

Weekend of :	16/17 Mar 2024	Week 3		
Ministry	Sat 5 pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Congregation	Congregation	Congregation	Men's Shed choir
Heralds	Callan	Bianca	Valentina	Ryan
Readers	Cris /Immanuel	Mabel/ Christopher	Vera/Raphael	Christine / Ruby
Acolytes	Mick G	Peter/Victor	Yuve / Vincent	Mick M/ Surya
Altar Servers	Abed/Sophia/ Cameron	-	Bryan/Philip/ Caitlyn	Teresa/Hannah/ Taylor

Weekend of :	23/24 Mar 2024	Week 4		
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Children's Choir	Sacred Heart	STJ Multicultural	Sts Joachim & Anne
Heralds	Stella	Jasmine/ Madeline	Rachel	Ryan
Readers	Helen/Hannah	Rhonda/Kaitlyn	Trish/Blake	Theresa/
Acolytes	Mick G/ Victor	Peter	Yuve/Vincent	Mick M/Surya
Altar Servers	Cameron / Immanuel	Bianca/ Christopher	Patrick/Gabby/ Bryan/Caitlin	Teresa/Mica/ Kiomi/Naomi

**FREE - TUESDAY 16/04/24**

### Seminar on Wills

ENDURING GUARDIANSHIP AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY

A FREE seminar as a community service at Regent St Pavilion, Regents Park (part of DOOLEYS). Featuring expert legal advice to answer your questions about Wills & Elder Law topics.

**WHEN:** Sunday 16 April 2024 11.30am - 1.30pm  
**WHERE:** Regent St Pavilion (part of DOOLEYS) 67 Regent St, Regents Park 2143  
**CATERING:** Light refreshments provided.

**REGISTER NOW**

Presented by Cecilia Castle, Principal of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 35 years.

For more information, contact Tony Maricic  
 1800 753 959  
 tony.maricic@sydneycatholic.org

**Tuesday 16 April 2024**

**Free Seminar on Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney in Regent St Pavilion (Dooleys), 67 Regent St., Regents Park.**

Scan to register or call Tony on 1800 753 959 Or email: tony.maricic@sydneycatholic.org

**St Patrick's Day Mass**

Bishop Terry Brady, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus warmly invites you to the celebration of the St Patrick's Feast Day Mass.

**DATE:** Monday, 18th March 2024  
**TIME:** 10:00am  
**VENUE:** St Mary's Cathedral  
**LIVESTREAM:** <https://youtube.com/live/AwKkGIA4vq?feature=share>

**LET US PRAY FOR:**

**Recently Returned to the Father:** Ibrahim Azzam, Rosa Nunez

**Death Anniversary:** Mena Lardizabal, Anthony Livvos, Fr Miho Demovic, Leslie McKeough

**In Loving Memory of:** deceased members of the Keating family, Ivan Stefanac, Philip Ba-Tuoc Lam, Cong Tro Mai, Joseph CT Nguyen, Felix Jr Romero, Rocco & Giuseppina Macri, Sabestiano & Santina Luci, Adoracion Almazar, Dennis G Reyes, Lou M Da Silva, Robert Dona, all souls in purgatory

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

**Sick & Infirm:** Madeleine Mitchell, Adam Irga, Jenny Hennessy, Enriquetta Navarro, Lorenza Talisayon, Annette Pillai, Bernadette Driessen, Rosa Corbo, Sue Joseph, Sue Morris, Michael Joseph, Lucy Zivkovic, Madalena Thi Ba Ho, Agnes Hiuni, Marz Cavestany, Fr Jeff Droessler

**Thanksgiving/Birthdays:** Dondi & Arvin Anolin, Maria Hennessy, Gabriel L T Ching  
 Special Intentions of: Florisa M Anolin, Mateo Quines Tran

**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.

**Weekend Collection Report**  
 Weekend 09/10 Mar 2024

1st Collection (Pastoral) - \$1899.00 &  
 2nd Collection (Church) - "Loose" \$1319.00 &  
 Envelopes - \$1330.00

Thank you for your generosity - Fr Epeli -

**Next Newman Group Meeting:**  
 14th April - Romans 8: Living the life in the Spirit.  
 27th April (Sat) - Bushwalk - Please RSVP to [newmangroup@stjoachimsparish.org](mailto:newmangroup@stjoachimsparish.org)  
 12th May - Romans 9-10: Preaching the Gospel  
 26th May - The Liturgy and the Trinity  
 Fr. Bijoy Joseph



**ST JOACHIM'S PARISH LIDCOMBE**  
 INVITE THE HOMELESS AND THOSE LIVING ALONE TO OUR

## EASTER BRUNCH

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024

TIME: 11:30AM - 1PM  
 WHERE: MON. MEANEY PARISH HALL

*I have risen, and I am with you still*  
 Paula 158 (157).17

**Sacrament of Confirmation - 2 June @ 1pm**

Enrolment closes on 22 March 2024

Enrolment forms are on table in church OR email the parish office at [office@stjoachimsparish.org](mailto:office@stjoachimsparish.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

Sat 16/03	Death anniv - Fr Miho Demovic
Sun 17/03	Death anniv - Robert Dona
Mon 18/03	Philip Ba-Tuoc Lam & all souls
Tues 19/03	Personal Intentions of Visevic family
Wed 20/03	40 days after death of Gil Ilagan
Thurs 21/03	Souls of Mai Cong Tro & Chinh Truc Nguyen
Fri 22/03	Deceased members of Zeljkovic & Demovic families

**The Catholic Weekly (\$2 only)**  
 In this week's edition:

- Sydney parishes take up their Cross for Lent
- Minister for Women "considers" tying hospital funding to abortion (p1)
- Monica Doumit: The big picture on religious freedom (p8-9)
- Archbishop counsels student leaders to avoid polarised politics (p7)

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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**

**5th Sunday of Lent - Yr B 17 March 2024**

**This Week at St Joachim**

Sun 17/03	8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 2:00pm Cross Walk 5:00pm Mass
Mon 18/03	9:00am Mass/Rosary
Tue 19/03	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Wed 20/03	6:00pm Adoration /Novena 7:00pm Mass
Thurs 21/03	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Fri 22/03	9:00am Mass / Rosary 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 23/03	4:00pm Confessions 5:00pm Vigil Mass

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

**REFLECTION** - Fr Bijoy -

*The Royal Banners forward go;  
 The Cross shines forth in mystic glow;  
 Where He in flesh, our flesh Who made,  
 Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.*

*Where deep for us the spear was dy'd,  
 Life's torrent rushing from His side,  
 To wash us in that precious flood  
 Where mingled water flow'd, and blood.*

*Fulfill'd is all that David told  
 In true Prophetic song of old;  
 Amidst the nations God, saith he,  
 Hath reign'd and triumph'd from the tree.*

*O Tree of Beauty! Tree of Light!  
 O Tree with royal purple dight!  
 Elect on whose triumphal breast  
 Those holy limbs should find their rest!*

*On whose dear arms, so widely flung,  
 The weight of this world's ransom hung:  
 The price of human kind to pay,  
 And spoil the Spoiler of his prey.*

*O Cross, our one reliance, hail!  
 This holy Passiontide, avail  
 To give fresh merit to the Saint,  
 And pardon to the penitent.*

*To Thee, Eternal Three in One,  
 Let homage meet by all be done;  
 Whom by the Cross Thou dost restore,  
 Preserve and govern evermore*

The beautiful hymn, *Vexilla Regis Prodeunt*, composed by St Venantius Fortunatus in 569 AD for the procession of a relic of the True Cross to Poitiers, France, demonstrates the glory associated with the Cross: it shines forth in mystic glow.

On the 5th Sunday of Lent, we enter Passiontide, the period where our focus in Lent shifts to a contemplation of Our Lord's Passion and saving mystery. Our readings this week reinforce how glory only comes about through suffering.

The statues and crucifixes start to be veiled in this period and the organ is limited to emphasise how even our senses need to be deprived of their inputs. We experience a poverty now so that when the full glory is revealed, it may strike us with its full force.

Christ himself experiences a poverty. The Son of God has all glory and honour due to him, but dies like a wheat grain so that life can flourish. He deliberately humbles himself so that glory is not only his but also those he saves. God the Father has already glorified the Son but will glorify him again through the Cross.

We have glorified the Cross with our Stations of the Cross procession through Lidcombe and Auburn precisely because of the glory of Jesus. But we will glorify it again in these coming weeks. The Cross is the greatest humiliation that Jesus could experience. Yet, he willingly endures it so that even more glory can come about. What we see is so simple: two pieces of wood joined together. But what is really there is so much greater: O Tree of Beauty! Tree of Light. The Throne of Christ and weapon by which he vanquishes the foe!

**Good Friday 29 March @ 10am**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
 will be done simultaneously in church & around Lidcombe

**GOOD FRIDAY**

HOUSE TO HOUSE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AROUND LIDCOMBE

29 MARCH 2024 10AM

1. ST JOACHIM'S	8. JELICOE STREET
2. JOHN STREET	9. OSBORN STREET
3. MAID STREET	10. LENORE PLACE
4. BOMBAY STREET	11. PRINCESS STREET
5. DELHI STREET	12. SWEET STREET
6. DELHI STREET	13. SHORTLAND STREET
7. PLATFORD STREET	14. SUMNER HOUSE

**Parish to Parish Cross Walk - 17th March @ 2pm**

St John of God, Auburn to St Peter Chanel & St Joseph, Berala

Come and join us

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life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in 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, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

## PREFACE I OR II OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

## COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

## LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 12: 24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### A MATTER OF TIME

In this fifth week of Lent, we approach the crux of our belief. We are drawing near to our journey through Passion Sunday and Holy Week. Jeremiah heralds: "See the days are coming" and Jesus in the Gospel of John proclaims, "Now the hour has come!" These times are both important in their own context yet also mark God's time.

Jeremiah's prophetic words announce God's new covenant with the House of Israel, a covenant which God writes on their hearts that "I will be your God and you will be my people" (Jer 31:33).

As John's passage opens, it is the time of the Passover and some Greeks want to see Jesus. Their seeking of Jesus affirms the words of the Pharisees earlier "the world has gone after him" (John 12:19). The Greeks approach Philip as he has a Greek name, and Philip goes with Andrew, to Jesus. With the Greeks seeking him, Jesus recognises that the gathering has begun, "the world has gone after him," so he announces, "the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (John 12:23). An Amen saying follows: "Very truly (Amen, amen), I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24). In this image of a grain of wheat is firstly the revelatory sense of Jesus' fate, destiny and mission. Secondly it is the way to see the disciples and our own lives and mission.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

17 MARCH 2024

THE HOUR HAS COME. Jesus was greatly troubled as the hour of his suffering and death approached. He was tempted to ask the Father to save him from this hour. But he knew that his death would be a source of new life for all. Today's liturgy invites us to share in Jesus' self-sacrificing love. For ourselves, as for Jesus, the grain of wheat must die in order to produce a rich harvest.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

## GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You open for your people the way from death into life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

## COLLECT

P. By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Jer 31: 31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant

with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. R.

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.

3. Give me again the joy of your help; / with a spirit of fervour sustain me, / that I may teach transgressors your ways / and sinners may return to you. R.

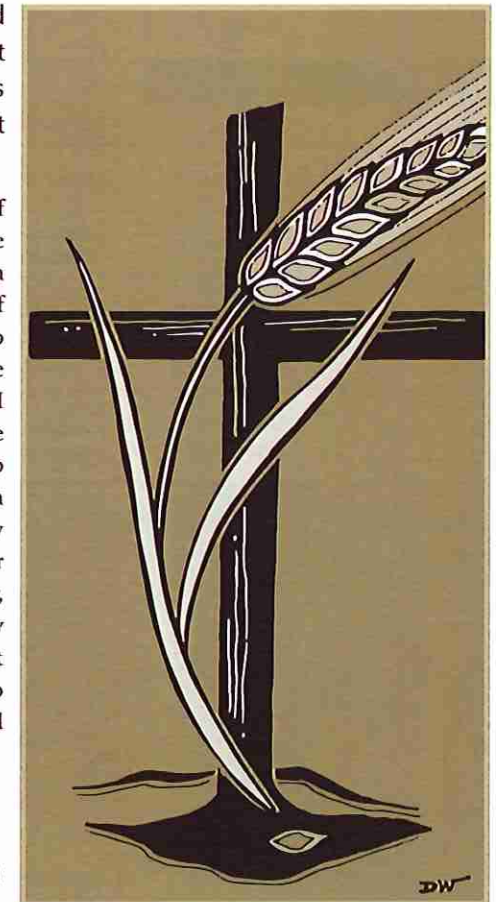
SECOND READING Heb 5: 7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 12: 26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; / and where I am, my servant will also be. / Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## GOSPEL Jn 12: 20-30

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus'. Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal