

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 97:1-4

RESPONSE: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

Response.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

Response.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

Response

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John
God is love.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 14:23

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
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 in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



A new commandment I give to you

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20.

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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B) 8th / 9th May 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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ACOLYTES & READERS	6pm Vigil	8am	10am	
MAY 8 / 9 Acolytes	M MORELLI	J KWONG	G MOODLEY	Flowers N HAHN
Readers	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN	
MAY 15 / 16 Acolytes	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	A STANTON	Flowers A NAGANATHAN
Readers	N MORFUNI	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ	
MAY 22 / 23 Acolytes	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI	Flowers J KEYSER
Readers	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER	
MAY 29 / 30 Acolytes	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY	Flowers N HAHN
Readers	N MORFUNI	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Angela Trovato (*Jamelie Morabito's niece*). Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time especially Roska Rimac, Teresa Dominello, Caterina Morfuni and for all the deceased mothers of our parish.

Please also pray for Francis and Yvonne Choy who will be married this weekend.



Covid19 update.

Due to the Covid19 outbreak in Greater Sydney we request that for this weekend all people entering the church should:



- wear a mask.
- Continue to sign in using the QR codes or the sign in pages.
- Keep your social distance both within the church.

First Holy Communion at St Therese.

Pray for the children preparing for their FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

- **Candidate & Parent Sessions of Instruction:** Sessions continue THIS WEDNESDAY on 12th May, in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm sharp.
- **Rehearsal for First Holy Communion** will be held in the church on 5th of June at 4pm.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be on Sunday the 6th June at 11.30am.



Mass Attendance Count for 2021.

The SECOND count will be this weekend and will continue for the next 3 weeks. This Mass attendance count is a very useful tool in helping us to more accurately gauge the impact of COVID on parish attendance.



If you would like to assist us with this count please see Fr Roberto before Mass.

Baptisms this weekend.

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Daniel Ligorio. We congratulate his parents Adrian & Sarah and their families.



Parish Council Update - May Meeting.

At the May Parish Council meeting the following was discussed:



Liturgy – Divine Mercy Sunday service was well attended.

Maintenance – Reviewing frequency of the working bee and documenting activities.

School – Fr Roberto will be included in the enrolment interviews.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal.



This appeal will be held THIS weekend, and your financial support is most important in raising the vital funds necessary to ensure the continuation of SIX agencies programmes, which benefit from this collection. The CWF has been helping our Sydney community for over 60 years, helping thousands of lives every year. Due to Covid19 we could not have this appeal last year, so your generosity would be appreciated now.



Month of May - Month of Mary.

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to venerate our Lady and we are encouraged to pray the rosary within our families because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. This year pray especially for the end of the pandemic and peace in the whole world.

A Mothers' Day Prayer

Thank you, Creator of us all, for my mother

I thank you that she gave me life
and nurtured me all those years.

She gave me my faith,
helping me to know you
and to know Jesus and his ways.

She taught me how to love
and how to sacrifice for others.

She taught me that it was okay to cry
And that I should always tell the truth.

Bless her with the graces she needs
and which you want to give her today.

Help her to feel precious in your eyes today
and to know that I love her.

Give her strength and courage,
compassion and peace.

Bless her this day with your love.



We wish all the Mothers of our parish
a great day with their families
and many blessings upon them
on this special day!

Mary, Mother of all, pray for us!

