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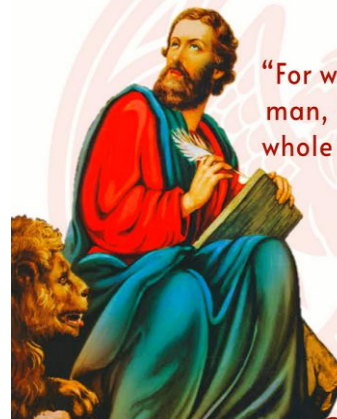
Sunday, 21st April 2024
Thursday, 25th April 2024
Friday, 26th April 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ANZAC DAY
ST MARK, EVANGELIST



APRIL 25, FEAST

ST. MARK, EVANGELIST



"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Mark 8:36

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses 8:00am, 10am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday – No Mass, Office Closed

Tuesday to Saturday 9.15am

HOLY ROSARY:

Tuesday to Saturday 8.30am

Sunday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 9:40am and 4.15pm And by appointment

BAPTISMS:

Sundays after 10am mass and by appointment

WEDDINGS:

By appointment (minimum of six months' notice required)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: 1st Saturday of the month at 4pm

& Each Thursday 5pm – 6pm

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Please see our home page on our website for details

PARISH SECRETARY:

Thursday & Friday 9am to 3pm

(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)

This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired.

LET US PRAY FOR

Recently Returned to the Father: Angela Plachecki, Flora Paraan, Guiseppe Tarzia

In Loving Memory of: Leondro Locsin, Richard McEvoy, Piotr Mucha, Zofia Mucha, Emigdio Penano, Norma Day, Rosita Tagliano, Ivan Fernandez, Mara Markovic, Georges Makari, Damia Makari, Peter Makari, Fernandez and Norman Chestney

“May their souls through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

Prayers for the sick: Andrew Ros, Latifi Joseph Bishara, Susan Abood, Eileen Smith, Olivia Sheilds, Jessica Tungul, Antony Lisica, Navjot Singh, Roger Shi, Mary Zheng.

“Mother of God, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Pray for them”

Roster for 4th Sunday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Saturday 5pm	Denise Hall Mary Días	Tony Allan
Sunday 8am	Mary Kleist Barbara Mucha	Ruben Baluyot
Sunday 10am	Gilda Kazzi Joey Wang	Nicole Daniel

CONGRATULATIONS to **Vincenzo Isaac Betchakjian** and **Matilda Joux** who were baptised into the Catholic Faith on **Sunday, 14 April 2024**. Your Baptism is definitely a time for celebration and joy. May the light of Christ be with them always.

CHURCH WORKING BEE: We shall have a general clean-up in the Church and Parish Hall as well as outside the Parish grounds on **Saturday, 4th May** after the 9:15am morning Mass until about 1pm. We shall clean doors, windows, dusting, weeding, vacuuming, sweeping, pressure washing, storage, etc. Bring any tools. A light lunch will be provided. All are welcome – children too!



Save Dates - Month of May –Some activities Honouring Mary

1. Weekend of 4/5 May – Crowning of Mary at each parish Mass. Also colouring pages will be available for children for a competition with prizes at the end of the month.
2. Monday 13 May – Visit to St Mary’s Cathedral (by train) to attend Mass for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. A sign-up sheet will be available.
3. Tuesday 21 May – Fr Tony Alex MGL (Guest speaker) will give a talk on “Mary, the Ark of the covenant”.
4. Pilgrimage to Schoenstatt Mulgoa (Towards the end of May - date to be confirmed). A sign-up sheet will be available.
5. You are invited to pray the Rosary every Tuesday and Friday in May at 6.35pm - 7.00pm, as well as at our regular times 8.30am Tues – Fri and 9.30am before Sunday mass.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – Years 6 & above

The Confirmation Sacramental Program is commencing soon!

Parent Information Night - Wednesday, 8th May at 7pm in the Church.

- More details of the program will be given at Information Night.
- It is important that you enrol your child well in advance before the program begins.
- To **REGISTER**, fill in an application form from the parish office or from Fr Richard after the weekend Masses.
- Return the forms as soon as possible.

Celebration of **Confirmation: Saturday, 15th June at 5pm** (during the Vigil Mass).

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12 This is the only name by which we can be saved

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29 R: The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2 We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel John 10:11-18 The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Next Sunday Readings: Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm: 21:26-28, 30-32

Second Reading: I John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

REFLECTION

The Good Shepherd

Vincent van Gogh spent many years trying to find out what he wanted to do with his life. After much searching, he discovered that he wanted to be a painter. From that day on his life changed. It wasn't that it suddenly became easy. The opposite would be nearer the truth. However, now that he had found his work, he no longer doubted himself, and no matter how difficult his life was, the inward serenity, and the conviction of his own calling, never deserted him.

The early Church communities and the Jewish synagogues gathered as "houses" (i.e., extended families) whose strength faced a hostile, pagan world. A community of believers, whether Jewish or Christian, could combine talent and treasure to survive in a foreign environment. A synagogue or a Christian church also possessed its own world view and cultural practices that gave it a unique flavour, just like a proud family.

At the time John's gospel was completed, however, Christianity just began to break away from Judaism. In the eyes of pagan society, Christianity stood as a cult within Judaism. Hence, in-fighting broke out between the groups. So, according to John, the Pharisees (leaders in the Jewish synagogues) strove to "reconvert" Jewish Christians (steal sheep) and persecute an excommunicated Christian community (terrorize the sheep).

We are the flock of the Lord. But, like sheep, we can wander off in our own direction. And be at the mercy of thieves and false Messiahs. Jesus brings us back, like a good shepherd. Jesus' purpose for us is that we (individually and collectively) have fullness of life. And he gives us a true way to the Father. His very self! How do you remain in the Lord's flock? Trust in Jesus and his way. That trust has changed you and continues to change you. How can you share that change with others?

Theme in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Church (No. 751)

The word "Church" (Latin *ecclesia*, from the Greek *ek-ka-lein*, to "call out of") means a convocation or an assembly. It designates the assembly of those whom God's Word "convokes," i.e., gathers together to form the People of God, and who themselves, nourished with the Body of Christ, become the Body of Christ.

Ekklesia is used frequently in the Greek Old Testament for the assembly of the Chosen People before God. Through Jesus, God gave his people an intimate presence. And by calling itself "Church," the first community of Christian believers recognized itself as heir to that assembly. In the Church, God is "calling together" his people from all the ends of the earth. The equivalent Greek term *Kyriake*, from which the English word Church and the German *Kirche* are derived, means "what belongs to the Lord."

A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

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. 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.

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