

SECOND READING:

1 John 2:1-5

**A reading from the first letter of St John
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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

cf Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL:

Luke 24:35-48

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
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 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 could not believe it, and
they stood 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise
from the dead; in his name repentance and
remission of sins must be preached to all the
nations, alleluia.**

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acts 4:8-12;

1 Jn 3:1-2;

Jn 10:11-18.



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal
with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you
know – have been abused, please contact the
police. Alternatively, you can contact the
Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at
safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or by
calling (02) 9390 5810.

Mobile phones at Mass.

To maintain a spirit of reverence and solemnity,
please turn off and refrain from using all mobile
telephones and other electronic devices during Mass.



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10am
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)
17th / 18th April 2021**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the
glory of his name. O render him glorious praise,
alleluia.**

FIRST READING: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
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.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9

RESPONSE: Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear
me! **Response.**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he
loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **Response.**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **Response.**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for
you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **Response.**

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ACOLYTES & READERS	6pm Vigil	8am	10am
APR 17 / 18	Acolytes T DABBAH	D ELLIS	M MORELLI
	Readers N MORFUNI	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
APR 24 / 25	Acolytes R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	A STANTON
	Readers J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
MAY 1 / 2	Acolytes T DABBAH	D ELLIS	J KWONG
	Readers V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
MAY 8 / 9	Acolytes M MORELLI	J KWONG	G MOODLEY
	Readers B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
MAY 15 / 16	Acolytes R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	A STANTON
	Readers N MORFUNI	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
MAY 22 / 23	Acolytes R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI
	Readers J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
MAY 29 / 30	Acolytes T DABBAH	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
	Readers N MORFUNI	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Cardinal Edward Cassidy, Salvador Ray and Ted Cotter. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time

One Voice - The Voice

Continues in April every Thursday and Sunday @ 7.30pm in the School Hall. Also, as Disciples please invite others to reconnect to Christian Life through these Catechesis.



Jesus Christ provides answers to the questions in our daily life.

First Holy Communion at St Therese.

- **Application forms** are available after any of the Masses THIS weekend.
- **Parent Information Evening** on Wed the 21st April at 7.30pm upstairs in the Learning Centre at St Therese School.
- **Candidate & Parent attend Presentation Mass:** Candidate with parent(s) should attend on Saturday 24th April at 6pm Vigil Mass or Sunday 25th April at 8am or 10am Masses.
- **Parent & Candidate Sessions of Instruction:** Will be held on WEDNESDAY'S on 28th April, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th May at St Therese Church commencing at 7pm sharp.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be on Sunday the 6th June at 11.30am.

So please add all these important dates to your diaries.

Catechist Helpers needed!

Our catechists at Denistone East Public School need your support. Can you help in the classroom by giving them 30 mins of your time each Tuesday? Please consider this! Please speak with Fr Roberto after any Mass this weekend.



Flowers on the Altar.

We need more volunteers to help with this wonderful ministry, so please consider if you can help out once a month. A great idea is to do it with a friend and use it as a catch-up time for you both. We ask the rostered volunteers to buy the flowers they are to arrange and once they give the receipts to Gayle in the Parish office all monies will be reimbursed.



Mass Attendance Count for 2021.

This will take place over 4 weekends in May. This will be a very useful tool in helping us to more accurately gauge the impact of COVID on parish attendance.



Do you need help finding help in the Ryde area?

A community care worker has joined Holy Spirit Parish, North Ryde and St Charles Borromeo, Ryde for help and referrals to services concerned with relationships, parenting, ageing, disability, addiction and mental health.



Call to make an appointment

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CatholicCare.org

connect@catholiccare.org

8am - 6pm Monday - Friday

Cardinal Edward Cassidy †



The Catholic Church – in Australia and globally – is mourning the death of Cardinal Edward Cassidy, who died earlier today in Newcastle at the age of 96.

After being ordained to the priesthood, Cardinal Cassidy served in parish ministry in Wagga Wagga Diocese before heading to Rome for ongoing study. Once he completed his additional training, he spent nearly 30 years serving as a Vatican diplomat in Asia, Europe, Latin America and Africa.

He was later appointed to the Secretariat of State, where he served for almost two years in a role equivalent to the Pope's chief of staff.

He was named president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity in 1989 and elevated to the rank of cardinal in 1991. He retired from the Pontifical Council in 2001 at the age of 76.

Cardinal Cassidy was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 1990 in "recognition of service to religion and to international affairs".

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge said Cardinal Cassidy's friendly and down-to-earth style were among his hallmarks while serving at the Vatican.

While Cardinal Cassidy was highly regarded for several reasons, it was at the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity that he "shone", Archbishop Coleridge said.

"Cardinal Cassidy showed not only diplomatic skill and political astuteness, but also human authenticity and common sense," he said.

"There was a simplicity in it all – the simplicity of a man called to high office in the Church but with his eyes firmly on Jesus Christ."

TELEGRAM FROM THE HOLY FATHER

To The Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana, Apostolic Nuncio in Australia
Having learned with sadness of the death of Cardinal Edward Idris Cassidy, I offer my heart-felt condolences. Recalling with gratitude the late Cardinal's years of valued service to the Holy See, his zeal for the spread of the Gospel and his commitment to the promotion of Christian unity. I commend his noble soul to the merciful love of God our heavenly Father. To all who mourn Cardinal Cassidy in the sure hope of the Resurrection I cordially impart my apostolic blessing as a pledge of consolation and peace in the Lord.

Franciscus PP.

Regina Caeli

This is one of four Marian antiphons, with following versicles and prayers, traditionally said or sung after night prayer, immediately before going to sleep. It is said throughout Eastertide, that is, from Easter Day through to Pentecost, the seventh Sunday after Easter.

The Regina Caeli is also said in place of the angelus during Eastertide, so you can use this prayer at this time for joy.

QUEEN OF HEAVEN

- 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.

