

World Apostolate of Fatima

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 14th May. Honouring Our Lady and interceding for peace in the world and the welfare of Australia. Starts 11:30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, with the Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at midday. We look forward to your joining us in prayer, especially after the warfare between Russia and Ukraine.

First Confession and First Holy Communion 2022

This year in our Parish, children will be prepared for both their First Confession (Reconciliation) and their First Holy Communion at the same time, and the preparation will be combined into six consecutive weekly lessons at St Mel's Parish hall, to be conducted by Fr. Peter Joseph.

First Confession will be held in our church in the afternoon of Saturday 25th June.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 3rd July at 11:30am Mass.

If you wish to enrol your child or children (Year 3 or above) for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion, please call the parish office for an enrolment form or download it from our website at:

www.stmelscampsie.org.au (See Sacraments then Eucharist)

Please add a copy of your child's baptism certificate and return by **Tuesday 3 May** to: the parish office, or email them to:

stmelscampsie@bigpond.com or put them in the message-box at the front verandah of the presbytery, 7 Evaline St, Campsie. If you require any further information please call the Parish Office.

Support Your Parish Online

May I take this opportunity to thank those who have been supporting our Parish. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

You can choose to make a donation online at our parish website at: www.stmelscampsie.org.au and click on the **Support Us** icon and follow the prompts.

Welcome to our new parish priest Fr. Peter Joseph

This weekend we officially welcome Fr. Peter Joseph to our parish community.

Fr. Joseph was born in Wagga Wagga of Irish-Lebanese descent and was ordained a priest by Bishop William Brennan of Wagga Wagga in 1992.

Fr. Joseph has served in various parishes in the Wagga Diocese and Sydney Archdiocese. His last appointment before coming to St Mel's was at St Dominic's, Flemington.

He is chaplain to various groups in the Archdiocese.

He has taught theology at Vianney College seminary in Wagga, and continues to do so there in certain weeks of the year. He has also taught theology at the John Paul II Institute in Melbourne, the Catholic Institute of Sydney and the Catholic Adult Education Centre at Lidcombe.

Fr. Joseph has been appointed by Archbishop Anthony Fisher as Parish Priest for six years.

Please take this opportunity to introduce yourselves and make Fr. Peter Joseph feel welcome

Charitable Works Fund Appeal 7th-8th May

Next weekend we invite you to support the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. Donations to this appeal help fund 6 agencies, (CatholicCare, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Ephpheta Centre, Seminaries and Chaplaincies). These agencies represent the breadth of the charitable and pastoral missions of the Sydney Archdiocese. Envelopes for this appeal are on the pews. Please take one home and return it with your donation next week when we will have a third collection. **Any donation over \$2 is tax deductible and receipts will be issued for the 2021/22 financial year.** Donations to this appeal also help our parish meet its annual Charitable Works Fund quota. Your support to this appeal is greatly appreciated.

1st May, A.D. 2022, Third Sunday of Easter, Year C



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PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am

Weekdays: 9am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

Wednesday: 7pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 8pm.

SACRAMENTS

Confessions: 4pm to 4.45pm Saturday.

Baptisms: By arrangement: please call Parish Office or download an application form from the Parish website at: www.stmelscampsie.org.au

Weddings: By arrangement with at least three months' notice.

Care for the Sick: Please call the presbytery.

DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday after the 9am Mass.

Adoration: After Wednesday 7pm Mass (7:30-8:00pm)

First Friday Adoration: Mass at 9am, followed by Adoration and Rosary; ends at 10am.

SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

Monday 2nd May

St Athanasius (Bishop, Doctor)

Tuesday 3rd May

Saints Philip and James (Apostles)

Thursday 12th May

Saints Nereus & Achilleus (martyrs), St Pancras (martyr)

Friday 13th May

Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday 14th May

St Matthias

Wednesday 18th May

St John I (Pope, martyr)

Friday 20th May

St Bernardine of Siena (priest)

Saturday 21st May

St Christopher Magallanes (priest and companions, martyrs)

Tuesday 24th May

Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia

Wednesday 25th May

St Bede the Venerable (priest, doctor) St Gregory VII (pope)

Thursday 26th May

St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi (Carmelite nun, virgin)

Friday 27th May

St Philip Neri (priest)

Sunday 29th May

St Augustine of Canterbury (Bishop)

Tuesday 31st May

The Ascension of the Lord

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32. 40-41**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

WORD OF THE LORD.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Rv 5:11-14**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

WORD OF THE LORD.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 1 Cor 5:7-8**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Jn 21:1-19**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken.

Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

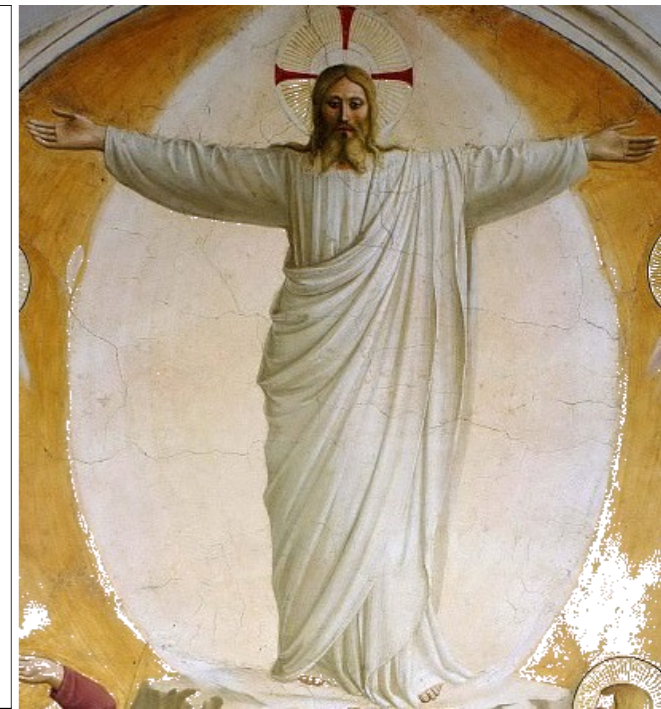
GOSPEL OF THE LORD**Regina Caeli**

(said in place of the *Angelus* during Easter-tide)

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**We remember in our Masses**

Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick of our parish.

We also pray for all the souls of the faithful departed: Peter & Remy Karam, Balbadeh Kaream, Tony Karam, Raya & Youseff Karam, Jamil Moussa, Asorl Abboud, Tony & Barbara Aboud, Shaheen family members, Assad Jabour Hanna, Riham Abou Serhal, Georges Azzi, Vincent Samuel, Pamela Jones, Martinus Mudawan Sahabu, Zacharia Sumanto, Maurice Malipe Sahabu, Ida Sahabu, Mariana Laiyo, Elizabeth Sumini, Terry D'Souza, Sr. Marie Martha, Mark Scibberas, Jacob Raphael, Louis Jacques Ferres, Caterina Repice, Eren Yik Paang Wong, Zenaida Tuico Vitorino Jesus Santos, Antonio Ramos, Mrs Aida Camilleri, Maria Do Carmo, Manuel Outeirinho, Sr. Margaret Jennings, Patrick Schinkel and Schinkel family members, Simon & Josephine Gitanny, Dorothy Stanton, Freda Budwee, Jennifer Blair, Genevieve Zoghbi Zeaiter, Luigi Zampino, Emanuel & Carmen Spiteri, Lennox Lolesio, Yvonne Hallo, Semaan Gorges, Francesco Viterale, Tony & Victor Karam, Joseph & Halema Moussa, Jhottos & Rosemont Moses, Therese Badaoui, James Lahood, Sayed Saad, Brian Abraham, Yousif Abraham, Tunis & Salima Abraham.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rosa Dao, Giuseppe Tilocca, Rosa Hoang, Jamil Moses, Fersan Farhart, Frank Stanton, Ramez and Rada Constantine, Danilo Tuico, Fahim, Jeanette Elias, Elias Makhlof, Nakad families, Mitch Daniel, Huggette Moses, Teofisto and Maura Mandanas, Victor Samuel, Francis Samia, Antonio Ramos, Vitorina Santos, Alex Henriquez, Jose and Maria Odete Da Silva, Fortunato Murdica, Hend El-Daher, Anthony Samuel. **Lord, may they rest in peace.**