The Crusader

Bulletin of the Eucharistic Crusade for Children in Australia and New Zealand

September 2026

Month of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

For Children who do not Have a Father and a Mother

From the Chaplain

September: Close to Jesus and Our Lady

Dear Crusaders,

September gives us two beautiful feasts that lead us very close to the **Most Holy Eucharist**: the feast of **St Pius X on 3 September** and the feast of the **Seven Sorrows of Our Lady on 15 September.**

St Pius X is often called the **Pope of the Eucharist** because he longed to bring souls, especially children, close to Our Lord in Holy Communion. In his time, many people received Holy Communion only rarely, and children often had to wait until they were much older. St Pius X encouraged **frequent and even daily Communion**, when received in the state of grace and with a good intention, and he desired that children should receive Our Lord as soon as they were able to understand, in a simple way, Whom they were receiving.

How fitting this is for every Eucharistic Crusader! Our great treasure is Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. St Pius X teaches us: **stay close to the tabernacle, receive Our Lord lovingly, and offer Him your whole heart.**

Then, on 15 September, we stand beside **Our Lady of Sorrows**. We remember her seven great sorrows: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Child Jesus, meeting Him on the way to Calvary, standing beneath the Cross, receiving His dead Body, and seeing Him placed in the tomb.

But what does this have to do with the Holy Eucharist?

At every Mass, the Sacrifice of Calvary is made present sacramentally upon the altar. The same Jesus whom Our Lady watched suffer and die is the Jesus who comes to us under the appearances of bread and wine. When we assist at Mass with devotion, we may place ourselves spiritually beside Our Lady at the foot of the Cross. She teaches us how to love Jesus, how to unite our little sacrifices with His, and how to receive Him with a pure and faithful heart.

Our special intention this month is **"For children who do not have a father and a mother."** Some children have lost their parents; others may live far from them or lack the love and protection that every child needs. Let us remember them especially in our **Morning Offering, sacrifices, Rosaries, and Holy Communions.**

And let us ask St Pius X and Our Lady of Sorrows to lead every lonely child to Jesus in the Eucharist, where no soul is ever forgotten.

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, make us generous Crusaders!
Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!
St Pius X, pray for us!

Fr. Mwangi

On Silence & Meditation

For Knights & Handmaids

Meditation: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th Sept)

“O Mary, my Mother, teach me to live hidden with you in the shadow of God.”

How could the birthday of the Mother of the Redeemer pass unnoticed in the hearts of the redeemed? The Mother proclaims the Son, making it known that He is about to come, that the divine promises, made centuries before, are to be fulfilled. The birth of Mary is the dawn of our redemption; her appearance projects a new light over all the human race: a light of innocence and of purity. Mary, preserved from sin in anticipation of Christ’s merits, not only announces that the Redemption is at hand, but she bears the first fruits of it within herself; she is the first one redeemed by her divine Son.
There is no mention of this important birth in Sacred Scriptures. Our Lady’s origin is wrapped in silence, as was her whole life. Thus, her birth speaks to us of humility. The more we wish to do great things for God, the more we should labour in silence and obscurity.

"When I feel myself tossed about in the sea of this world amidst storms and tempests, I keep my eyes fixed on you, O Mary, shining star, lest I be swallowed up by the waves. May your name, O Mary, be always on my lips.”

(Taken and edited from the Divine Intimacy)

Crusader Treasure Chart - September 2026

Intention: For Children who do not Have a Father and a Mother

Day of Month	Morning Offering	Masses	Communions		Sacrifices	Decades of Rosary	Visits to the Bl. Sac	15 mins of Meditation	Good Example
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The Crusader Treasure Chart

Please hand in your Treasure Chart every month
Submission options:

- Hand in at your Chapter Meeting
- Send via email to crusade.anz@sspx.org
- Ask your Chapter Captain or Chaplain how they would prefer to receive your Chart

It is very important to hand in your Spiritual Offerings so they can be offered by Fr Pagliarani in his monthly Eucharistic Crusade Mass, in union with all the Crusaders under the SSPX throughout the whole world.

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The Sisters' Corner

A Word of Encouragement from the SSPX Sisters in Sydney

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Dear Crusaders,

You are all aware of where you get your surname from, right? Yes, it is the name of your father's family, and your ancestors. But do you know why we call you by your father's family name? It is not only very practical, to distinguish those with the same first name, but also it is because your father and your mother gave you life. They gave you what they had, and you even resemble them, in their skin, hair and eye colour. That is why people will tell you that you look like Mum or Dad. Your parents also give you what they have; a house, food and clothes, and all you need.

Your father goes to work every day to earn money to feed you, pay for your education and support the family, while your mother cooks and cleans for you. However, the real proof of your parents' love for you is that they look after your souls, ensuring that you grow in virtue and the love of God. They have the great responsibility of leading themselves and their family to Heaven.

God has given them authority over the family and has confided your souls to them. One day they will have to answer to God for your soul and for the accomplishment of their duty of state.
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Father Pagliarani has asked the Crusaders to pray this month for all the children who do not have a father and mother. Think of all that your parents do for you… and pray for the countless children who do not have parents who care about their health, happiness and most especially their souls.

Let us also take this opportunity of considering all the ways our parents prove their love for us, and thank them for everything. However, remember it is not sufficient just to say thank you, but we must also prove our love by obeying them always.

The Sisters

Know Your Mass

By Fr. Demetrius Manousos and Addison Burbank

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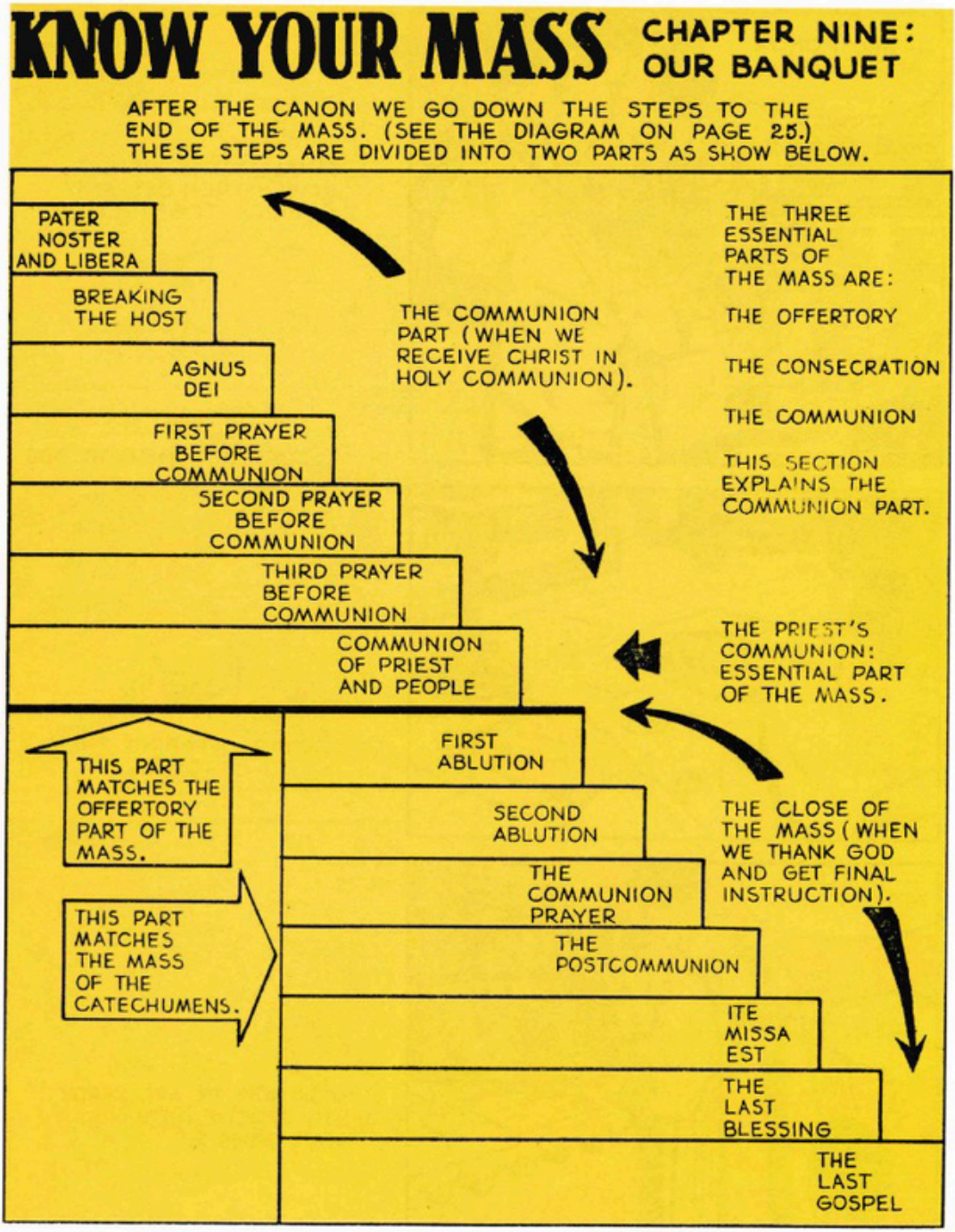
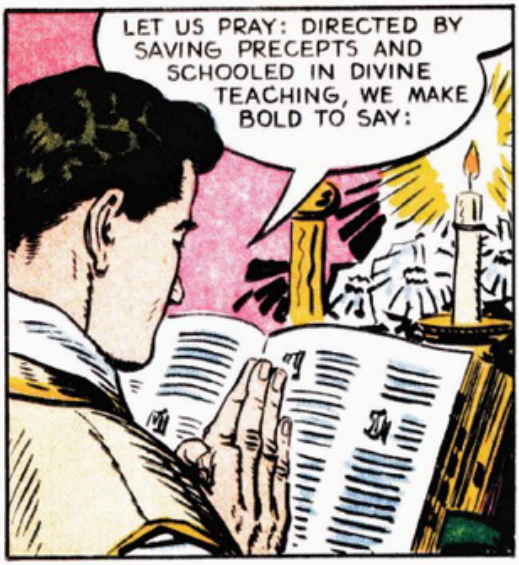




NOW WE BEGIN THE COMMUNION PART OF THE MASS. THIS IS THE BANQUET IN WHICH WE CAN RECEIVE THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST TO MAKE US STRONG SPIRITUALLY.

IN THE OFFERTORY PART OF THE MASS WE OFFERED JESUS TO GOD. IN THIS PART GOD OFFERS JESUS TO US.

WE START THE COMMUNION PART OF THE MASS BY SAYING THE BEST PRAYER WE KNOW...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

IT IS THE BEST PRAYER BECAUSE IT IS THE PRAYER JESUS HIMSELF TAUGHT TO HIS DISCIPLES WHEN THEY ASKED HIM HOW TO PRAY.

NOTICE THAT WE ASK FOR "OUR DAILY BREAD." JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS THE DAILY BREAD FOR OUR SOULS.

BE SURE TO SAY THE OUR FATHER WHEN THE PRIEST IS SAYING IT.

NOW THE PRIEST TAKES UP THE PATEN WHICH HAS BEEN LYING UNDER THE PURIFICATOR TO THE RIGHT OF THE CORPORAL. HE WIPES IT WITH THE PURIFICATOR.

AT THE END OF THE OUR FATHER WE ASK TO BE DELIVERED FROM EVIL. THE NEXT PRAYER TAKES THIS LAST IDEA AND DEVELOPS IT.

WE ASK GOD TO FREE US FROM:

PAST EVILS:	BAD HABITS OUR SINS
PRESENT EVILS:	TEMPTATIONS SICKNESSES EVIL COMPANIONS
EVILS TO COME:	MORTAL SINS INJURY DEATH

WHILE SAYING THIS PRAYER THE PRIEST HOLDS THE PATEN ON WHICH THE HOST WAS OFFERED TO GOD AT THE OFFERTORY.
WE ASK GOD TO BE MINDFUL OF OUR GIFTS BEFORE WE ASK HIM FOR FURTHER FAVORS.

THE PRIEST MAKES THE SIGN OF THE CROSS ON HIMSELF WITH THE PATEN.

THEN WE THINK OF THE HARM OF WAR...

...AND THE MISERY OF WORRY.

Little Therese continued

CHAPTER NINETEEN
FIRST COMMUNION TRIALS

The first communion day dawned at last, bright and cloudless. It was Thursday, May 8, 1884. Therese, who had made the retreat as a boarder at the Abbey, woke very early and sat up in bed, her heart beating with joy. She kept saying to herself over and over again:

"Today! Today! It has really come."

When it was time to get up, she was dressed in her snowy white frock and with her little companions went in procession to the chapel. She never forgot the impression made on her by the beautiful hymn which was sung just before Communion:

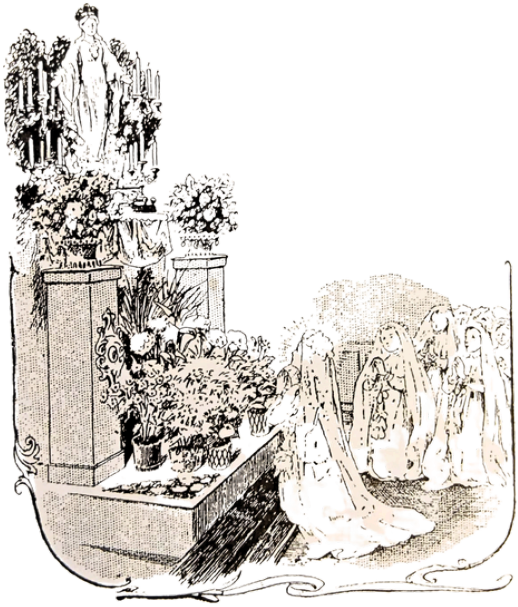
O holy altar thronged with angels.

Who can describe the sweetness of Therese's first meeting with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! She had long waited for him and now that he had come at last, her happiness was so great that she could not keep back her tears.

Her companions, much surprised to see her cry, said to each other afterwards:
"What was the matter with Therese? Do you think she was afraid of having done anything wrong? Perhaps she was crying because her mother and the Carmelite sister she is so fond of were not there."

They did not understand it was the joy which our Lord had poured into her heart which had overflowed in tears. She could not possibly be sad because her mother was not there, for heaven had come to her with our Lord and she felt that her mother was very near to her. Neither was she crying because she missed Pauline. In fact she was more closely united to her sister than before, for at the very time that Therese made her First Communion, Pauline was professed as a Carmelite nun and gave herself to Jesus forever. Therese was perfectly happy and even the beautiful present she received did not take her thoughts away from Our Lord.

Another great event of that memorable day was her consecration to Our Lady. Probably because she was motherless, Therese was chosen to recite the act of Consecration in the name of her companions. She said it very earnestly, asking her Heavenly Mother to take the place of her own mother and to keep her safe from harm.



In the evening, Monsieur Martin took his “little queen” to Carmel. There she saw Pauline and her happiness was complete, as she thought that the day would soon come when she would join her “little mother” and make ready for heaven by her side. From the time of her First Communion, the one desire of Therese was to receive Our Lord again and she prepared for all her Communions with the greatest fervour.

On June 14th of the same year, she was confirmed, and that day, too, left ineffaceable memories behind. On one occasion during the preparatory Retreat, Therese seemed lost in thought. Céline asked her what she was thinking about and she poured forth in burning words all she felt about the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the soul.

As she spoke such a light shone in her eyes that Céline could not meet her gaze but had to lower her own. But these bright days were not to last. Therese had asked for suffering and Our Lord was about to grant her prayer.

All at once her mind became filled with darkness, that is with terrible scruples which never left her any peace. Her simplest actions and thoughts seemed to her to be sins and made her miserable and unhappy. She, who was later to attract so many souls by her loving confidence in God, became troubled by constant fears. Her only comfort during this sad time was her sister Marie, whose wise advice she obediently followed. But even this help she was not to have long. On October 15th 1886 Marie went to join Pauline in the Carmelite convent.
Therese was then 13 and a half.

When Marie left she cried as if her heart would break. What would happen to her now that she had no one to guide her and take charge of her soul? In her grief she turned to her baby brothers and sisters in Heaven, for she felt sure that they, who had never known trouble or fear, would pity their sister who was suffering on earth.

Her prayer was answered. Suddenly the heavy cloud of sadness lifted and she saw clearly again and her soul was once more filled with peace. It was God's reward for her obedience and her trust in Him.

Bishop James Duhig

The Builder Archbishop

Born: 2nd September 1871, Killila, Ireland
Died: 10th April 1965, Brisbane, Australia
Vocation: Diocesan Bishop

- Invited 20 religious orders of brothers and sisters and 15 religious orders of priests to serve in Queensland.
- Oversaw the construction of more than 400 churches, schools, hospitals and charitable buildings.
- Strongly supported Catholic education so that Catholic children could attend Catholic schools.

James Duhig was born in Ireland. After his father's death, his family eventually emigrated to Brisbane in 1885. As a young man, James worked in an office and taught catechism in his parish. He was ordained a priest in 1896.
After serving in Ipswich and Brisbane, he became Bishop of Rockhampton. At the time, he was the youngest Catholic bishop in the world. He succeeded Archbishop Dunne as Archbishop in 1917. His great interest in building earned him the nickname "The Builder Archbishop." Archbishop Duhig knew that strong Catholic families need strong parishes, schools and priests.

What can we learn?

💛 Support our parish and Catholic schools.
💛 Persevere even when plans do not succeed.
💛 Work hard for God's glory.

Corpus Christi Church, Nundah (1926)

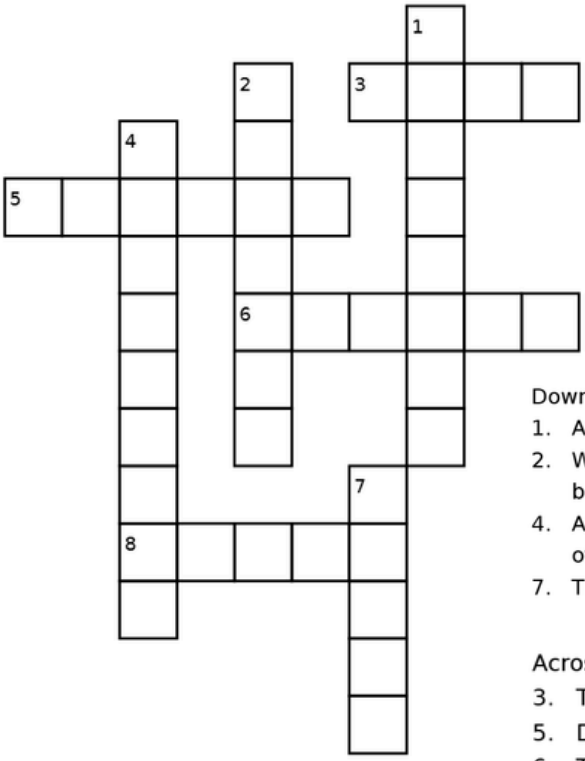
Rules of the Crusader Deep Dive

5. The Crusader must have a great love of the Church, the Truth, and the Holy virtue of Purity, and his dailt duties of state.

- Oh how beautiful these rules are! Keep them, and they will make a great saint out of you.
- Love of the Church: The Church was founded by Jesus Himself when He said to St. Peter: "… upon this rock I will build my Church."
- Our Lord said; "I am the way the truth and the life ..." If we love the truth, it will help us love Jesus. A Crusader never lies! God sees all that the Crusader does and thinks. When the Crusader lies, God is very much offended.
- Mary was pure; the angels are pure, and all the saints were pure. The devil on the contrary is very impure. Who would you like to imitate? If you want to go to heaven, you must follow the example of Mary, the angels and saints.
- How could a Crusader ever fight for Jesus if he does not even know how to obey Jesus in small things. Jesus wants you to fulfil firstly all those small (and big) things required of you at home by your parents.

Our Lady, most pure, pray for us!

September Crossword Puzzle



Down:

1. Another word for someone's birth
2. What many trees produce before their fruit begins to grow
4. A messenger of God from the eighth choir of angels
7. The sign of Jesus' great love for us.

Across:

3. The word by which a person is known.
5. Deep sadness or grief.
6. The season that begins in September
8. Seasonal days of prayer, fasting, and thanksgiving in the Church.

If you give me a drink, I die, but if you feed me, I grow. What am I?

August Answer: A Queen Bee

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The Crusader prays, receives Communion, makes sacrifices and shows good example for the intention that is given him each month by Reverend Father Davide Pagliarani, successor of Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre as Superior General of the Society of Saint Pius X

September 2026 Intention:

For Children who do not have a father and a mother

Daily Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, and in reparation for my sins.

I offer them particularly
For Childen who do not
have a father and a mother.

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