



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Oratory – Mackay

Serviced by the Priests of the Society of St Pius X

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Dear Faithful,

Fidelity to the Faith and Compassion with Our Lady

The month of September places before us two beautiful and powerful examples of fidelity to God: **St Pius X**, whose feast we celebrate on 3 September and who is the heavenly Patron of the Society of St Pius X, and **Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows**, whose great feast occurs on 15 September.

St Pius X lived at a time when dangerous errors were beginning to penetrate deeply into the life of the Church. With the courage of a true shepherd, he defended the Catholic Faith against Modernism, which he described as the “synthesis of all heresies.” Yet his strength was not merely intellectual or administrative. It sprang from a profound supernatural life, a tender love for Our Lord, and an ardent desire for the sanctification and salvation of souls.

His motto, *Instaurare omnia in Christo* — “**To restore all things in Christ**” — remains wonderfully relevant for us today. The restoration of Christian society must begin first within our own souls and homes. Christ must reign in our thoughts, our conversations, our families, our schools, our work, and above all in our hearts. St Pius X reminds us that fidelity to the Faith is not merely the preservation of doctrines; it is the living of those doctrines with courage, humility and charity.

Later in the month, the Church leads us to stand beside **Our Lady at the foot of the Cross**. The Feast of the Seven Sorrows reminds us how closely the Mother of God was united with the Passion of her Divine Son. From the prophecy of Simeon to the burial of Our Lord, her Immaculate Heart was pierced again and again by sorrow.

Yet Our Lady did not rebel, complain or lose confidence in Divine Providence. She remained faithful. At Calvary, when almost everything seemed lost, she stood beneath the Cross believing, hoping and loving.

September therefore teaches us a profound lesson: **true fidelity is proved especially in times of trial**. St Pius X teaches us to defend the truth without compromise; Our Lady teaches us to remain beside the Cross without abandoning hope.

May St Pius X obtain for us an unwavering attachment to the Catholic Faith and may Our Lady of Sorrows teach us to accept our crosses generously, uniting them with the Sacrifice of her Divine Son.

St Pius X, pray for us.

Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows, pray for us.

Fr Mwangi

Mass Times: Masses will be celebrated at Newhaven Crematorium Chapel,
218 Harbour Road, Mackay

Confession time: 60 minutes before Mass and **finishing 5 minutes before the Mass starting time.**

Rosary: 30 minutes before Mass.

Sat 5th	First Saturday (<i>St Lawrence Justinian</i>)	6.00pm
Sun 6th	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	9.00am

Sun 20th	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	6.30pm
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(Father Vernoy will be coming up this weekend to say Mass.
Please take the time after Mass to welcome him to the Parish)

Notices

Month of September: September is the Month of the Holy Cross.

Feast Days

- 3rd – St Pius X
- 8th – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 14th – Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15th – Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

Ignatian Retreats NSW, Holy Cross Parish, Goulburn
Ladies' Retreat: 12th - 17th October 2026
Applications via the link:
<https://sspx.au/en/retreats-holy-cross-parish-31177>

Marriage Recollection: Holy Cross Parish is holding a Marriage Weekend retreat for couples on the 21st and 22nd November 2026. Meals and accommodation are provided. Infants in arms permitted. Cost: \$100 per couple. Contact Holy Cross on (02) 48295177, or email at goulburn@sspx.au or use the link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/ycyten8h>

Eucharistic Crusade: Parents wishing to enrol their children (7 to 15 years) are to contact Fr Mwangi on 0490 435 984 or j.mwangi@fsspx.email

First Collection: The first collection covers the day to day expenses of the Society such as flights for the priests to and from Brisbane. People wishing to direct deposit their first collection can do so as per instructions below.

Second Collection: This collection **is for the Mackay Building Fund** which will go towards the purchasing of a Church. People wishing to direct deposit this donation can do so as per the instructions below. Please continue praying that a suitable place will be found.

Bank Account Details

1ST Collection: Church Account: Society of St Pius X
BSB 014-295 Account No. 2597-10714

2ND Collection: Building and Improvements Fund
BSB 014-141 Account No. 2727-32619

Ref: Your initial, surname and MKY (e.g. JBROWNMKY)

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