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Sunday, 14th April 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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: Flora Paraan, Guiseppe Tarzia, Omid Akbari (37yrs, water-tubing accident), Adriano Ross

In Loving Memory of: Richard Mc' Evoy, Zofia Mucha, Emigdio Penano, Norma Day, Rosita Tagliano, Ivan Fernandez, Mara Markovic, Georges Makari, Damia Makari, Peter Makari, Louis Arida, Tony Arida, Joseph Fernandez, Lily Fernandez, Mel 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 2nd Sunday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Saturday 5pm	Judy Simon Sue Allan	Tony Allan
Sunday 8am	Barbara Perry Rhos Shi-Wang	Ruben Baluyot
Sunday 10am	Leo Vakauta Antonio Bonacruz	William Anasi



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



Invites you to Join us for sharing a Meal on Friday, 19th April 2024
from 6.00pm to 8.00pm in McDermott House – All Welcome

Please bring something with you to play or share eg. Chess, Checkers, Cards, a Joke!

KNITTING CLUB If you are interested in learning how to knit or would like to knit in the company of others passionate about knitting, please join us in McDermott House **every Friday morning** after mass.

FACEBOOK Our Facebook at the moment has lots of information about events going on within the Archdiocese of Sydney. There are plenty of opportunities to expand your knowledge and to get involved. Take a look by going on to our Facebook page, save the dates and sign up.

PARISH COUNCIL: A reminder to the committee members that the next meeting is this Wednesday, 17th April at 7pm in McDermott House.

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!

EUCCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY Liturgical Ministers are invited to join the Liturgy Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a Eucharistic Retreat day. This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks, a personal testimony, and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. **DATE:** Saturday, 11 May 2024 **TIME:** Doors open at 9.30 AM. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM **VENUE:** St Martha's - 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040 **COST:** \$15 To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1162316> For more information, please email sydney@op-tn.org

CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH 2024 - OVERNIGHT PILGRIMAGE FOR MEN 18+ An overnight pilgrimage for men (18+ event) in honour of our Spiritual Father for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. The Camino begins with 8.00pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers on Friday April 26 at St Anthony of Padua, Austral and confession available from 7.00pm. The Camino will conclude with 6.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Moorebank on Saturday April 27 followed by a celebration in fellowship with hot breakfast and drinks. The entire walk from start to finish will include 7 churches. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration for spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for a quick bathroom break. **DATE:** Friday, 26 April 2024 7:30 PM - Saturday 27 April 2024 7:30 AM **COST:** \$20 per adult / Bus Ticket: \$12 one-way 7 pm sharp on 26/04 from Moorebank For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1197441>

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 You have killed the prince of life; God, however raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm: 4:2, 4, 5, 9 R: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5 Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Lk 24:35-48 It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Next Sunday Readings: Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2

Gospel: Jn 10:11-18

REFLECTION

The Korean War was raging. A little village came under heavy artillery fire. In the village stood a Catholic church. Outside the church, mounted on a pedestal, was a statue of Christ. However, when the smoke of battle cleared away, the statue lay in fragments on the ground. A group of American soldiers helped the priest to collect up the fragments. Carefully they put the statue back together. They found all the pieces except the hands. They offered to fly back the statue back to America, and have hands made for it. But the priest refused. "I have a better idea", he said. "Let's leave it without hands. And we'll write on the pedestal the words: FRIEND, LEND ME YOUR HANDS. In this way passers-by will come to see that Christ now has no hands but ours with which to raise up the fallen."

The Apostles had been with Jesus for some time. During that time he had instructed them. But when he chose them, he chose them for a purpose – to spread the news of the kingdom of God. Now the time had come to involve them in that work. So he sent them out. Christianity is always like that. It is never something to be kept to oneself. It always involves an outreach to others. They were to offer to those they encounter a special gift that the world needs most: the gift of peace! He said to them, "*Let your first words be, 'Peace to this house!'*" Somehow this greeting of the Apostles sums up the Church's entire message to all her children down through the ages; her first and last words to us, containing everything that is good and desirable. Jesus had promised at the Last Supper (Jn 14:27) that he would leave his peace to the Church as a legacy: *Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you*; and then his first words after his resurrection as he appeared to them were: *Peace be with you*.

At the Mass, when after the consecration the risen Lord becomes present on the altar and the priest speaks the words: *The peace of the Lord be with you always*; let us be especially attentive to what we are being offered and let our response: *And with your spirit; carry with it the intensity with which we long for this gift*. Then sign of peace which follows will truly be what it is meant to be – not a display of human affection; not a noisy 'how are you going today?' but a profound sign that all about you may experience the peace of the risen Lord which comes from faith in him. The Mass prepares us and then, sends us into world – "*to live the Mass*." Jesus continues to ask each of us, "FRIEND WILL YOU LEND ME YOUR HANDS?" Christ now has no hands but ours with which to raise up the fallen; no feet but ours to seek out the lost; no ears but ours to listen to the lonely; and no tongue but ours to speak words of comfort to the lonely.

Link in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Be Witnesses

CCC 2471 ~ The Christian is not to "be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord." In situations that require witness to the faith, the Christian must profess it without equivocation, after the example of St. Paul before his judges. We must keep "a clear conscience toward God and toward men."

CCC 2472 ~ The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as witnesses of the Gospel and of the obligations that flow from it. This witness is a transmission of the faith in words and deeds.

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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