

Weekend of :	4/5 May 2024	Week 1		
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Sacred Heart	Congregation	Sacred Heart	Congregation
Heralds	Alvin	Bianca	Olivia	Hannah
Readers 1st / 2nd	Helen/Evelyn	Lupi /	Noel/Sophie	Nerissa/Mckenzie
Acolytes	Mick G / Victor	Peter	Yuve	Mick M / Surya
Altar Servers	Abed/Sophia/ Immanuel/ Cameron	-	Philip/Caitlyn/ Bryan	Kiomi/Naomi/ Taylor/Teresa

Weekend of :	11/12 May 2024	Week 2		
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Congregation	Congregation	St Augustine	Congregation
Heralds	Samuel	Jasmin/ Madeline	Gabby	Teresa
Readers	Irene/Eaven	Pat B /Kaithlyn	Danielle / Katrina	Christine/Mariaelle
Acolytes	Mick G	Peter / Victor	Yuve / Vincent	Mick M / Surya
Altar Servers	Abed/Sophia/ Immanuel/ Cameron	Bianca/ Christopher	Gabby/Caitlyn/ Philip/Patrick	Mica/ Kiomi & Naomi



*Behold, I make all things new. (Rev. 21:5)*

A EUCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY  
for those involved in Liturgical Ministries

**11 May 2024, 10AM - 4PM**  
St Martha's, Leichhardt

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Join the **Parish Renewal Team online** as we explore practical ideas to assist your parish to prepare for the Feast of Corpus Christi and the Walk with Christ which will be celebrated on Sunday 2 June. All welcome! Dates are **Thursday 9 May, 3 - 4 pm Tuesday 14 May, 12:30 - 1:30 pm & Thursday 16 May, 10 - 11 am**. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events>

**LET US PRAY FOR:**

**Recently Returned to the Father:** Bishop Peter Ingham, Elizabeth Tribunal Tonogbanua, Wagih Elcham, Desmond Hendricks

**Death Anniversary:** Ruben Bernardo, Marjorie Keating, Vlaho Demovic, Susan McCormick, Gerundia Lardizabal

**In Loving Memory of:** deceased members of the Keating family, Ivan Stefanac, Philip Ba-Tuoc Lam & deceased members of Lam & Nguyen families, Cong Tro Mai, Joseph CT Nguyen, Robert, Mathilda, Ralph, Milton & Leslie Hewett, Melville, Lucy, Trevor & Frank Rodrigues, Ivan Rendulic & Joseph Jurcic, Giuseppe & Concetta Desisto, Chafic, Hannah Elcham & Damia Elias, all souls in purgatory

**NB:** Please let the Parish Office know when circumstances change

**Sick & Infirm:** Madeleine Mitchell, Adam Irga, Jenny Hennessy, Enriquetta Navarro, Lorenza Talisayon, Michelle Nairn, Mai Huynh, Salim Chu, Cecilia Shirley Quinto, Natasha, Sr Nory Ordiz, Tessie Singson, Mila Bautista, Francesca Yang, Corinne Paul

**A Message from the Safeguarding Office - Archdiocese of Sydney**

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**Weekend Collection Report**  
Weekend 27/28 April 2024  
1st Collection (Pastoral) - \$1759.00 &  
2nd Collection (Church) - "Loose" \$1360.00 &  
Envelopes - \$1282.00  
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- Fr Epeli -

**Take to the Streets - Sydney Processions**

Bring your families, friends, parish, and school communities - walk with us and celebrate our faith in the streets of Sydney!

Join the **Fatima Rosary Procession** on 11 May at 6pm, St Mary's Cathedral. Then come to the **Walk with Christ Procession** on 2 June, starting at Martin Place. For more information on both processions, visit: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/events>

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

Sat 04/05	Sick - Corinne Paul
Sun 05/05	- Death Anniv Ruben I Bernardo - Deceased members of Hewett & Rodrigues families, Ivan Rendulic & Joseph Jurcic
Mon 06/05	Death Anniv - Vlaho Demovic
Tues 07/05	Soul of Philip Lam and deceased members of Lam & Nguyen families
Wed 08/05	Souls of Giuseppe & Concetta Desisto
Thurs 09/05	Souls of Mai Cong Tro & Chinh Truc Nguyen
Fri 10/05	All souls in purgatory

Please do not hand-in/submit your Mass Intention to the priest **just before** Mass as Intentions have been scheduled for each day as above.

**ADULT CONFIRMATIONS**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered for Adults by Bishop Danny Meagher at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 19th May 2024 at 10.30am.

Candidates for Confirmation, having been prepared for the sacrament, will need to bring with them their Confirmation Card, bearing the parish seal.

The Candidates and their Sponsors should be in the Cathedral at 10.00am in order to confirm their attendance and receive instructions about the ceremony. If you want to participate please email the office ([office@stjoachimsparish.org](mailto:office@stjoachimsparish.org)) no later than Sunday 12th May. Thank you

**Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal**  
4 - 5 May 2024

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**Next Newman Group Meeting:**  
12th May - Romans 9-10: Preaching the Gospel  
26th May - The Liturgy and the Trinity  
Fr. Bijoy Joseph

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**WE COME TOGETHER TO ENCOUNTER GOD, WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER JOYFULLY IN ACTIVE SERVICE**

**OFFICE HOURS:** TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY only 09:30am to 03:30pm PLEASE RING or EMAIL the Parish Office for anything ...  
Mass Intentions—drop in the mailbox or collection baskets. Weddings: minimum 6 months notice.  
Baptisms: held only on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. Canberra Nursing Home - 4th Friday @ 11am  
If anyone needs Holy Communion /Home Visits please contact the office to make arrangements.

**Parish Values - Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work & In the way of Mary**

6th Sunday of Easter - Yr B 5 May 2024

**This Week at St Joachim**

Sun 05/05	8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 11:30am Sunday School + Baptism Info Session 5:00pm Mass
Mon 06/05	9:00am Mass/Rosary 1:00pm Vietnamese Grp
Tue 07/05	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Wed 08/05	6:00pm Adoration /Novena 7:00pm Mass
Thurs 09/05	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Fri 10/05	9:00am Mass / Rosary 7:00pm Summer House Alumni Mass
Sat 11/05	4:00pm Confessions 5:00pm Vigil Mass

**SILENCE is to be observed at all times (before, during and after Mass) in the church**

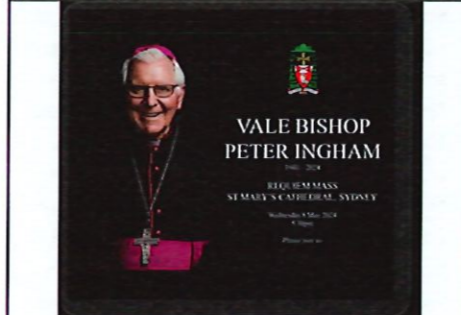
**REFLECTION** - Justin -

Today's gospel continues directly on from last Sunday's gospel and reiterates the theme that we have been hearing through our daily mass readings; the importance of Christ's love for us. We hear right at the beginning of the gospel that Jesus loves us just as the Father has loved Him. Then he commands us to remain in His love.

It is not simply enough for us to recognise that God loves us, but to actively remain in His love. *How do we do that?* The second line of the gospel tells us how, "if you keep my commandments". At times, we may find God's commandments restrictive and an apparent obstacle to things that we want to do. However, it is important to recognise that it is in keeping God's commandments that we can properly experience freedom.

God loves us infinitely and desires for us to be fulfilled and joyful. He also knows that for us to be fulfilled we need His commandments to guide us. We are a people who need to be led by Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, who articulates in the commandments how we can live holy and fulfilled lives. It is important for us to see that the commandments exist for us to be free, joyful and fulfilled.

It is also in experiencing God's love and in keeping His commandments that we can then love others properly. Love requires us to be concerned for the good of those around us. It is an outward disposition that focuses on the needs of our neighbours rather than focusing on what we want. We have in Christ the example *par excellence* of what it means to love. Not only has he given us examples of how to love but He has done so by loving us. It is now up to us to be open to receiving His love and imitating it so that when we love others, we do so in a Christ-like manner in union with the commandments.



Archbishop Fisher will celebrate a Requiem Mass for Bishop Peter Ingham on **Wednesday 8th May 5.30pm** at St Mary's Cathedral. The casket will be present for the Mass before it is transported to Wollongong for Mass of Christian Burial which will be on Friday 10th May at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour Street, Wollongong.

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS May 24-25 PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE "12th Anniversary"**

Praying for a Culture of Life, Marriage and Family

- 9:30am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's Catholic Church, Kiama (+ Morning tea & Pilgrimage blessing). This is a 12 kilometre walk. Lunch (BYO) @1.30pm

- 3:30pm concludes at St Mary Catholic Church, Gerringong. Adoration, Confession and Benediction.

**- Transport available both days. For overnight stay call or text Sue Hill - 0435 336 195**

**Saturday May 25**

- 8am Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church, Gerringong followed by Coastal walk to Shoalhaven Heads Surf Club(14 km walk). 1:30pm Conclusion and lunch (BYO)

**NB - Pilgrims need: Good walking shoes, water, food, hat, sunscreen and raincoat**

**Sacrament of Confirmation - 2 June @10am Mass**

Due to his schedule, Bishop Umbers will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation here during the 10am Mass on the 2nd of June instead of the original time at 1pm.

To accommodate the Confirmation Candidates, their parents, families, and sponsors on their special day, Parishioners who normally attend the 10am Mass are encouraged and requested to attend Mass at other Mass times for that weekend only.

Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated.

- Fr Epeli -

and remain in his love.  
I have told you this  
so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.  
This is my commandment:  
love one another,  
as I have loved you.  
A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends,  
if you do what I command you.  
I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know  
his master's business;  
I call you friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
You did not choose me,  
no, I chose you;  
and I commissioned you  
to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last;  
and then the Father will give you  
anything you ask him in my name.  
What I command you  
is to love one another.'  
**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### HOMILY

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** APOSTLES' CREED  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /  
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in  
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, /  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, /  
born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and  
was buried; / he descended into hell; /  
on the third day he rose again from  
the dead; / he ascended into heaven, /  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty; / from there he  
will come to judge the living and the  
dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the  
holy catholic Church, / the communion  
of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, /  
the resurrection of the body, / and life  
everlasting. Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread  
and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to  
each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that  
my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to  
God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at  
your hands for the praise and glory of his  
name, for our good and the good of all  
his holy Church.**

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,  
together with the sacrificial offerings, so that,

purified by your graciousness, we may be  
conformed to the mysteries of your mighty  
love. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

#### PREFACE I-V OF EASTER

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

#### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

#### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by  
divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the  
glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace*

#### LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, grant us peace.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who  
takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are  
those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 14: 15-16

**If you love me, keep my commandments,  
says the Lord, and I will ask the Father  
and he will send you another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Almighty ever-living God, who restore us  
to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,  
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this  
paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts

the strength of this saving food. Through  
Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

#### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy  
Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go in peace.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

#### THE INCLUSIVENESS OF GOD

Our first reading from Acts today is an  
edited story of the encounter of Peter and  
Cornelius. It is worth reading the full  
episode of Chapter 10. What we have is  
enough to relate the momentous occasion  
when Peter, a Jew, enters the house of  
Cornelius, a Gentile. This is significant of  
itself, laying aside any impropriety. More  
than this, Peter declares that God shows  
no partiality. It doesn't matter whether  
Jew or Gentile, anyone who fears God and  
does what is right is acceptable to God.  
Simultaneously with Peter speaking, the  
Holy Spirit came upon all the audience,  
Jews and Gentiles alike.

In John's Gospel, Jesus begins: 'As the  
Father has loved me, so I have loved  
you, remain in my love.' This invitation  
to abide or remain in God's love opens  
the command to love one another which  
is ever more poignant in light of the  
inclusivity of God. In this passage Jesus  
calls his disciples 'friends' and no longer  
servants, indicating the closeness of  
their relationship, their walking together  
and their collaboration in the work of  
Jesus. Yet we know even today there are  
barriers or hurdles that Pope Francis also  
acknowledges but urges us to find a way  
forward as a Church. 'Abide in my love'  
could be our mantra so the love of God  
is enacted to everyone we meet. How can  
we seek to be inclusive of all who seek  
God? How do we develop our ecumenical  
relationships and outreach to all those  
whom God desires to be welcomed?

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

5 MAY 2024

I CALL YOU FRIENDS. We often refer to Jesus by honorific titles, such as Lord, but  
do we also think of him, as he thinks of us, as a friend? The Talmud suggests that we  
should do two things: acquire a teacher and choose a friend. In Jesus we have both  
the best teacher and the best friend we could ever hope to have.

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Isa 48: 20

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be  
heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

#### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and  
the love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with you all.

**R. And with your spirit.**

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us  
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare  
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.  
P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**R. For we have sinned against you.**

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on  
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to  
everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

V. Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

#### GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on  
earth peace to people of good will. /  
We praise you, / we bless you, / we  
adore you, / we glorify you, / we give  
you thanks for your great glory, / Lord  
God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty  
Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten  
Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of  
the Father, / you take away the sins of  
the world, / have mercy on us; / you take  
away the sins of the world, / receive our  
prayer; / you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For  
you alone are the Holy One, / you alone  
are the Lord, / you alone are the Most  
High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy  
Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. /  
Amen.**

#### COLLECT

P. Grant, almighty God, that we may  
celebrate with heartfelt devotion these  
days of joy, which we keep in honour of  
the risen Lord, and that what we relive in  
remembrance we may always hold to in what  
we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your  
Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon  
the gentiles also.*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went  
out to meet him, knelt at his feet and  
prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up.  
'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'  
Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I  
have now come to realise' he said 'is that God  
does not have favourites, but that anybody of  
any nationality who fears God and does what  
is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy  
Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish  
believers who had accompanied Peter were  
all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit  
should be poured out on the pagans too,  
since they could hear them speaking strange  
languages and proclaiming the greatness of  
God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone  
refuse the water of baptism to these people,  
now they have received the Holy Spirit just  
as much as we have?' He then gave orders  
for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus  
Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay  
on for some days.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PS** Ps 97: 1-4. R. cf. v. 2  
**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations  
his saving power. (or Alleluia!)**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has  
worked wonders. / His right hand and his  
holy arm / have brought salvation. **R.**  
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; /  
has shown his justice to the nations. / He  
has remembered his truth and love / for the  
house of Israel. **R.**  
3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the  
salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all  
the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**



#### SECOND READING Jn 4: 7-10

**A reading from the first letter of St John**  
*God is love.*

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God  
and knows God.  
Anyone who fails to love can never have  
known God,  
because God is love.  
God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14: 23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will  
come to them.**  
**Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL Jn 15: 9-17

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

**P. A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John.**

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*No one can have greater love than to lay down  
his life for his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so have I loved you.  
Remain in my love.  
If you keep my commandments  
you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's  
commandments