The Crusader

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

July 2026

Month of the Precious Blood

For the Dying

From the Chaplain

Dear Crusaders and friends,

The Month of July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. During this month, Holy Mother Church invites us to think deeply about the great price Our Lord paid for our salvation. It was not with gold or silver that we were redeemed, but by the shedding of the Precious Blood of the Son of God upon the Cross. Every drop of that Divine Blood was offered out of love for us, to wash away our sins and open for us the gates of Heaven.

As Crusaders of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, we are called to respond generously to such immense love. Our sacrifices, prayers, acts of obedience, patience, and charity can be united to the sufferings of Jesus for the salvation of souls. St Paul tells us that we must “fill up those things that are wanting of the sufferings of Christ” (Col. 1:24), not because Our Lord’s sacrifice was insufficient, but because He lovingly allows us to take part in His work of redemption.

The special intention for the month of July is for the dying, especially those who may die suddenly or without the help of a priest. Every day, many souls leave this world unexpectedly. What a beautiful act of charity it is to pray and sacrifice for them! A small hidden sacrifice offered with love can obtain for a dying soul the grace of repentance and a holy death.

Therefore, dear Crusaders, let us make many little sacrifices this month: obey quickly, complain less, offer up sicknesses, bear disappointments patiently, pray fervently, and make visits to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament whenever possible. Each sacrifice, united to the Precious Blood of Jesus, becomes a treasure for souls.

May the Most Precious Blood of Jesus protect us, purify us, and bring many dying souls safely to Heaven.

Fr. Mwangi

On Silence & Meditation

For Knights & Handmaids

Meditation: The Precious Blood

O Jesus who redeemed me by Your Precious Blood, grant that it may produce all its fruit in me.

In today's liturgy the majestic figure of Jesus stands before us as that of a king who presents himself to his people robed in his royal mantle. But the mantle Jesus wears is not beautiful by reason of fine linen or purple, but rather because it is sprinkled with *His* Blood, which was shed for our sins. "Christ hath loved us," says St. John, "and washed our sins from us in His own Blood."

This mystery of our redemption which we meditate on today, makes us consider the Redemption from its most terrible aspect: the shedding of the Blood of Jesus, which, from Calvary, flowed forth to crimson the whole world, to sprinkle all souls. This is a great truth which, if really understood, would more than suffice to make us genuine saints.

"I place my trust in You, O adorable Blood, Our Redemption."

(Taken and edited from the Divine Intimacy)

Crusader Treasure Chart - July 2026

Intention:

For the Dying

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.

Use tape to seal this edge

The Sisters' Corner

A Word of Encouragement from the SSPX Sisters in Sydney

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One Sunday, after Mass, Peter and Matilda were playing in the church's playground. The Parish Priest approached them and started a conversation.

"What would you like to do when you are older Peter?"

"When I am older, Father, I would like to have a farm with many different animals, like horses, goats, sheep and cows… And you Matilda, you could come and milk them!"

"Ah no," replied Matilda, "because I would like to become a nun."

"That is very beautiful, Matilda, may I ask why?" asked the Priest.

"I would like to offer my whole life to God! You said in your sermon, Father, that Our Lady of Fatima said that many souls go to hell because there is no one to pray and make sacrifices for them. Through my religious life, I would be able to love God with my whole heart and save as many souls as possible."

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Dear Crusaders,

Matilda's response reminds us of why we are here; to know, love and serve God here on earth, and in this way to merit the eternal happiness of Heaven. We are only on earth for a short time, we do not know how long… maybe 15, 30 or 90 years. Then, each one of us will be called by God; the most important moment of our life will arrive. At the hour of our death, our eternity will be determined… we will go to Heaven if we have loved God as we should have, or hell if we have refused God. It will either be one or the other, and forever and ever and ever. We will either enjoy eternal happiness or suffer eternal damnation, depending on this crucial moment.

As Crusaders, let us pray this month especially for all those souls who are in their last agony, all the dying. The souls in purgatory are holy souls who are not pure enough to see God. They are waiting to enter Heaven but have to expiate their faults in such horrible torments. Pray that those who are dying this month may make up for as many of their faults as possible through their earthly sufferings in order to shorten their time in Purgatory. Our Lady will bless you for this charity towards the dying… towards souls whom Our Lord wants to save.

The Sisters

Know Your Mass

By Fr. Demetrius Manousos and Addison Burbank

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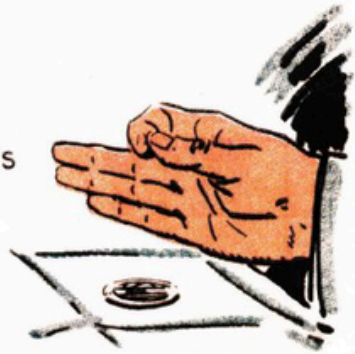
THE FIFTH OFFERING PRAYER MATCHES THE FIRST OFFERING PRAYER (BEFORE THE CONSECRATION) FOR IT TELLS GOD THE REASONS FOR WHICH WE WANT HIM TO ACCEPT THE MASS ...

THAT WE MAY BE FILLED WITH EVERY GRACE AND HEAVENLY BLESSING.

NOTICE HOW THE SIGN OF THE CROSS IS MADE FIRST OVER THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS AND THEN ON THE PRIEST (WHO STANDS FOR US). SO WE ARE ALL UNITED WITH JESUS BY THE CROSS. AND THE GRACES AND BLESSINGS WE RECEIVE COME TO US BECAUSE WE ARE UNITED WITH JESUS.

NOTICE ALSO HOW MANY TIMES THE PRIEST MAKES THE SIGN OF THE CROSS. HE DOES THIS TO REMIND US AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT THE MASS IS THE RENEWAL OF THE SACRIFICE OF THE CROSS.

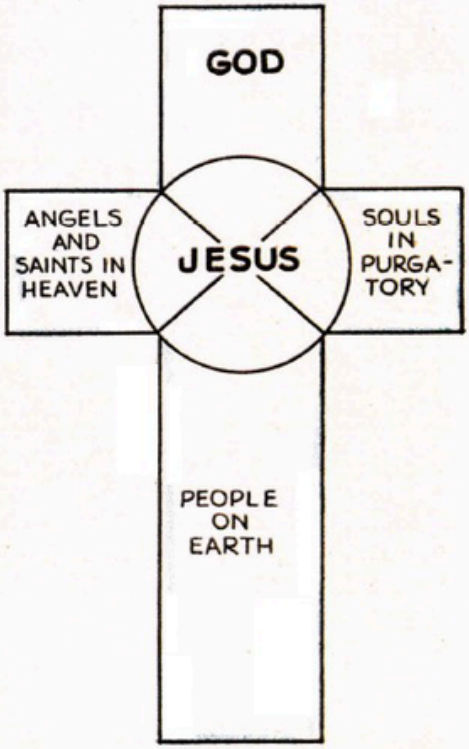


CHRIST'S BODY IS ON THE CROSS.

CHRIST'S BLOOD IS ON THE CROSS.

THE PRIEST AND WE ARE ON THE CROSS WITH CHRIST.

AS THE SIGN OF THE CROSS UNITES THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE MASS, SO THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF GOD'S KINGDOM ARE UNITED BY THE SACRIFICE OF THE CROSS. IN FACT, WE CAN PICTURE THE MASS AS A HUGE CROSS WITH ALL THE PARTS OF GOD'S KINGDOM JOINED TOGETHER BY JESUS.



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NOW WE COME TO THE FOURTH REMEMBRANCE PRAYER. HERE WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN PURGATORY.

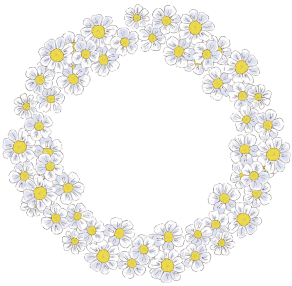
SOULS IN PURGATORY LOVE GOD. AND WANT TO BE WITH GOD. BUT THE MARKS OF THEIR SINS ARE STILL ON THEM AND THEY HAVE TO BE PURIFIED BEFORE THEY CAN GO TO HEAVEN. IN PURGATORY THEY ARE WASHED BY SUFFERING — AND BY YOUR PRAYERS. THE MORE THEY ARE PRAYED FOR, THE LESS THEY WILL HAVE TO SUFFER.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN
OUR LADY'S SMILE

There had been for many years in the Martin family a statue of Our Lady, which they valued very highly. Where it originally came from is not known, but it had been given to Monsieur Martin, when a boy, by an old lady, who had the reputation of being a saint.

It was not like an ordinary plaster statue, and though not very big, was so heavy that even a strong person found it difficult to carry. Morning and night prayers were always said before the statue, to which the whole family had a great devotion. In fact, the hands had been kissed so often that some of the fingers had had to be replaced several times.

Every year when the month of May came round, the children would gather flowers in the country, and Our Lady's altar was beautifully decorated with snowy hawthorn branches. Little Therese was delighted at this; she used to clap her hands and jump for joy as she looked at the statue.



Madame Martin always said that no one would ever know all she owed to Our Lady, and after her death, when the family were removing to Lisieux, their first thought was for this great treasure. They took it with them to "Les Buissonnets," and it was placed in the room in which they assembled every day for prayers.

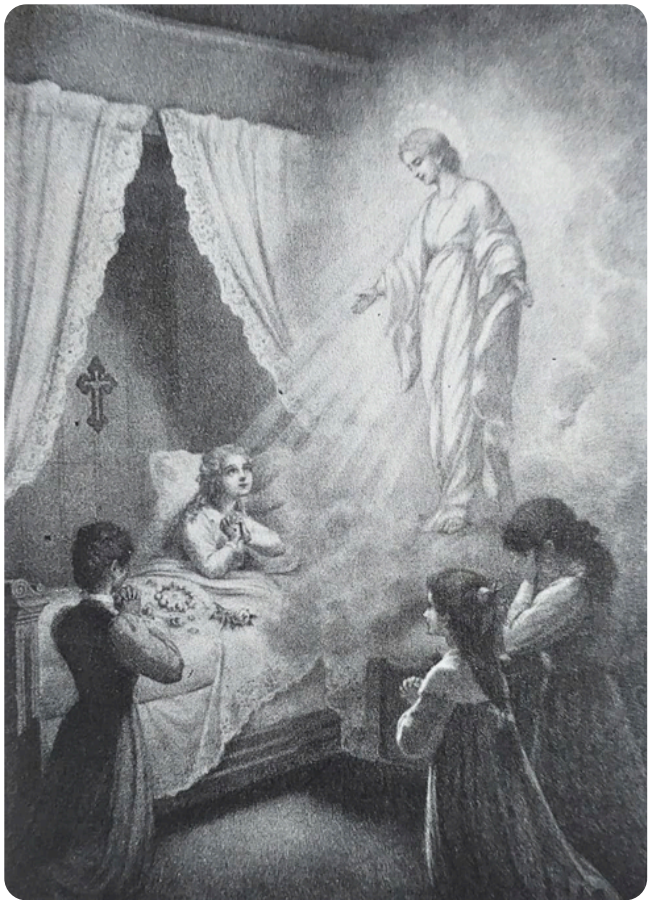
Therese occupied this room all the time she was ill, and the statue stood beside her bed on an altar decorated with blue hangings. When the pain was less acute, she loved to weave garlands of daisies and forget-me-nots for Our Lady, and she often looked at the statue and prayed to be cured.

One day, in the month of May, when she was very much worse, her father came into the room in great distress. He gave Marie some money, and told her to write to Paris for a Novena of Masses to be said at the shrine of Our Lady of Victories to obtain the cure of his poor little Queen.

During this Novena, on Sunday, May 13, 1883, Therese became so ill that she did not even recognise her sisters. Marie felt sure she was dying, and throwing herself on her knees before the statue she implored Our Lady's help with the fervour and insistence of a mother pleading for her child's life. Leonie and Celine joined their prayers with hers, and the sick child begged her Heavenly Mother to have pity on her.

It was a united cry of faith which forced the gates of Heaven.

Suddenly, the statue seemed to be alive. . . . Our Lady came towards the bed. Her face was indescribably beautiful, but it was her wonderful smile which filled Therese with joy. Like the warm rays of the sun after a storm, it shone on the little sufferer. At once all her pain and weariness vanished, and she knew she was cured.



SAINTS OF JULY

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Elizabeth
Bonaventure
Cyril

Jerome
Apollinaris
Nazarius

James
Martha

RIDDLE ME THIS!

Where does today come before yesterday?

REBUS ANSWERS JULY:
Uphill Battle
Too Big to Ignore
Comfortable
no idea

JUNE ANSWER: A MAP

Father Patrick Hartigan

The priest who wrote stories of Australian life

Born: 1878, Yass, NSW, Australia
Died: 1952, Sydney, NSW
Vocation: Diocesan Priest

- Fr Hartigan wrote under the Pen Name “John O’Brien”
- His stories helped people see faith in everyday country life

Father Hartigan,better known by his pen name John O’Brien, was an Australian Catholic priest, poet, and author. He was ordained as a priest in 1903 and served in several parishes, including Narrandera, where he spent many years as parish priest.
His poetry reflected his Catholic faith, Irish heritage, and strong love of Australia.

What can we learn?

💛Small, simple stories can teach powerful lesson
💛God can use your talents (like writing) to help others
💛Being faithful in ordinary work is important

Excerpt from *The Helping Hand*

To fellow-pilgrims toiling at my side,
Who, worn and weary, faint and fall beside the road,
If here betimes the blinding, scalding tear I’ve dried,
Or soothed a heart, or eased a galling load,

For He shall say “Your name in dust is hid,
No thought or word has earned you immortality;
Immortal only are the kindly things you did —
Amen I say, you did them unto me.”

Rules of the Crusader Deep Dive

3. Above all else, the Crusader must convert his heart to God

- In the Book of Wisdom God says: My son, give me thy heart." That is precisely want God wants: our hearts.
- As a Crusader you might do many things for Our Lord. You might say decades of the Rosary, and even make a good number of sacrifices, and that is fantastic. But this is perhaps one half of the story: the rest of the time you might do your own thing, giving displeasure to your parents and to God. The reason is that your heart is not given to God: you keep half of it for yourself.
- "My son, give my thy heart!" How can we convert our hearts to God? By pleasing Him always. This of course is not achieved in one day. It takes much time and prayer.
- The third article of the Rule means that a Crusader should try to please Our Lord always. He should try to mean every word of the 'Morning Offering', giving to God not only the actions, joys and sufferings of the day, but also and above all his love.
- The word convert suggests that your heart might be turned in the wrong direction: towards the nice things of the earth. These nice things are not always bad, and you may love them, provided that you don't love them more than the Good Lord. If that be the case you must turn your heart away from them. You must convert your heart to Jesus.
- This is another reason why Crusaders need to pray to Our Lady. She will teach them how to love God above all things.
- "Our Lady of Holy Hope, convert us!"

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

July 2026 Intention:

For the Dying

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
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