

Weekend of :	6/7 April 2024	Week 1		
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Sacred Heart	Congregation	Sacred Heart	Congregation
Heralds	Alvin	Bianca	Olivia	Mckenzie
Readers 1st / 2nd	Helen/Evelyn	Lupi / Christopher	Amrita/Philip	Nerissa/Mariaella
Acolytes	Mick G / Victor	Peter	Yuve	Mick M / Surya
Altar Servers	Abed/Sophia/ Immanuel/ Cameron	-	Caitlyn/Bryan	Hannah/Taylor/ Teresa/Mica

Weekend of :	13/14 Apr 2024	Week 2		
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Congregation	Congregation	St Augustine	Congregation
Heralds	Abed	Jasmin/ Madeline	Gabby	Teresa
Readers	Irene/Eaven	Therese / Kaithlyn	Danielle / Caitlyn	Christine/Ruby
Acolytes	Mick G	Peter / Victor	Yuve / Vincent	Mick M / Surya
Altar Servers	Sophia/ Immanuel/ Cameron	Bianca/ Christopher	Bryan/Philip/ Patrick	Hannah/Taylor/ Kioni & Naomi

**Didasko**  
Adult Faith Formation

Christ the Purgative, Illuminative, and Perfective Way: An Introduction to Christology  
By Benjamin Johnson OFMCap  
Mondays 15, 22 and 29 April 2024, 7:30pm - 8:45pm

**Become a Greater Likeness of Christ!**

Join Friar Ben Johnson OFMCap online for a thought-provoking short course, titled 'Christ the Purgative, Illuminative, and Perfective Way: An Introduction to Christology.'

DATES: Mondays 15, 22, and 29 April 2024  
TIME: 7:30pm - 8:45pm  
MODE: Online via Zoom  
COST PER COURSE: \$35 for individuals or \$100 per Parish Group for an in-person gathering (+ booking fees)

To find out more and to register, visit [gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko)

**EASTER TRIDUUM CHOIR FEEDBACK**

**SCAN ME**

Dear Parishioners

Fr Epeli would like your feedback regarding our choirs and Sacred Music. Please scan the QR Code and provide your feedback.

Thank you

**SUNDAY 10AM MASS CHOIR FEEDBACK**

**SCAN ME**

**LET US PRAY FOR:**

**Recently Returned to the Father:** Barbara Cuthbert, Rita Simpson-Hines, Paulette Mi-sola, Annabeth Nismal, Eufrazio E Yango,

**Death Anniversaries:** Grazia Pollifrone, Mary M Fenech, Matthew VD Nguyen, Nicola Iorfino, Stjepan Bursic

**In Loving Memory of:** deceased members of the Keating family, Ivan Stefanac, Philip Ba-Tuoc Lam & deceased members of Lam & Nguyen families, Cong Tro Mai, Joseph CT Nguyen, Rocco & Giuseppina Macri, Mgr Colm Conlon, Adoracion Almazar, Dennis G Reyes, Lou M Da Silva, Maria Tomac, Caterina & Giovanni Luci

**NB: Please let the Parish Office know when circumstances change**

**Sick & Infirm:** Madeleine Mitchell, Adam Irga, Jenny Hennessy, Enriqueta Navarro, Lorenza Talisayon, Annette Pillai, Bernadette Driessen, Joan Simons, Lucy Zivkovic, Madalena Thi Ba Ho, Agnes Hiuni, Michelle Nairn, Mai Huynh, Salim Chu,

**Wedding Anniversary:** Carol & Ley,  
**Thanksgiving/Birthdays:** Christine & Fleming Tran, Christian & Sabrina Brown + family  
**Special Intentions of:** Zeljkovic family

**Weekend Collection Report**  
Weekend 30/31 Mar 2024 (Holy Week)

1st Collection (Pastoral) - \$4684.50 & Easter Offerings (Pastoral) - \$655.00  
2nd Collection (Church) - "Loose" \$3157.00 & Envelopes - \$1357.00  
Good Friday (Holy Land) - \$2291.00

Thank you for your generosity - Fr Epeli -

**PURPOSE Camp**

**SCS STUDENT DISCOUNT**

**Who?** High School Students  
**When?** 23-24 April  
**Cost?** \$150  
**What?** Benedict XVI Retreat Centre  
**Where?** Grose Vale NSW  
**Why?** Mass, Adoration, Confession, Social Time, Games, TALKS  
**Deluxe Venue**

**BOOK HERE!**

**Purpose Camp 2024**

Purpose Camp is back for 2024! The Sydney Catholic Youth team and Youth Leaders across the Sydney Archdiocese are working hard to make this year's high school camp bigger and better!

If you are currently in years 9-12, have the time of your life these upcoming holidays with tons of friends you haven't met yet! There'll be heaps of time for games, activities, talks, discussions, prayer and a chance to grow in your faith. This camp is so big we can only run it once a year, so get on board now or miss out!

**DATE AND TIME:** 9:30am, Monday 22 April - 1:00pm, Wednesday 24 April, 2024

**WHERE:** Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, 347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale NSW 2753.  
**COST:** \$250

To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1179693>

Sydney Catholic School students can receive \$150 off the camp. Only 70 spots are available with the discount, so get in quick! Get the code by asking your REC or YMC at your school, or email us at [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org)

**Emmaus Silent Retreat**

Embark on the sacred journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, where the victorious love of God is revealed through the abiding presence of Jesus. Be renewed in spending time alone with the Lord, and watch as He slowly sets your heart ablaze. This retreat is run by the MGL Sisters and is a retreat for both men and women.

**DATE:** Friday 19th April - Sunday 21st April  
**VENUE:** Varroville NSW

More information and registration at [trybooking.com/CNSXK](http://trybooking.com/CNSXK)

**A Message from the Safeguarding Office - Archdiocese of Sydney**

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**St Joachim's Catholic Parish**

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**WE COME TOGETHER TO ENCOUNTER GOD, WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER JOYFULLY IN ACTIVE SERVICE**

**OFFICE HOURS:** TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY only 09:30am to 03:30pm PLEASE RING or EMAIL the Parish Office for anything ...  
Mass Intentions—drop in the mailbox or collection baskets. Weddings: minimum 6 months notice.  
Baptisms: held only on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. Canberra Nursing Home - 4th Friday @ 11am  
If anyone needs Holy Communion /Home Visits please contact the office to make arrangements.

**Parish Values - Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work & In the way of Mary**

**2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) - Yr B** 7 April 2024

**This Week at St Joachim**

Sun 07/04	8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass (+ Baptisms) 11:30am Sunday School 5:00pm Mass
Mon 08/04	9:00am Mass/Rosary
Tue 09/04	9:00am Mass / Rosary 6:30pm Confirmation Info Nite (hall)
Wed 10/04	6:00pm Adoration /Novena 7:00pm Mass
Thurs 11/04	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Fri 12/04	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Sat 13/04	4:00pm Confessions 5:00pm Vigil Mass

**SILENCE is to be observed at all times (before, during and after Mass) in the church**

**Everyone is welcome to Morning Tea in the Parish Hall after the 10am Mass on Sunday 7th April 2024 followed by Baptism Info Session for parents whose children will be baptised in April 2024.**

**REFLECTION** - Fr Bijoy -

We live in an age marked by a fragility in faith. Yet if we look back just a few generations, they did not suffer the same problems. What has changed? Neither the Gospel nor what the Catholic Church professes has changed.

The major difference affecting faith is our society and the culture around us. Instead of supporting us in belief, the ambient social environment strips faith away. Churches, as communities of faith, have also weakened, becoming more individualistic. Families have also suffered from generations of social policies which have broken them apart at the bidding of individuals. As necessary as individual faith is, it also needs the support of a wider group of believers for it to be strengthened in more difficult times.

Our first reading this week gives us a glimpse into the faith life of the early apostolic Church. "The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul." People helped each other out and no one was ever in want. Individual faith was supported by the wide body of believers who, being part of the Body of Christ, looked out for those members who may be suffering. Does this not stand in stark contrast to our communities of faith today?

In our times, we treat the Church as any other consumer decision we make. We go to Church on a Sunday, do our duty and obligation, and then go back to our normal lives. Our Sunday obligation becomes a way we appease an angry god so that we can live the rest of our lives in peace. We don't invest in our communities, do our hour of prayer, and then leave as soon as possible. This is frankly paganism and has nothing to do with the Christianity expressed in our first reading. We should want to dwell in Church and in the community of love expressed therein!

Over Lent and the Sacred Triduum, we experienced the power of public expressions of faith through our Inter-Parish Cross pilgrimage and our house-to-house Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. The latter, especially, demonstrated how the faith of the community can support the faith of individual houses. It was as if the Catholic village of Lidcombe was activated and witnessing to the power of the crucified Lord. The faith and witness of others can support our faith.

**Holy Baptism**

- Theodora E Chan
- David Deng
- Felix Deng

May they be blessed with the Holy Spirit through the waters of Baptism.

This Easter, will people be able to look at our Catholic community of St Joachim's and see the Risen Lord? Will they be able to say "My Lord and my God" like St Thomas recognising the presence of Jesus Christ in the love between members of the Church? All of us are members of the Risen Body of Christ, the Church. We should be concerned about each other and should invest in the Church community. Will you give of yourself to others in the Church community this Easter?

**Next Newman Group Meeting:**

14th April - Romans 8: Living the life in the Spirit.  
27th April (Sat) - Bushwalk - Please RSVP to [newmangroup@stjoachimparish.org](mailto:newmangroup@stjoachimparish.org)  
12th May - Romans 9-10: Preaching the Gospel  
26th May - The Liturgy and the Trinity

Fr. Bijoy Joseph

**Day of the Unborn Child**

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the Day of the Unborn Child. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb and it is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn.

An initiative of Family Life International, on Sunday, April 14, 2024, there will be a street procession following 10:30 a.m. Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the procession, which will be followed by an address at Parliament House by guest speaker Archbishop Julian Porteous. All are welcome, and invite family and friends as we process for life!

Sydney, Sunday 14 April 2024

