

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John
His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he
knows everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,

because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.'

I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
- he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the
fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father
that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says
the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;

1 Jn 4:7-10;

Jn 17:11-19.



SAFEGUARDING OUR COMMUNITY.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by
someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese
of Sydney please call the appropriate authorities OR The
Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390
5812 OR **speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support
Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of whom will be
able to provide support and guidance.**



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY:	9.30am Communion Service.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction from 9.40am – 10.15am every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Friday during Exposition and Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS:	Tuesday evening at 7.30pm at the St Therese School Hall.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Simon Apablaza.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

27th / 28th April 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked
wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his
deliverance, alleluia.**

FIRST READING: Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke
to him on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples,
but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he
was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of
him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how
the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his
journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in
the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with
them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of
the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and
argued with them, they became determined to kill him.
When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and
sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria
were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in
the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the
Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 21:26-28. 30-32

**RESPONSE: I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **Response.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

Response.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

Response.

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27 / 28 APRIL 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	J RAPER
READER	JOY PERERA	YVONNE LEUNG	PAUL MCLACHLAN / SCOTT DIMICHIEL
OFFERTORY	WONG FAMILY		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
PROJECTION	VIDURA PERERA		PAUL TREACY
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 4: WONG FAMILY		GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ AND DOMINIC MCLACHLAN.
WELCOMERS	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
MUSICIANS	EVAN GRIFFITH		MARIFEL JACOBS & PAUL TREACY
COUNTERS	GROUP 3: PATRICIA HO FRANCISCA HO BERNADETTE TANG		
ALTAR FLOWERS	JAN KEYSER	APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

4 / 5 MAY 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	A STANTON
READER	VIDURA PERERA / HARINI JAYAMANNE	ELIZABETH WHEELER	REBECCA DEARING
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY
PROJECTION	AMJAD SHEEKA		PAUL TREACY
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: JAMES DEARING & ADAM CALLAGHAN
WELCOMERS	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
MUSICIANS	SHEILA LEE & JOHN KENNY & CHOIR		LOUISE SPENCER / AMPIE CABANGON
COUNTERS	GROUP 4: PAUL TREACY SCOTT DIMICHIEL MAUREEN PEARCE		
ALTAR FLOWERS	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	MAY ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

APOSTLES CREED.
 I believe God, the Father Almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only son Our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried;
 He descended into Hell;
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into Heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
 Almighty;
 from there he will come to judge the living and the
 dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Holy Catholic Church,
 the communion of Saints, forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.
Amen.

GLORIA.
 Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth peace to people of good will.
 We praise you, we bless you,
 we adore you, we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PARISH NOTICES:

Mass intentions Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for our dearly departed:
Joyce Kee.



Mass for the sick.

This was very well attended, and Fr Simon would like to remind everyone that TWO more Masses will be held later in the year, on the **17th July** and the **9th October** at 9am. But please do remember if you are sick or wanting a blessing before going to hospital then please do call Fr Simon to get a blessing.



First Holy Communion at St Therese.

Parent Information Evening on Wednesday the 1st May at 7.30pm in St Therese School learning Centre.

Application forms will be available at the Parent Information Evening.

Candidate & Parent attend Presentation Mass: Candidate with parent(s) should attend Saturday 4th May at 6pm Vigil Mass or Sunday 5th May at 8am or 10am Masses.

Parent & Candidate Sessions of Instruction: Will be held on WEDNESDAY'S the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th May in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL on Saturday 1st June at 3pm in the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be on Sunday the 2nd June at 10am.

So please add all these dates to your diaries.

Finance Committee presentation

The Parish Pastoral Finance Committee will present an update on our parish finances on the weekend of the 11th / 12th May at all Masses. This update will give us all more information regarding our current financial position.



Parish of St Therese Pilgrimage.

A meeting for all pilgrims to attend is scheduled for Thursday the 2nd May in the St Therese School Hall presbytery meeting room at 7.30pm.

Parish Dinner.

The Parish Events Committee is organising a parish dinner on Saturday the 22nd June at 7pm.



Please mark this date in your diaries.

This dinner will be to raise funds to do some painting and to update the confessionals. More details of this evening will be available in the coming weeks.

Project Compassion.

Thank you for your generous support for Project Compassion 2024.

If you still have your project compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week.

OTHER NOTICES.

THE SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE COMMITTEE, OF THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA INVITE YOU TO OUR MAY CELEBRATION in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday May, 13th Honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon. We look forward to you joining us in Prayer. For more details please call 0403-578-994.

TAKE TO THE STREETS – SYDNEY PROCESSIONS: Bring your families, friends, parish, and school communities – walk with us and celebrate our faith in the streets of Sydney! Join the Fatima Rosary Procession on 11 May at 6pm, St Mary's Cathedral. Then come to the Walk with Christ Procession on 2 June, starting at Martin Place.

For more information on both processions, visit: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/events>

SISTERS OF LIFE - SYDNEY TOUR 2024: The Sisters of Life are coming to Sydney this April! University Catholics invites you to come and meet the sisters at any of the many events they will be attending! For more details & to book, visit <https://www.unicatholics.org.au/sisters-of-life-2024-sydney-tour>

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