

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.



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;

Mk 16:15-20.



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.**

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 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)

4th / 5th May 2024

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.

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.

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4 / 5 MAY 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	ROBERT MORFUNI	DAVE D'MELLO	ANTHONY 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	

11 / 12 MAY 2024 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	THOMAS DABBAH	DAVID ELLIS	MARC MORELLI
READER	BARBARA CLARK / MAX O'DONOGHUE	PAUL TREACY	CELINE LAYOUN / MONALISA CORONA
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
PROJECTION	TONI MORFUNI	NIL	NA
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE, CHRISTIAN HILL & EL-AZZI FAMILY		GRP 6: ANNA MIRABILE, GENEVIEVE MCPHIE
WELCOMERS	ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
MUSICIANS	SHEILA LEE & JOHN KENNY & CHOIR		
COUNTERS	GROUP 5: ROBERT WHITE GAYLE WHITE PHILIP PAREKALAM		
ALTAR FLOWERS	NONIE HAHN	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:

Madeleine Maroun Saad, Ayrout family and Yohannan Thomas.



First Holy Communion at St Therese.

At all Masses this weekend we welcome and acknowledge the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion.

Parents, please leave the completed FHC Application Form in the box near the statue of St Therese.

First Holy Communion



Diary dates for FHC program are noted below:

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: Saturday 1st June at 3pm in the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday the 2nd June at 10am.

New Parish Secretary.

We are pleased to announce that Kerry Callaghan will be starting this Tuesday in the role of Parish Secretary. Many of you will already know Kerry but please take the time to welcome her when you get an opportunity. New office hours will begin from Tuesday next week, they are:

Monday to Wednesday: 9am – 1pm
Thursday and Friday: 9am to 5pm

Parish Council Meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th May** at 7pm in the presbytery.



Fr Simon will be away next weekend.

Next weekend 11/12 May we have covered the Masses with priests from St Charles as Fr Simon is having the weekend off.

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.

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal.

Will be held THIS weekend. Please be generous as your donations help support 6 charitable and pastoral missions within the Sydney Archdiocese.

Parish Secretary is retiring.

It is with a degree of sadness and gratitude that I step away from my parish office and relinquish my role of parish secretary after 20 years.

I have loved working here and I hope that over the years I have been able to support those who have needed it.

Upon reflection I'm grateful that all those years ago Fr Thu approached me in the school pickup line to see if I could type, that was my beginning here.

It has been a privilege to work alongside 5 priests, (Fr Thu, Fr John, Fr Glen, Fr Roberto and now Fr Simon) be part of and also support the parish council and treasurer. I have certainly witnessed the Holy Spirit working through them all for our wonderful community.

The next chapter of my life will be filled with excitement where I will enjoy being a grandmother to our 3 grandchildren and will have more time for travel.

As I move forward, I carry with me so many memories from the past 20 years, the relics of St Therese being here for 24 hours, wonderful parish dinners, tough and inspiring times during Covid, Christmas Carols and so much more.

I am deeply thankful for the support from so many of you, your encouragement and prayers that have kept my belief that God's plan is unfolding exactly as it should. Your kindness and generosity have truly reflected God's love and I am forever grateful for the way in which this community has touched my life and that of my family.

Take care & may God continue to bless our wonderful Parish,
Gayle

Attention all Catechists.

A reminder that our Term 2 meeting will be held on Tuesday on the **14th May** in the presbytery, beginning 10.30am. Please bring a small plate of food to share.

Parish of St Therese Pilgrimage.

There is still time to consider joining our "Graces of France and Italy Pilgrimage". Please take a flyer from the front foyer and see if you are interested in joining our group for our faith building pilgrimage.

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.