


Weekend of :	27/28 Apr 2024	Week 4		
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Children's Choir	Sacred Heart	STJ Multicultural	Sts Joachim & Anne
Heralds	Stella	Jasmine/Madeline	Rachel	Ryan
Readers	Irene/Hannah	Rhonda/Kaitlyn	Trish/Blake	Thresia/Mckenzie
Acolytes	Mick G	Peter	Yuve/Vincent	Mick M/Surya
Altar Servers	Cameron / Immanuel/Abed	Bianca/Christopher	Patrick/Gabby/Bryan/Caitlin/Philip	Hannah/Taylor/Kiomi/Naomi

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

**EASTER TRIDUUM CHOIR FEEDBACK**

**SCAN ME**




Dear Parishioners

Fr Epeli would like your feedback regarding our choirs and Sacred Music. Please scan the QR Code and provide your feedback.

Thank you

**SUNDAY 10AM MASS CHOIR FEEDBACK**

**SCAN ME**



**Donate to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal**

4th & 5th May 2024 is our parish appeal.

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place. Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

Donate at [www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf) Or complete the parish envelope.




**LET US PRAY FOR:**

**Recently Returned to the Father:** Elizabeth Tribunal Tonogbanua, Desmond Hendricks, Maria Juliana, Denise Egan, Engelberto Leal, Paulette Misola


**Death Anniversary:** Marjorie Keating, Vlaho Demovic, Susan McCormick, Grazia Pollifrone, 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, Rocco & Giuseppina Macri, Mgr Colm Conlon, Adoracion Almazar, Dennis G Reyes, Lou M Da Silva, Caterina & Giovanni Luci, Joseph Azzi & deceased members of Azzi & Boustany families, 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

Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Jess Quines, Sally Clark



**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).

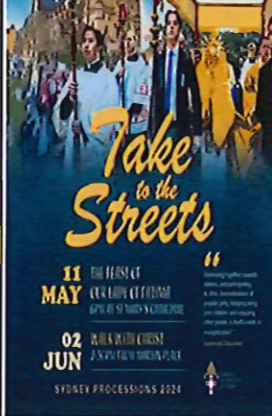
You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**Weekend Collection Report**  
Weekend 20/21 April 2024

1st Collection (Pastoral) - \$2113.00 &  
2nd Collection (Church) - "Loose" \$1395.00 &  
Envelopes - \$1112.00

Thank you for your generosity

- 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>

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ST JOACHIM'S LIDCOMBE INVITES YOU TO

**Mother's Day**

MORNING TEA

SUNDAY 5TH MAY

TEAM MONS. MEANEY MEMORIAL PARISH HALL

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

Sun 28/04	- Personal Intentions of K Tomasic - Death Anniv of Colin Wand
Mon 29/04	Soul of Philip BT Lam & deceased members of Lam & Nguyen families
Tues 30/04	In loving memory of Rosaria Cirillo & Giuseppe Tedesco
Wed 01/05	Death Anniv of Marjorie Keating
Thurs 02/05	Death Anniv of Gerundia Lardizabal
Fri 03/05	- Sick -Tessie Singson & Mila Bautista - In loving memory of Mirjana Visevic

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. Thank you

**The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima** invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 4th May, honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia. Commencing at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) + Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Holy Mass at Noon. We look forward to you joining us in Prayer. For further enquiries please contact us on - 0403578994.

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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**

**5th Sunday of Easter - Yr B** 28 April 2024

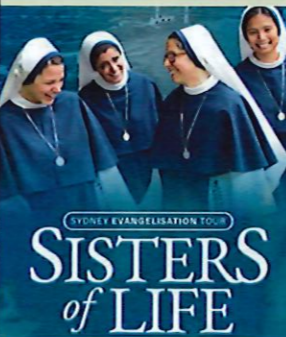
**This Week at St Joachim**

Sun 28/04	8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 11:30am Baptisms (3) 5:00pm Mass
Mon 29/04	9:00am Mass/Rosary
Tue 30/04	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Wed 01/05	6:00pm Adoration /Novena 7:00pm Mass
Thurs 02/05	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Fri 03/05	9:00am Mass / Rosary 7:00pm 1st Friday Mass + VOCARE
Sat 04/05	9:00am Mass + Anointing of the sick 11:00am NUSPAS + Procession in parking area 4:00pm Confessions 5:00pm Vigil Mass 6:30pm Oceania Mass

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

**REFLECTION**

- Fr Bijoy -




**SISTERS of LIFE**

Over the past week and a bit, the Sisters of Life, a US based religious female order, have been touring Sydney to present a series of talks about evangelization and prayer. Four Sisters made the trip including two Aussies: Sr Mary Grace and Sr Rose Patrick O'Connor. They came with the purpose of enflaming the hearts of Catholics for the love of the Lord and for mission. A young and vibrant order (with an average age of around 30!) with a mission to serve pregnant women and women suffering after abortion, they truly witnessed to the presence of the Lord.

In their talk to the young clergy on Wednesday afternoon and then to the young people of the Archdiocese at ACU Strathfield, I was amazed by the power of these nuns. Not power in the modern sense, but the power of holiness. They made me want to be a better priest and a better man. These Sisters each had experienced the power of Christ in their own lives and in their missionary work. They radiated grace which made them magnetic!

One of the stories they shared was from their experience at Sydney University. During their attempts to evangelise, the Sisters were struggling to break through the Aussie instance that "I'm good, thanks." Eventually attracting people, the Sisters started to have deep conversations with many of the students. Asking one of the inquirers if they had heard about campus ministry, the international student shared that this was the first conversation that she has had on campus in 3 years. There is a crisis of loneliness in our society and many people deeply desire Christ and the Christian community but have had no one approach them or talk to them!

The Sisters also shared some of the stories about counselling women in the US. The Sisters never lead with judgment but always with love. They listen even if the people are angry. One story they shared involved talking to a woman and her granddaughter on the streets of New York. The grandmother was angry with the Sisters for their witness and their commitment to life. She berated them for 20 minutes. Always listening and never condemning, the Sisters endured. Eventually the conversation shifted and the Sisters were able to explain that they were here to witness to the healing power of God's love and mercy. The grandmother said that she had never heard of the Church as a place of healing and forgiveness. The Sisters responded that this is precisely why Jesus came.



**Holy Baptism**

- Remi Nguyen  
- Xavier Jye Smith  
- Chiara Tse


**May they be blessed with the Holy Spirit through the waters of Baptism.**

**Next Newman Group Meeting:**

12th May – Romans 9-10: Preaching the Gospel

26th May – The Liturgy and the Trinity

Fr. Bijoy Joseph



**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 -

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

28 APRIL 2024

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit he  
prunes  
to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken  
to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine  
in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away  
– he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown  
on the fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you  
should bear much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.'

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. O God, who by the wonderful exchange  
effected in this sacrifice have made us  
partakers of the one supreme Godhead,  
grant, we pray, that, as we have come to  
know your truth, we may make it ours by a  
worthy way of life. 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

## 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 cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the  
branches, says the Lord. / Whoever  
remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit  
in plenty, alleluia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously be present to your people,  
we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have  
imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from

former ways to newness of life. 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

### 'MAKE YOUR HOME IN ME'

The juxtaposition of the story of Saul  
(Paul) in the first reading from Acts  
with the image of Jesus as the vine in  
the Gospel speaks to the formation of  
disciples of Jesus. In Acts we have a  
glimpse into the beginnings of Saul's (not  
yet called Paul) ministry who, with all the  
zeal of his experience of the risen Christ,  
joins the believers. Barnabus takes him  
under his wing. Trouble erupts with the  
Hellenists and Paul is whisked away from  
Jerusalem to his hometown to where he  
contemplates his call.

When we then hear the Gospel's  
beautifully elegant description of the vine  
and the branches we can connect with the  
formation of the disciples and discern our  
own call. The clear instruction is 'to make  
your home in me', to make our home in  
Jesus. It is a symbiotic relationship just  
like the vine and its branches. We need  
to remain/abide in Jesus to bear fruit.  
No matter our zeal, our life of faith and  
ministry grows and flows from Jesus.  
This is further enriched by the words of  
the second reading from the First Letter  
of John where we hear that 'our love is  
not to be just words or mere talk but  
something real and active'. We are to live  
the life God wants, to love one another  
and live in God.

Vines and their fruit are no stranger to  
us here in Australia, so we take time to  
reflect on this image to see how closely we  
abide in Jesus the vine.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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REMAIN IN ME. The branches of a vine will bear fruit only if they are attached to  
the vine. It is from the vine that they draw the life-giving nourishment they need.  
Likewise, we must remain attached to Jesus if we are to receive the life of God and  
produce the fruits of the Spirit in our world: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control' (Gal 5: 22).

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, / for he  
has worked wonders; / in the sight of the  
nations / he has shown his deliverance,  
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. You were sent to heal the contrite of  
heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have  
mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

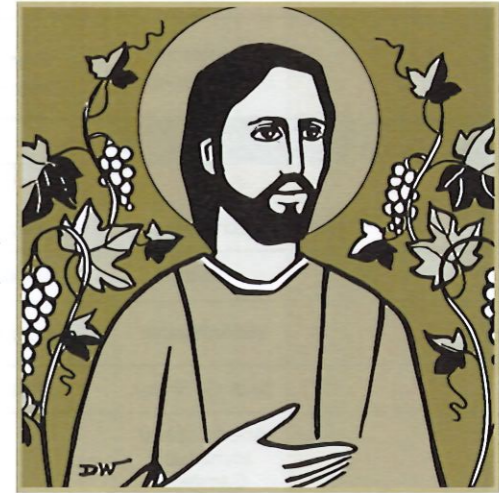
R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Amen.

## 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. Almighty ever-living God, constantly  
accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that  
those you were pleased to make new in Holy  
Baptism may, under your protective care, bear  
much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.  
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 9: 26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul  
and spoke to him on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to  
join the disciples, but they were all afraid  
of him: they could not believe he was really  
a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge  
of him, introduced him to the apostles, and  
explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul  
and spoken to him on his journey, and how  
he had preached boldly at Damascus in the  
name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round  
with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly  
in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken  
to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they  
became determined to kill him. When the  
brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and  
sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee  
and Samaria were now left in peace, building  
themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord,  
and filled with the consolation of the Holy  
Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32. R. v. 26

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the  
assembly of your people. (or Alleluia!)

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear  
him. / The poor shall eat and shall have their  
fill. / They shall praise the Lord, those who  
seek him. / May their hearts live for ever and  
ever! R.

2. All the earth shall remember and return  
to the Lord, / all families of the nations  
worship before him. / They shall worship  
him, all the mighty of the earth; / before him  
shall bow all who go down to the dust. R.

3. And my soul shall live for him, my  
children serve him. / They shall tell of the  
Lord to generations yet to come, / declare his  
faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: / 'These  
things the Lord has done.' R.

SECOND READING 1 Jn 3: 18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John.

*His commandments are these: that we believe  
and that we love one another.*

My children, our love is not to be just words  
or mere talk, but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain that we are the  
children of the truth and be able to quieten  
our conscience in his presence, whatever  
accusations it may raise against us, because  
God is greater than our conscience and he  
knows everything. My dear people, if we  
cannot be condemned by our conscience, we  
need not be afraid in God's presence, and  
whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because  
we keep his commandments and live the kind  
of life that he wants. His commandments  
are these: that we believe in the name of  
his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one  
another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his  
commandments lives in God and God lives in  
him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit  
that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 15: 4-5

Alleluia, alleluia! / Live in me and let me  
live in you, says the Lord; / my branches  
bear much fruit. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 15: 1-8

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.

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much  
fruit.*