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## The Mass – “Do this in memory of me”

In 2005 Pope Benedict XVI underlined how participation at Sunday Mass must be seen by a Catholic not as an imposition or a weight, but as a need and joy. To meet with brothers and sisters, to listen to the Word of God and to be nourished of Christ, immolated for us, is an experience that gives meaning to life, which infuses peace in the heart. Without Mass, we Catholics cannot live. The celebration of the Mass replenishes our memory of Jesus enabling us to recognize him on life's journey - like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). The Eucharist, therefore, gives true and full meaning to our lives.

## Celebrating Fatima

Please join us in celebrating this significant event the 100 year anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima. Taking place on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Cathedral, commencing at 11.30 with Rosary and prayers. Mass will follow at 12.10. We are blessed to have his Excellency Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, as Principal Celebrant and our Spiritual Director Fr. Peter Joseph will concelebrate.

## St Brendan's Parish, Friendship Club:

Pilgrimage to Penrose Park on the 100 years Anniversary for the **Feast of Our Lady of Fatima** - 13th May, 2017. Cost is \$40 and includes Morning Tea & Picnic Lunch. Bus will depart from St Brendan's at 8.30am. Schedule includes: Stop for Morning Tea at Alexandra Lake, Mittagong. 11am Mass followed by a picnic lunch; 1.30pm Procession to Grotto followed by Devotions; 3pm Return journey home. To book, please contact Venero or Catina on 9707 1403.

## Christianity across the Ages

A Journey of Faith through the Evolution of Christian liturgy and its Music. This is a presentation of amazingly unique slides combined with related story-telling by Marie Therese Levey rsj - music teacher, author, specialist in medieval plainchant, collector of digital copies of manuscripts from across the centuries. Where: St Joseph's Regional Centre 5 Alexandra Ave, Croydon 2132  
 When: 9am-12midday Friday June 2 Entry by voluntary donation  
 Bookings essential: RSVP by May 26 Email [marie.levey@sosj.org.au](mailto:marie.levey@sosj.org.au)

## 2017 Paschal Eucharist Mass

Sunday 21st May at St Mary's Cathedral commencing at 10.30am. A Celebration Mass for all those who have recently become Catholic. Refreshments will follow the Mass along with the presentation of our new Catholics. For presentation & Catering purposes please RSVP to Christina at [christina.hodal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:christina.hodal@sydneycatholic.org) or Let Fr Dominic know by Tuesday 9th May. (See flyer on noticeboard)

## Wedding Congratulations

*Giuseppe De Nuntiis & Analia Bonasso*

are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



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Mass times: Saturday 6pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am, 10am (Children's Liturgy), 6pm, 12noon (Polish).

Vietnamese Mass: 7 pm 1st Thurs of each month. **Saturday Morning Benediction - 7.00am.**

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm. Or by appointment Rosary: Saturday 8.25am

**This week - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am.**

**Wednesday - 7.00pm Young Adults Bible Study in Meeting Room, 8.00pm Benediction.**

**BAPTISMS:** Baptism preparations are held on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10am mass in the presbytery. Baptisms by appointment.

**MARRIAGES:** Please contact priest at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

**SICK CALLS:** Anytime. If you know of anyone who needs anointing please ring the presbytery.



# 3rd Sunday of Easter - A - 30 April 2017





## Easter-A time to listen

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six year old daughter and said, “*Would you like to say the blessing?*” “*I wouldn’t know what to say,*” the girl replied. “*Just say what you hear Mummy say,*” the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, “*Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?*”

Listening requires a great skill. It is not only repeating what we hear but understanding the message which one tries to communicate. On the other hand we feel affirming when we are being heard. It gives us a sense of who we are. There is nothing more painful than not being heard, not being understood, especially when we are trying to express our deep feelings or hurts or needs. Just imagine that you say to a friend, “*I’m going to the hospital to get the results of my tests. The doctor thinks I may have cancer.*” And your friend replies, “*I’m going to shop to buy some cigarettes.*”

In the Gospel today we read that the two disciples of Jesus were leaving Jerusalem. They were dejected, distraught, discouraged and disillusioned with broken dreams. They were trying to make sense of the shocking events that took place in Jerusalem. Everything they hoped for has come to a terrible end. While being so depressed, they meet a stranger who begins to ask them questions and willing to listen to their grieving. In the course of the conversation, the stranger talks about the prophecies concerning a suffering Messiah. His words put fire in their hearts. They do not want him to leave. The stranger fulfils their desire in a remarkable way. He takes bread, blesses it and breaks it. Then they recognised him. Christ has indeed risen. The story of dejection becomes a story of hope. It was only when Jesus had listened to them that they could hear him speak.

The Emmaus story is a model for our lives. It is a model of listening in which we have to be trained. We need to be able to listen to another without distraction, without judgement or condemnation, without worrying about what our response will be, without being defensive, without intrusion by our egos and our personal agendas, trusting that the Lord will give us the appropriate response when it is needed.

Let us pray that we will be more present to ourselves, to others and to God, and more available to be God’s instruments.

### The Catechism of the Catholic Church

1346-1347 The Liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharistic together form „one single act of worship”, the Eucharistic table set for us is the table both of the Word of God and the Body of the Lord. Is this not the same movement as the Paschal meal of the risen Jesus with his disciples? Walking with them he explained the scriptures to them; sitting with them at the table „he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.”

This week’s Readings - Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1Peter 1:17-21; Gospel - Luke 24:13-35

### First Holy Communion Registrations

First Holy Communion for candidates in Year 4 and above will be celebrated this year during the weekend Masses of 18th & 25 June. If you would like your child to celebrate this Sacrament this year please complete a registration form which can be found in the Church foyer. The first compulsory Parents Meeting will be held in St Felix Hall on Tuesday 9th May. Please ensure all registrations are returned to the Parish Office before the first meeting.

### Friendly get-together

Come and join a group of people to spend the day together this Thursday 4th May, in the Presbytery from 10.30am everyone is welcome, children included. Bring along your own lunch and your sense of humour. If you need transport or for more info contact Bev Lamaro on 0409 710 703.

### Offertory

We would like to have more families involved with our liturgy by taking up the offertory during the 10 am Mass on Sundays. If you would like to be involved please write your name on the list at the back of the Church.

### Praying with the Psalm

On Saturday 6th May at 9.00am in the Church, Lasalle Br John who is a scripture scholar will give a talk on praying with the Psalm. All welcome.

**Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased:** Carole Cooper; Margaret Freebairn (*sister of Bev Lamaro*);



Joseph Nguyen Van Hung.

**Anniversary:** Josephine Yott; Joseph Hoang Van Lien; Vincent Nguyen Van Nhu; Charles Nuner; Domenico Ferraro; Giuse Tran Duc Van; Maria Madalena Le Thi Hue; Joseph Nguyen Trong An; Paul Do Huu Phuong.

**Deceased:** Zwain & Salam Chadrawy; Gergis, Marie & Fannie Chadrawy; Pauline Chadrawy & husband; Daniel & Rashide Chadrawy; Hanna Chadrawy; Merchad & Emila Maklouf; Anthony, John & Joseph Maklouf; Antoinette & Eva Maklouf; Joseph Mowad & Charles Paul; Mary Chadrawy; Mary Nuner; Carmen Nuner; Jes Nuner; Nunzo Lamare; Anthony John Muscat; Josett Mifsud

**Sick:** Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Kim Do; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Gerard Go; Theresa Tinh Thi Doan; Christine Formosa; Maria Tuu Nguyen; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; Tim Logue; Jeanette Chong; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Vaoliko Pesamino, Ethan Chau.

### Next Weekend - 4th Sunday of Easter - Year A

Readings: Acts : 2:14, 36-41; 1Peter 2:20-25; Gospel - John 10:1-10.

### Feasts of the Week

#### 2 May - St Athanasius, bishop, doctor. Memorial.

Born in 295. Buried on this day in 373 at Alexandria (Egypt). Attended the first ecumenical council of Nicaea as a deacon. Later, as bishop of Alexandria, he upheld that council's doctrine in the face of great opposition from Arians, including several emperors. Sent into exile a number of times. Venerated as the "Father of Orthodoxy" for championing the true and equal divinity of the incarnate Son of God.

#### 3 May - Sts Philip & James, apostles. Feast.

Philip, from Bethsaida in Galilee, became a disciple of Jesus and one of the twelve. Recorded in the Fourth Gospel as recognising in Jesus the one foretold by Moses and the prophets (John 1:45) and as introducing Gentiles to the Lord (John 12:20-22). According to Acts 8:5, he was the first to preach the gospel to non-Jews. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve called by Jesus (Mark 3:18ff). Known as James the Less. Venerated traditionally as the author of the letter of James and as leader of the Church in Jerusalem, where he died in the year 62. The joint feast of Philip and James has been celebrated in Rome since at least the sixth century.

### Readers & Ministers Roster

The new Roster for Readers & Ministers is now available in the Sacristy & on our website.

**Altar Society: 7/5/17 Group 1:** Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Nice Collins, Lydia Leslie, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

**St Vincent de Paul:** 7/5/17 D Rodrigues 14/5/17 John Ashe

**Church Cleaners:** 5/5/17: Polish group **Children’s Liturgy:** 7th May - Ligaya

**Weekend Choir:** Saturday 6pm - St Anne’s Choir  
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God Sun 10am - St Felix Choir

### Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	30 APRIL 8am	10am	6pm
C	Emmanuel Icard	Mary Buckley	Tu Ha Kim	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Mary O’Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Joseph Bui	An Dang	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Jessie Kovacevic	Phu Nguyen

### 7 MAY

C	Stephen Hoang	Janice Rodrigues	Jennifer Nguyen	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Patrick Abourizk	Jeanette Rodrigues	Emanuela Viner	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Maria Huong	Rosa House	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Loreto Eduardo