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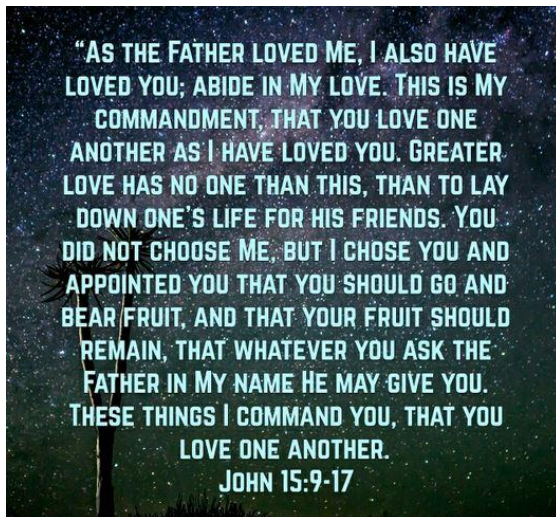
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**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**SIXTH 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Bishop Peter W. Ingham, Maria Davino, Angela Plachecki, Flora Paraan, Guisepe Tarzia

**In Loving Memory of:** Antonio & Socorro Bonacruz, Jvica Pupek, Salud Tungul, Josie Tungul, Claro Tungul Snr, Daniel and Catalina Tungul, Arturo and Virginia Bonifacio, Eugenio and Rosita Ongcal, Teresita Mora, Joseph Fernandez, Lily Fernandez, Hannah Mulder, John Conroy, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Roster for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
<b>Saturday 5pm</b>	Teresa Di Paolo Jeroen Vandenbosch	Tony Allan
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Mark Wang-Shi Barbara Mucha	Elia Saulekaleka
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Karen Abood Sesilia Anasi	Sione Anasi

### SAVE THE 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 – Sat and 9.30am before Sunday mass.

**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. Please also register your name. For more information on both processions, visit: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/events>

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – Years 6 & above** The Confirmation Sacramental Program is commencing soon! **Parent Information Night** - Wednesday, **8th May at 7pm** in the Church. To **REGISTER**, fill in an application form from the parish office or from Fr Richard after the weekend Masses. Celebration of **Confirmation: Saturday, 15th June at 5pm** (during the Vigil Mass).

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND MAY APPEAL** The CWF Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help to meet our quota of \$2000.00. You can also learn more and donate securely at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf) which also goes toward our parish quota. Donations are tax deductible. The agencies that benefit from the CWF include: The Good Shepherd and Redemptoris Mater Seminaries, The Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hard of hearing, The Catholic Chaplaincies in universities, prisons, and aged care homes, CatholicCare, The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and the Confraternity of Christina Doctrine. Your generous donations allows the CWF to continue its mission in helping others.

## UPCOMING PROJECTS FOR OUR CHURCH - Concrete works, Sandstone repairs & Fencing

Some repair work will be done on the Church grounds next month. Concreting the area between the Church entrance and Presbytery commences on **13<sup>th</sup> May**. This won't affect our weekend Masses but those who will attend week day Masses shall be directed accordingly. Please note that cars will not be allowed to access this area during the renovations.

Other works will include some other uneven concrete patches on the property, repairs on the sandstones along the Alice street and installation of a new fence towards the end of May.

The St John of God statue at the front of the church has also been removed for repairs.

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## REFLECTION

In *The Count of Monte Cristo* classic, there is a scene in it where two men are being led into a public square to be rather gruesomely executed. But they walk with completely different demeanours, because one of them knows that the Count has intervened on his behalf and that at any moment, the courier will arrive with the order to pardon and release him. The other may, of course, harbour some wishful thinking that somehow, he might be pardoned, but no amount of wishful thinking can give him any confidence with which to face the future.

Hope is not wishful thinking. Hope is the confidence of the man who knows that even though he is still a prisoner at this moment, his release has already been secured. This hope is precisely the confidence of knowing that Christ has already defeated the forces of hostility and death. This is what we celebrate during the season of Easter. We are not vaguely wishing he might. We know he already has. We know he has because he continues to live and to love us freely and generously.

The portion of Jesus' farewell discourse in this week's gospel falls on the heels of last week's gospel. Jesus stated that he lived in an intimate love with the Father. Now, Jesus would empower his followers to love the same way he did. Jesus told his disciples to follow his example. Love each other. The love relationship between the Father and the Son, between the Son and his followers, became the paradigm for life in the Christian community.

Only when we begin to love God and reflect that love in daily living can we gain true insight. And influence others. When we, as Christians, show love, we reveal the life of God among people. Why? This is because we affirm the presence of the Risen Lord with us. And we show others the life of the Spirit within us. Love, then, is "the shoe leather of faith." Love is faith in action.

### **Link in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Ten Commandments**

2054 - Jesus acknowledged the Ten Commandments, but he also showed the power of the Spirit at work in their letter. He unfolded all the demands of the Commandments.

The first three commandment talk about respect for God. They are: **1.** I am your Lord and God. You will not worship anyone or anything except me. **2.** Do not use God's name in a way that shows disrespect. **3.** Keep God's day holy with worship and rest.

The final seven commandments tell us how to respect other people: **4.** Honour your parents. **5.** Do not kill. **6.** Do not commit adultery. **7.** Do not steal. **8.** Do not lie. **9.** Do not desire to take someone away from your neighbour. **10.** Do not desire to take something away from your neighbours.

### 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](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.

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## SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48** The pagans have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have.

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.

**Responsorial Psalm: : 97:1-4 R: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 34:7- God is Love - Let us love one another, since love comes from God**

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.

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

**Gospel John 15:9-17 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 I have 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 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.'

### Next Sunday Readings: Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 1-1-11

Responsorial Psalm: 46:2-3, 6-9

Second Reading: Eph 1-17-23

Gospel: Mark 16-15-20