus declared was the "Greatest Prophet"; St. Peter who Jesus called the 'Rock'; and St. Paul, who the church declares, as the 'Apostle of the Gentiles'.

Suffice to say that St. John, St. Peter and St. Paul all proclaimed, "on the housetops" and had "acknowledged [Jesus] before men". They were fearless. They were zealous. They were faithful to their Call and their Mission. They all died as martyrs.

But their Call to faith and mission were so different. St. John was anointed as a Prophet even before he was born. St. Peter was initially chosen by Jesus as one of his Twelve Apostles; and subsequently appointed as the Leader of Jesus' Church. We all know the story of St. Paul's Conversion. Paul (then known as Saul) was hell-bent on persecuting the early Christians when he encountered Jesus on the Road to Damascus. Neither can we say these three men were always strong in their faith and character. St. John had doubts if Jesus was the Promised Messiah, St. Peter denied Jesus and St. Paul was consumed with hatred for the early Christians.

It therefore did not matter how they were called. Neither did it matter that they had their low-moments and weaknesses. They became Giants because they came to know Jesus and believed in him. As St. Peter says poignantly:

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God". (John 6:68-69)

Once convicted, they preached the Good News amidst rejection and persecution. Three Giants of faith who did not "fear those who kill the body". Three Giants in mission who proved that their souls could not be killed by men. They became Giants because God was with them - always!

"All God's giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on God being with them." (Hudson Taylor)

May we, as we now "stand on the shoulders of giants", respond to Jesus' call to proclaim and acknowledge him. Jesus will acknowledge us in Heaven before God, our Father!

Reflection by Ros

Readings & responses for the week

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 21 June	Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5: 12-15; Mt 10: 26-33 In your great love, answer me, O God.
Monday, 22 June St Paulinus of Nola, Bishop	2Kgs 17:5-8,13-15,18 ; Mt 7: 1-5 Hear us, O Lord, and help us.
Tuesday, 23 June	2 Kgs 19:9-11, 14-21; Mt 7: 6, 12-14 God upholds his city forever.
Wednesday, 24 June The Nativity of John the Baptist	Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1: 57-66,80 I thank you for the wonder of my being.
Thursday, 25 June	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29 Rescue us, O Lord, for the glory of your name.
Friday, 26 June	2 Kgs 25: 1-12; Mt 8: 1-4 O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not.
Saturday, 27 June Mother of Perpetual Help	Is 7: 10-17; Rev 12:1-6.10; Jn 19:25-27 Help me, O Lord in my distress.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm, 5.30pm

2.00pm (Mandarin)

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

12:15pm, 6.30pm

9.00am, 6.30pm Public Holiday

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

MASS ON SATURDAY

7.00am, 6.30pm (Sunset)

MASS ON SUNDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

No booking is required. There will not be standing room allowed in the main church.

RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 8.00pm

Lunch Hour 11.45am to 12.45pm

Saturday 7.30am to 8.00pm

Sunday 8.30am to 1.30pm & 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Closed on Public Holiday

GIFTSHOP OPERATING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

10.30am to 6.30pm

Lunch Hour 12.15pm to 12.45pm

Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm

Closed on Thursday and Public Holiday

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP FEASTDAY



Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

27 June 2026 (Saturday)

Mass: 7.00am & 6.30pm

According to an old tradition, one of her images under this title was brought to Rome from the Island of Crete toward the end of the fifteenth century. It was placed in the Church of St. Matthew on the via Merulana during the pontificate of Alexander VI and was venerated there for about three centuries. When this church was destroyed during the Napoleonic invasions, the icon disappeared. Providentially, it was found again in 1866. At that time Pius IX confided it to the Redemptorists who exposed it for public veneration in the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer dedicated to St. Alphonsus. From then on, the veneration of this miraculous image has continued to grow among the faithful, and is now widely diffused throughout the whole world.

JOHN THE BAPTIST NATIVITY



St. John the Baptist is one of the few saints whose birth, rather than death, is celebrated by the Church, alongside Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary (December 25 and September 8, respectively).

His feast day is set on June 24, exactly six months before Christmas, reflecting the Gospel of Luke, which notes that John was born six months before Jesus. He is known for baptizing Jesus and calling people to repentance highlighting his role as the forerunner of Christ "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30)

TAMIL DEVOTION & MASS

27TH June, Sunday

8pm Novena Devotion

8.30pm Mass

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Do you know of someone who is living or struggling with cancer?



The Cenacle Sisters invite you to

CLAY AND GOLD

The Sacred Story of Your Life

This day is a gift for you. A chance to stop. To breathe. To look with gentle and grateful eyes at the life you are living.

An afternoon of
Prayer
Reflection
Fellowship
for
WOMEN
MIGRANTS



When: 28 June, 2026, SUNDAY

Time: 1:00-5:00 PM, Lunch provided

Where: Novena Church, Casimir Room

Limited to 45 seats only.

Pieta Prayer Support for Bereaved Parents

Tuesday 23 June from 7.30pm

to 9.15pm at

Catholic Archdiocesan
Education Centre, 2 Highland
Road, unit LG-01, S. 549102



This is located next to the
Church of Immaculate Heart of
Mary.

We invite any parent who has
lost a child (regardless of age and no matter
how recent or long ago) to meet to pray and
support each other.

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