

Fatima Celebration

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.

Thanks from our new parish priest Fr. Peter Joseph

I wish to thank everyone at St Mel's for the warm welcome I have received as the new Parish Priest. It is wonderful to be with a community of faith and charity. I am happy to meet everyone after Masses, and of course people can contact me at any time through the week.

I wish to pay tribute to Fr Anthony Mifsud for his dedication to pastoral life and his care of this parish over the past three and a half years.

Fr Anthony has already been saying Masses in parishes where the priest is on leave and he will be seen here occasionally saying the Wednesday evening Mass followed by Adoration.

Catechists Needed

Our Parish is in desperate need of volunteers to train as Catechists to assist once a week for a 30-minute lesson at Harcourt Public School, Campsie Public School and Canterbury South Public School.

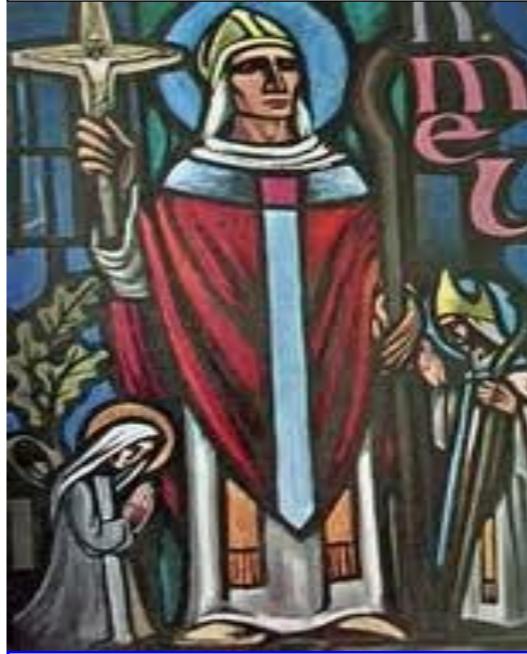
All training is provided by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and all lessons can be arranged free of charge at St Mel's Parish Hall.

This is truly a rewarding ministry teaching children the faith and joining them on their Sacramental journey. If you would like to enquire or need any further information, please call the Parish Office.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal 7th-8th May

This 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 your donation in the third collection at Masses this weekend. **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.

8th May, A.D. 2022, Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C



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Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

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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 13:14, 43-52**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, ‘We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the
earth.’

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Rv 7:9, 14-17**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, ‘These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God’s throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.’

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:14**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 10:27-30**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said:

‘The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.’

Prayers for the sick

If you have any names of seriously sick people you want listed in the bulletin, please send their names to the parish office. When you have a Mass offered for the sick, on the envelope you can tick the “Yes” box for inclusion in the bulletin. Of course, email the parish office when the sick person has recovered! After some time we will remove all the names that have built up, and ask you to send their names again if still needed.

Support your Archdiocese of Sydney newspaper, the *Catholic Weekly*

In this week’s edition:

- Families reveal real issues of the election
- Life Law: Is the US Supreme Court about to set the record straight?
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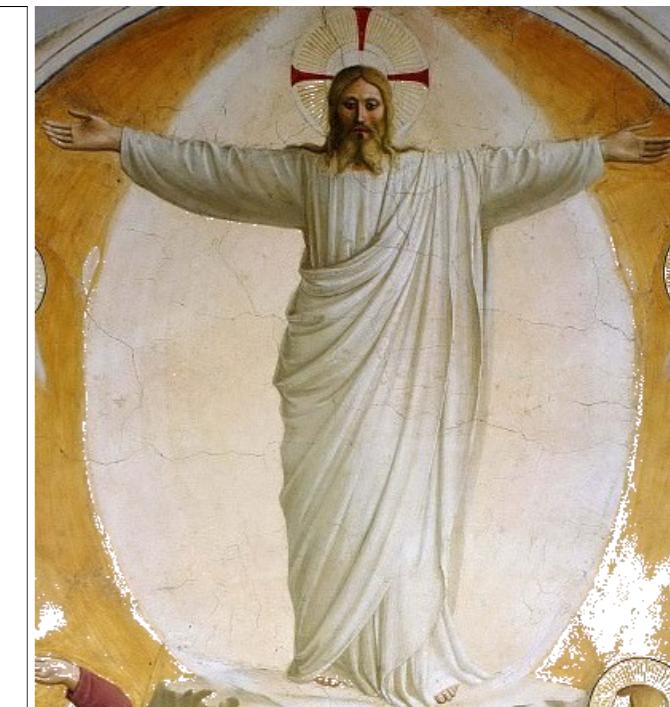
Regina Caeli

(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 Sciberras, 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.**