

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (continued)

RESPONSE: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Response.

SECOND READING: Apoc 21:10-14. 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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 1: 17 - 23; Lk 24: 46 - 53.

World Meeting of Families.

The 2022 World Meeting of Families will be marked in the Archdiocese of Sydney with a local diocesan celebration. This local gathering will take place from Friday 24 June to Sunday 26 June. Initiatives will include a local parish celebration, an opportunity for families to make pilgrimages to sacred locations within the Archdiocese, and will culminate with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP with an associated Sunday afternoon 'Festival of Families'.

Our parish will be involved in this event and more information will be available soon!



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
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 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 C)

21st / 22nd May 2022

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 15:1-2. 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any

authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8

RESPONSE: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **Response.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **Response.**

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21 / 22 MAY 2022 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	A STANTON	G MOODLEY
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	V PERERA	NIL	NO MUSIC
Altar Servers	GROUP 4: WONG FAMILY & NIARA PAREKALAM	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 1: B. CLARK	A. STANTON	P. BRODERICK
Altar Flowers	J KEYSER	MAY ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

28 / 29 MAY 2022 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	J MCLEOD	NIL	NO MUSIC
Altar Servers	GROUP 3: SOPHIA BERNLEITNER & AMARA LOIACONO	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 2: L SEETO	T DABBAH	C DABBAH
Altar Flowers	N HAHN	MAY ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially Joseph Davies and Joan Booth.



Month of May - Month of Mary.

The month of May is dedicated to venerate our Lady and we are encouraged to pray the rosary, praying for your needs and peace in the world. So make the time for these prayers with your family.

Mary, Help of Christians Feast Day: May 24

O Mary, you love me with a Mother's heart. Just as you held your son Jesus in your arms, you hold me in your care. Help me in my need. Protect me day by day. And through your Motherly intercession, may I become ever more aware of the breath of God living within me.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us. Amen.



First Holy Communion at St Therese.

Parent & Candidate Sessions

continue on WEDNESDAY'S the 25th May and 1st and 8th June in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm sharp.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be on Sunday the **19th June at 11.30am.**

Baptism this weekend.

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Stella and Shiloh Dontoh. We also congratulate their parents Fiona & Nana and their families.



Family Mass at 10am.

Our next Family Mass will be on the 5th June at 10am.



We will follow this with a parish "CUPPA".

Community Partnership Building grant.

The NSW Government is investing in infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental, and recreational outcomes, while also promoting community participation, inclusion and cohesion. In 2022, there is a maximum of \$400,000 to allocate in each electorate. Incorporated not-for-profit community organisations and local councils are eligible to apply for grants. The average grant awarded is around \$20,000.



As total funding will be divided equally among the state electorates of NSW, applications will be assessed against other proposed projects within the same electorate.

We are hopeful that if we lodge an application we could fund a project of solar panel with batteries for our parish.

We have been contemplating the possibility of proposing this project for the parish and during this past week Fr Roberto, Vern Keyser and Gayle White met with Margaret Lee (*a representative from Victor Dominello's office*) and Lydia Scuglia. The panels and battery would be for the presbytery due to our aging church roof issues.

Such a project would be great for the parish by reducing our energy costs. With this in mind we will be obtaining some quotes next week to enable us to lodge our application within the very strict timeframe for the grant. We will know sometime in December if we have been lucky enough to receive the money and to go ahead with the project.

Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal.

THIS WEEKEND please donate to CWF using the envelopes from the pews. The money collected is administered by the CWF Committee on behalf of the Archbishop of Sydney, and includes representatives from parishes, the Archdiocese and agencies supported by the fund. It meets regularly to oversee appeals, set parish assessments and supervise the distribution of funds to the agencies note below.



- **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry**
 - CatholicCare
 - Chaplaincies
- **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)**
 - Ephpheta Centre
- **Seminary of the Good Shepherd**

Our Lady, Help of Christians



The feast day of Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800s.

Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau, France.

The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary.

The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on May 24, 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome.

Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May.

The infant Church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. In those early and mostly priestless days, it was largely the Rosary that kept the faith alive.

Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary, and was the first nation to choose her, under the title of Help of Christians, as Principal Patron.

<https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/the-far-east-magazine/archive/2018/the-far-east-may-2018/reflection-our-lady-help-of-christians>

