

# The West Wagga Wag

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## Coming Events

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Trinity**

- 6 to 7am daily;

- overnight from 9pm Friday through to 7am Saturdays

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Mon 6

**St Mary of the Cross**

Wed 8

**St Clare**

Sat 11

**St Maximilian Kolbe**

Tue 14

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Wed 15

**St Stephen of Hungary**

Thu 16

**St Bernard**

Mon 20

**St Pope Pius X**

Tue 21

**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Wed 22

**St Rose of Lima**

Thu 23

**St Bartholomew**

Fri 24

**St King Louis**

Sat 25

**St Monica**

Mon 27

**St Augustine**

Tue 28

**John the Baptist's death** Wed 29

**Monthly Cuppa, after 9am Mass on last Sunday of the month.**

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The date for submissions for the next Wag is: Wednesday August 29th.

## Prayers for Parish

While in Italy, Fr Thomas has been praying for everyone in many places, including:



the Lateran Basilica, the mother of all churches,



St Peter's Basilica,



the church and home of St Maria Goretti,



and Orvieto's "Duomo" Church, which contains the corporal onto which a host bled, leading to the Feast of Corpus Christi.

## pastor's page - Australia needs Saints!



August brings us the Feast of St Mary of the Cross, Mary McKillop. She loved the name "of the Cross", and said that she prayed she would not be too unworthy of it, because the Cross was graced to carry the very Body of our Savior, Jesus Christ. On it was offered the sacrifice which has atoned for, made up for, all mankind's sins and opened for us the gates of heaven. "Sr Mary of the Cross" implies that this nun, now Saint, can call Jesus' cross her own, and that her little sacrifices and prayers can be joined to the great Sacrifice and perfect

Prayer of Jesus. An amazing claim? Indeed! But is it claiming too much? No, because this is exactly what we are all called to. By baptism, we die with Him, joined to His death and resurrection. And thereafter we are called, to use the words of St Paul, to "offer your very selves as a sacrifice truly pleasing to God." So all of us could be called, "(your name) of the Cross".

But I also like calling St Mary by her other last name, "McKillop". It reminds me that saints can come from McKillops and McDonalds as easily as from Milan; from Assisi no more easily than from Ashmont. There's no reason why we couldn't have the next Australian saint a Kennedy or a Funnell, a Sewell or a Smyth, a Toshack or a Travaskis. No one is too Plane to become a hero for Christ. Why, even a Casanova could become a saint - St Leonard of Port Maurice was formerly Paul Casanova.

Grace builds on nature, perfects nature, takes the McOrdinary and makes it McExtraordinary. It is tempting to look at our ordinariness and also our imperfections and sinfulness, and to see sainthood as too far off, a mountain divided from

us by a chasm too deep. But Our Lord said, "I am the Way": He is the bridge to that Mountain to which we have already been called. It is not a happy choice to wallow in thinking about our weakness, in our own hovel, while that Mountain looms high above with tremendous views to be had if only we do up our boots and start marching. We have the "power of the Cross of Christ", not just our own weakness, to take into account when we size up against the call to live a moral life.

"Without Me", says Jesus, "you can do nothing"; but God calls, and "nothing is impossible for God". So, like St Paul, who formerly was the sinful Saul, we can say, "When I am weak, I am strong", "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me."

Over there in Rome (I'm boarding a plane today to head back from Rome), there are so many saints that every month, almost every day, celebrates a saint of Italy. At the moment we have only one canonized saint for Australia. We need more! We need you!

*Fr Thomas Casanova CCS*

### Some of Fr Thomas' work and recreation



# August Amusement

## Baby Jokes, jokes for kids and older folks

What do baby pythons play with?  
Rattle-snakes.

Fred: My mum's having a new baby. Drew: What's wrong with the old one?

Who is bigger – Mrs Bigger or Mrs Bigger's baby? Mrs Bigger's baby, because he's a little Bigger.

I got a letter from my sister. She just had a baby. But she didn't say whether it's a boy or girl. So I don't know if I'm an uncle or an aunt.

Q. Why did the banana go to the doctor?

A. Because it wasn't peeling well.

Q. What do you call a donkey with three legs? A. A Wonkey.

Q. Where does the queen keep her armies? A. Up her sleeves.

Q. What do you call a train that sneezes? A. Achoo-choo train.

Q. What wobbles in the sky?

A. A Jelly-copter.

Q. Did you hear about the two guys who stole a calendar?

A. They each got six months.

Q. What did one eye say to the other eye?

A. Between us, something smells.

Q. How does the man in the moon cut his hair? A. Eclipse it.

Q. What do you call a man trapped in a paper bag? A. Russell.



Knock, knock. □ -Who's there? □ Little old lady. □ -Little old lady who? □ I didn't know you could yodel!

Q. What's faster, cold or hot?

A. Hot, because you can catch a cold.

A man was taken to hospital after eating daffodil bulbs. Doctors say he's recovering and he'll be out in the Spring.

Q. How did the yeti feel when he had flu? A. Abominable.

I wrote a song about a tortilla. Well actually, it's more of a rap.

Q. What do you call a girl who stands inside goalposts and stops the ball rolling away? A. Annette.

Q. What vegetables do librarians like? A. Quiet peas.

My friend recently got crushed by a pile of books, but he's only got his shelf to blame.

Two silk worms had a race. It ended in a tie.

Q. If a butcher wears a size XL shirt and a size 13 shoe, what does he weigh? A. Meat.

A kid threw a lump of cheddar at me. I thought, "That's not very mature".

A recent scientific study showed that out of 2,293,618,367 people, 94% are too lazy to actually read that number.

I went to a restaurant with a sign that said they served breakfast at any time. So I ordered scrambled eggs during the Renaissance.

Have you heard about corduroy pillows? They're making headlines. The other day my friend was telling me that I didn't understand irony.....Which is ironic because we were standing at a bus stop.

Q. What's the best part about living in Switzerland?

A. Not sure, but the flag is a big plus.



Q. What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?

A. I don't know, and I don't care.

Q. What did the grape say when he was pinched?

A. Nothing, he gave a little wine.

Wrinkles mean you laughed, grey hair means you cared, and scars mean you lived!

The bad news is, I accidentally took the wrong medication today. The good news is, I'm now protected from heartworms and fleas for the next three months.

Childhood injuries: fell off my bike, fell out of a tree, twisted my ankle.

Adult injuries: slept wrong, sat down too long, sneezed too hard.

Old bankers never die, they just lose their interest!

Old lawyers never die, they just lose their appeal.

Old limbo dancers never die, they just go under.

Old printers never die, they're just not the type.

Old tanners never die, they just go into hiding.

Old wrestlers never die, they just lose their grip.

Old chauffeurs never die, they just lose their drive.

Old archers never die, they just bow and quiver.

Old actors never die, they just drop apart.

# THE WORLD UNITES TOGETHER IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE YOU ARE BEING RECRUITED!



An “Allied Force” of countries are joining together on the same day as a Holy League facing a spiritual battle.

*Joseph Pronechen, National Catholic Register* [article adapted for Australia]

Remember the Holy League of Nations that Pope St. Pius V formed in 1571, and the result of the battle they engaged in? Their victory at Lepanto on Oct. 7, 1571 was attributed to the Rosary, and the date became the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

The new Holy League of Nations is gearing up for another battle this Oct. 7 — using only one weapon — the Rosary.

The battleground is not Lepanto but the entire world.

## Stirring the People

The website

**RosaryCoastToCoast.com** opens with a powerful three-plus minute video that illustrates a stirring homily being given about this call to prayerful arms because so many are wounded in this spiritual battle now raging.

“We are at war. A war without borders. No one is exempt. The bloodless battle affects us all... No man is exempt. No woman excused. The fight has come full force.”

Now there is “a clarion call of the Holy Spirit to engage in spiritual warfare through prayer, fasting, and sacrifice.”

Our Lady gave a clarion call at Quito, LaSalette, Fatima and other apparitions.

## World Wide Rosary - October 7th

We’re reminded that the “spark” from Poland in 2017 as people prayed at the borders for the country then ignited another in Ireland, then the British Isles. Ordinary people answered along with priests and bishops “physically surrounding their nations in active prayer.”

Now nations are being called upon to do the same at this critical moment in history — to pray Rosary rallies on Oct. 7, 2018.

“We are being called upon to help turn our country back towards God. “We will accomplish this through prayer which will change hearts, change families, change our communities, change our country and change the world.

“St. Padre Pio and St. Maximillian Kolbe both agree that there is no stronger weapon in this spiritual battle than the Rosary.”

Padre Pio called the Rosary “The Weapon.”

The homily ends — “We hear the clarion call of the Holy Spirit, through the Immaculata, and each of us sounds the reply in the face of the battle around us: “I’m going in!”

## Rallies Movement Quickly Growing

The USA Rosary Coast to Coast is ready to defend the “dignity of the Human person — Life, Marriage, Family, as well as Religious Liberty — praying at Rosary Rallies across the U.S. and the world on Oct. 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The New Holy League of Nations sees this as “a united front in worldwide spiritual battle, a ‘declaration of war’ not against flesh and blood; but against principalities and power, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places (Ephesians 6:12).”

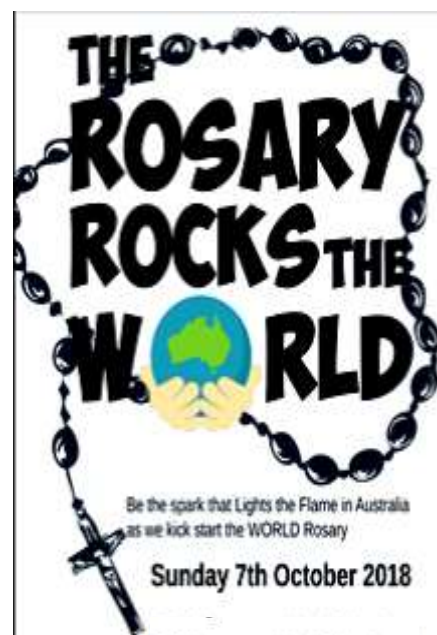
“Together we are calling upon God,

through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our countries and return them to Holiness,” announces their latest statement.

A reported 400 registered rallies span the United States — hopefully hundreds, really thousands more to come.

Already signed on and enlisted are Poland, the British Isles, Ireland, Canada, **Australia**, Lebanon, India, Mexico, Panama and some Central and South America countries. More are in the works to sign up in the next weeks.

An entry from St. Faustina’s Diary (1732) has been applied to St. John Paul II, considering him “the spark,” but in this case, considering where the idea came from, can “the spark” also apply to the Rosary Rallies? Jesus said to Faustina: “I bear a special love for Poland, and if she will be obedient to My will, I will exalt her in might and holiness. From her will come forth the spark that will prepare the world for My final coming.”



For more details about Australia’s participation, go to [facebook.com/OZROSARY53](https://facebook.com/OZROSARY53)

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE - WORLD WIDE ROSARY CONT...

### Possible Extra - 54 day Rosary Novena

A recommendation coming from the U.S. Holy League of Nations (holyleagueofnations.com) where each country involved will be represented in this league. It's encouraging that member nations also join in the

### 54-day Rosary Novena,

beginning Aug. 15, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, "for the intentions of reparation and petition for their countries." The U.S. Novena for

Our Nation begins Aug. 15. People can sign up for a daily reminder and reflection.

The Holy League reminded of the encouraging words from Bishop John Keenan of Paisley, Scotland after the Rosary on the Coasts in the British Isles this April. He said that "there was something changed in the Catholic Church, in the British Isles... it was as though Catholics are beginning to get the sense, the inspiration that all the problems of the world really can be solved by prayer. It was like a day of New Evangelization. It felt like a day of Grace for us. Therefore, I commend it to

the Catholics in the United States."

The Holy League also quoted Cardinal Raymond Burke:

"Let us now turn to the powerful prayer of the Holy Rosary, asking Mary Immaculate to intercede with Our Lord to bring healing to our nation and to inspire in her citizens the holiness of life which alone can transform our nation..."

***"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."***

(2 Chronicles 7:14)



### Happy 25th Anniversary to *Veritatis Splendor*!

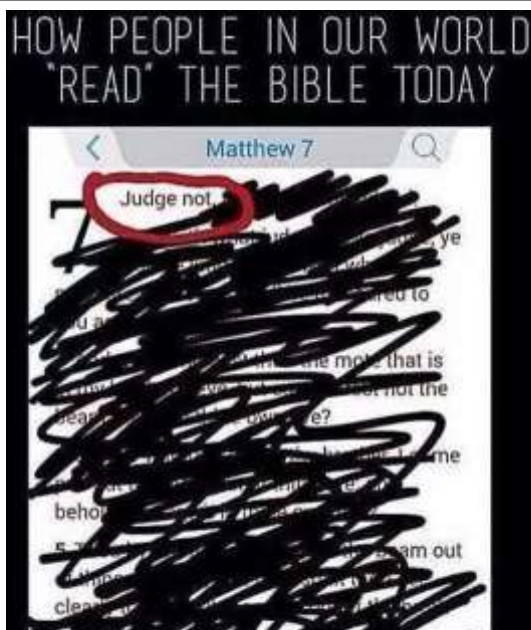
Praised be Our Lord Jesus Christ!

August 6, 2018 marks the 25th anniversary of *Veritatis Splendor* (The Splendor of the Truth!), in which St John Paul II presented Jesus' teachings about what we are to do to love God and our neighbours and ourselves.

In *Veritatis Splendor*, St John Paul II stared down false prophets who in these days are trying to dim the light of Christ:

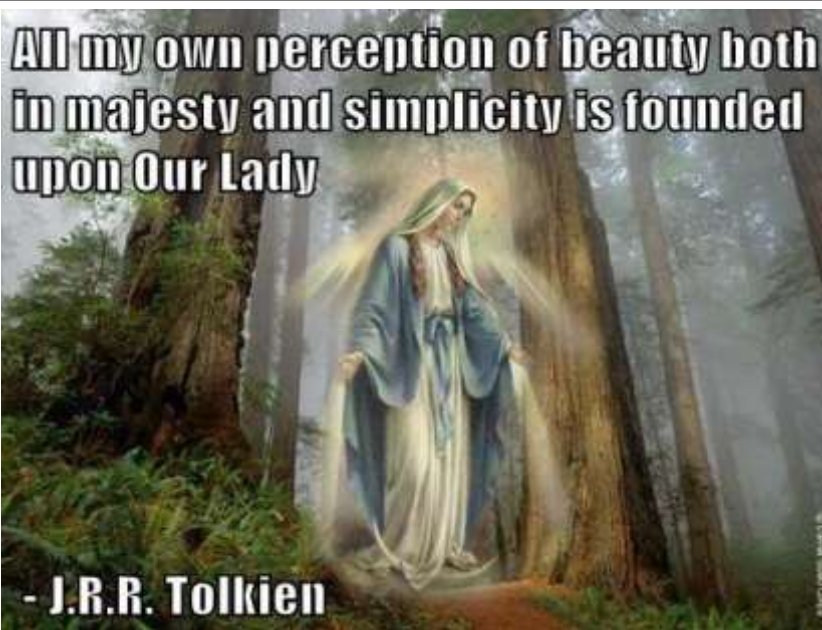
*"Nor does [Mary] permit sinful man to be deceived by those who claim to love him by justifying his sin, for she knows that the sacrifice of Christ her Son would thus be emptied of its power."*

**Veritatis  
Splendor**  
and the Renewal  
of Moral Theology

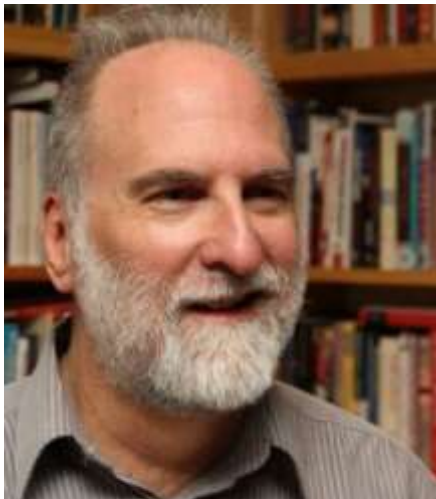


**All my own perception of beauty both  
in majesty and simplicity is founded  
upon Our Lady**

**- J.R.R. Tolkien**



# Three Cheers for Rules (and For Keeping Them)



Bill Muehlenberg, *CultureWatch*

We expect non-Christians to rail against rules. They want the maximum ability to do as they please, and they look at rules and regulations as an impediment to fulfilling their dreams.

Yes, I get that non-Christians would think this way. But sadly there is far too much of this mindset in the church as well. Far too many believers have this mistaken notion that somehow Christianity is just about love (however loosely defined – if at all), and anything having to do with rules somehow goes against love.

The so-called emergent church movement has often been pushing false antitheses here: we either love God and have a relationship with him, or we get bogged down in rules and regulations. I prefer the biblical emphasis which says both are important.

Just the other day I had one person sending in a comment claiming that Christianity was simply and solely about “loving everybody”. Um, not quite. Biblical love is far more carefully defined and nuanced than that. And biblical love is always seen in the context of rules and commandments.

The simple truth is, loving God means keeping his commandments and loving the rules he has established. Since I am reading through the Psalms again at the moment, let me simply offer a few passages from the psalter. Here are just a few of them:

**Psalm 18:22** *For all his rules were before me, and his statutes I did not put away from me.*

**Psalm 19:9** *the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.*

**Psalm 147:19-20** *He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules. Praise the Lord!*

I think you can start to get the message here. And Psalm 119 is completely full of verses on how the child of God delights in the law and relishes God’s rules. Consider some of these verses:

**Psalm 119:13** *With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.*

**Psalm 119:20** *My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times.*

**Psalm 119:43** *And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your rules.*

**Psalm 119:108** *Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your rules.*

**Psalm 119:156** *Great is your mercy, O Lord; give me life according to your rules.*

**Psalm 119:164** *Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules.*

“But, but” some people will protest. “That was the Old Testament. Jesus changed all that and now all we need is love!” Nothing could be further from the truth of course. Whenever Jesus spoke about loving God and loving others it was in the context of obedience.

No one reading the gospels could get any other impression than that. Simply examine the gospel of John for starters and listen to what he says:

**John 14:15** *If you love me, keep my commandments.*

**John 14:23-24** *Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching.*

**John 15:10** *If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love.*

Those words of Jesus sound pretty clear to me. And John in his epistles says exactly the same thing:

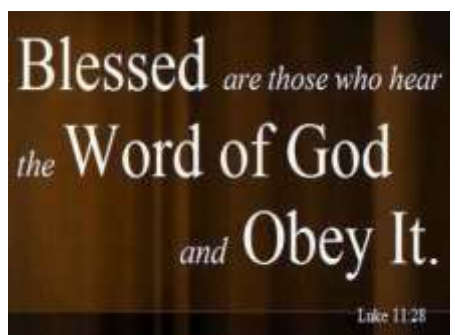
**1 John 2:3-6** *We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God’s love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.*

**1 John 5:2-4** *This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.*

**2 John 1:6** *And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands.*

For the biblical Christian, love and rules always go together. And what God had brought together, let no man put asunder. The idea that we can love God and do as we please is simply a complete distortion of biblical truth.

Our love relationship with God is seen in terms of how we love his law and desire to obey him. The idea that we can do our own thing and go our own way, yet claim to love God, is simply bogus. And all the great saints of the past have believed this and taught this.



# **REASONS I NEVER GO TO MASS SHOWER GO TO CONFESSION**

1. I WAS FORCED TO SHOWER AS A CHILD.
2. PEOPLE WHO SHOWER ARE HYPOCRITES. THEY THINK THEY ARE CLEANER THAN EVERYONE ELSE.
3. THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF SOAP, I COULD NEVER DECIDE WHICH ONE WAS RIGHT.
4. I USED TO SHOWER, BUT IT GOT BORING SO I STOPPED.
5. I SHOWER ONLY ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS, LIKE EASTER AND CHRISTMAS.
6. NONE OF MY FRIENDS SHOWER.
7. I'M STILL YOUNG. WHEN I'M OLDER AND HAVE GOTTEN A BIT DIRTIER, I MIGHT START SHOWERING.
8. I REALLY DON'T HAVE TIME TO SHOWER.
9. THE BATHROOM IS NEVER WARM ENOUGH IN THE WINTER OR COOL ENOUGH IN THE SUMMER.
10. PEOPLE WHO MAKE SOAP ARE ONLY AFTER YOUR MONEY.

(THERE'S MORE)

- I GET ALONG VERY WELL WITHOUT SHOWERING.
- I WORK HARD ALL WEEK AND AM TOO TIRED TO TAKE A SHOWER ON THE WEEKEND.
- THE FIRST BAR OF SOAP I EVER USED GAVE ME A RASH, SO I HAVEN'T GONE NEAR SOAP SINCE

# The West Wagga Wag

West Wagga Parish



Serving: Ashmont,  
Collingullie,  
Glenfield, Lloyd,  
and San Isidore

## Dinner on the Ground

Help the Israelites find the bread and quail!



Find the words below hidden in the 225 letters to the right.

ISRAELITES	EGYPT
TWILIGHT	DEATH
GRUMBLED	MOSES
MORNING	AARON
DESERT	QUAIL
HEAVEN	MEAT
GATHER	FOOD
ENOUGH	LORD
STARVE	CAMP
BREAD	EAT

# Dinner on the Ground

"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.' "

Exodus 16:12 (NIV)



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