

Weekend of:	30/31 Mar 2024	Week 5		
Ministry	Sat 7pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	NO MASS
Music Groups	Congregation	Congregation	Congregation	
Heralds		Bianca	Gabby	
Readers 1st / 2nd		Rhonda/Christopher	Noel/Caitlyn	
Acolytes	Mick G	Peter	Yuve / Vincent	
Altar Servers	-	-	Philip/Patrick/Gabby/Bryan	

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

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FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

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**OREMUS**  
Living the Year of Prayer 2024

Our Holy Father has asked the entire Church to dedicate 2024 as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee, 'in order to foster a renewed ardour for evangelisation'.

Join us online for a 3-week short course in which we will consider practical approaches to prayer as the font of renewal and mission in our parishes.

**DATES:** Thursdays 4 April, 18 April, 2 May, 2024  
**TIME:** 7:30 – 8:45 pm

For more info and to register, go to [gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)

**LET US PRAY FOR:**

**Recently Returned to the Father:** Barbara Cuthbert, Rita Simson-Hines, Paulette Misola, Annabeth Nismal

**Death Anniversary:** Matthew VD Nguyen, Pamela Arce, Frisca Bautista, Nicola Iorfino, Stjepan Bursic, Mena Lardizabal

**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, Adoracion Almazar, Dennis G Reyes, Lou M Da Silva, Robert, Mathilda, Ralph, Milton & Leslie Hewett, Melville, Lucy, Trevor & Frank Rodrigues, Ivan Rendulic & Joseph Jurcic, 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, Joan Simons, Lucy Zivkovic, Madalena Thi Ba Ho, Agnes Hiuni, Michelle Nairn, Mai Huynh

**Thanksgiving/Birthdays:** Christine & Fleming Tran  
**Special Intentions of:** Florisa M Anolin, Zeljkovic family

**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 23/24 Mar 2024

1st Collection (Pastoral) - \$2810.00 &  
2nd Collection (Church) - "Loose" \$2075.00 &  
Envelopes - \$905.00

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

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
HELP CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. It is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

**Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday 2024. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

**PLEASE USE ENVELOPES PROVIDED.**

**Reminder:**

Daylight Saving ends on 7th April at 3am when you turn your clock back one hour to 2am

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

- Archbishop Fisher's Easter Message: Share God's love with those needing forgiveness p3
- Easter 2024: Meet Sydney's newest Catholics p2,
- Peace comes from carrying the Cross p12-13
- Conversion therapy bill passes NSW parliament p4
- Schools at risk from Australian Law Reform Commission report p5

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

Sat 30/03	deceased members of Hewett & Rodrigues families + Ivan Rendulic & Joseph Jurcic
Sun 31/03	Soul of Madeleine Nguyen
Mon 01/04	Death anniv—Pamela Arce
Tues 02/04	Deceased members of Lam & Nguyen families
Wed 03/04	Soul of Matthew V D Nguyen
Thurs 04/04	Souls of Mai Cong Tro & Chinh Truc Nguyen
Fri 05/04	Intentions of Zeljkovic family

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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**

**Easter Sunday - Yr B** 31 March 2024

**This Week at St Joachim**

Sun 31/03	8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 5:00pm NO Mass
Mon 01/04	9:00am Mass/Rosary
Tue 02/04	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Wed 03/04	6:00pm Adoration /Novena 7:00pm Mass
Thurs 04/04	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Fri 05/04	9:00am Mass / Rosary 1:00pm Funeral - Rita S Hines 7:00pm 1st Friday Mass + VOCARE
Sat 06/04	9:00am Mass + Anointing of the sick 11:00am NUSPAS 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 Epeli -

The Church in Sri Lanka will soon begin the canonisation process of the parishioners who were killed in the bombing of two catholic churches during Easter Sunday Mass in 2019. 56 died at the Shrine of St Anthony's and 114 were killed at St Sebastian's Church. I had the privilege to visit one of these churches last year. The Shrine of St Anthony is a place where people of all faiths would visit and ask for a blessing. It is said that St Anthony has granted many miracles in the lives of those who go to pray there.

I met one the of the priests who care for that holy place and he showed me around the church. He led me to the corner of the church building where the bomb exploded. Because of the crowd that Easter morning the attacker could not go further into the congregation and so the bomb exploded where he was stuck in the crowd. Near that area the marks of the blast are still evident on the fabric of the building. Blast holes on the walls and floor remind pilgrims of the horror of that Easter Sunday morning.

The most inspiring dimension of this story of terror is what the priests and the faithful there have done to remember the innocent ordinary people that were killed there. In reconstructing the damaged building, the Pastors of the Shrine commissioned a Memorial Chapel to be constructed on the spot where the bomb exploded. The bomb exploded in an external section of the building and so they constructed a chapel like room with an open doorway. On the wall is the list of all the names of the people that were killed there.

I stood there with my priest-guide and I went through the names of the martyrs. I felt I was standing in a place sanctified by the blood of the faithful who were massacred while they professed their faith in public at Sunday Mass. The priest asked me whether I noticed anything peculiar on the list of names. I looked carefully and I identified that the name listed as number 37 was different from all the others. This was the name of the suicide bomber. I asked why his name was there. "We decided to add his name too so that when the people come to pray for our parishioners who died here, they pray for him too," said the priest to me.

When Jesus died on the Cross for us, he reconciled us to the Father. The gates of heaven were opened, and mercy and grace poured from his wounded side. Just as Jesus reconciled us to the Father, so too we Christians are impelled by our baptism calling to be instruments and agents of forgiveness and peace. To forgive those who persecute us is not easy. Forgiveness is a character of the people of the resurrection and Alleluia is our song!

May this Easter spark in us new zeal and renewed commitment to live our calling and witness to the Risen Lord not just by what we say, but by what we do 'to the least of his brethren (Matthew 25:40).'

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.

**We joyfully welcome into the Catholic Church**

- Naomi Gan
- Rebecca Gan
- Jacob Gan
- Trevor Hofer

Guided by the Holy Spirit, may they be authentic witnesses of the Risen Lord

**Holy Baptism**  
Tu'utanga-Hunuhunu Bernadette Sevele  
May she be blessed with the Holy Spirit through the waters of Baptism.

**HE IS RISEN**

Fr Epeli, Fr Bijoy, Fr Daniele, Justin and all staff at St Joachim's Parish wish you all a happy and glorious Easter.



It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*Replaces the Profession of Faith.*

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

P. Do you renounce Satan?

**All: I do.**

P. And all his works?

**All: I do.**

P. And all his empty show?

**All: I do.**

P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**All: I do.**

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**All: I do.**

P. Do you 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?

**All: I do.**

P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

**All: 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. Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. 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 OF EASTER

*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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

## COMMUNION RITE

### 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 1 Cor 5: 7-8

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; / therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread / of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your Church, O God, with unending love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia!

**R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

## THE EASTER VIGIL



### I. THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL

Preparation and Lighting of the Candle  
Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*)

### II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** Genesis 1:1-2:2  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** from Ps 103

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, / and renew the face of the earth.**

**SECOND READING** Genesis 22:1-18  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** from Ps 15

**R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

**THIRD READING** Exodus 14:15-15:1  
**CANTICLE** From Ex 15

**R. Let us sing to the Lord; / he has covered himself in glory.**

**FOURTH READING** Isaiah 54:5-14  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** From Ps 29

**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

**FIFTH READING** Isaiah 55:1-11  
**CANTICLE** From Isa 12

**R. You will draw water joyfully / from the springs of salvation.**

**SIXTH READING** Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** From Ps 18

**R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

**SEVENTH READING** Ezekiel 36:16-28  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** From Ps 41

**R. Like a deer that longs for running streams, / my soul longs for you, my God.**

**EPISTLE** Romans 6:3-11  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 117

**R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** Mark 16:1-7

### III. BAPTISMAL LITURGY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES  
(see far left column)

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

EASTER SUNDAY / B

31 MARCH 2024

CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

## DAY MASS

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6  
**I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.**

### GREETING

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

**R. Amen.**

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You are the firstborn of all creation: Christ have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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.**

### 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.**

### COLLECT

P. O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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** Acts 10: 34, 37-43

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R. v. 24

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (or Alleluia)**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; / his right hand raised me up. / I shall not die, I shall live / and recount his deeds. **R.**



3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the corner stone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Col 3: 1-4  
**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

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### SEQUENCE

*The sequence may be said or sung.*

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! / Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ's glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting, / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 1 Cor 5: 7-8  
**Alleluia, alleluia! / Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; / let us feast with joy in the Lord. / Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Jn 20: 1-9

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.**

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*