

## GOSPEL: John 13:1, 31-35

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Before the festival of the Passover; Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During the supper; when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. "Little children, I am with you only a little longer. I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Saints this week:

#### 20 May — St Bernadine of Siena, Priest, Optional Memorial

Born in Tuscany (Italy) in 1380. Died at Aquila on this day in 1444. A Franciscan priest, theologian, reformer, and a popular preacher throughout Italy. Remembered as a preacher, as a promoter of devotion to the Name of Jesus (see 3 January), and for his efforts toward reunion of the Eastern and Western Churches at the Council of Florence.

#### 21 May — St Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and companions, Martyrs, Optional Memorial

Born in 1869. Died on 25 May 1927 at Colotitlan (Mexico). Parish priest, Christobal Magallanes, founder of a clandestine seminary at Totatiche, is commemorated with 21 other diocesan priests and three laymen. Martyred in Mexico, mostly in 1926-1928, during a fierce religious persecution which outlawed the celebration of the sacraments. Remembered for their courageous faith, for forgiving their executioners, and for their final cry, Viva Christo Rey!

#### 22 May— St Rita of Cascia, Religious, Optional Memorial

Born in 1381 at Rocca Porena (Italy). Died on this day in 1457 at Cascia. Obedient to the will of elderly parents, she accepted an abusive husband and remained faithful for eighteen years until his violent death. When her two sons died soon after, she became an Augustinian nun. Remembered for her life of penance and her suffering in union with Christ crucified.

#### 24 May— OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS, PATRON OF AUSTRALIA, SOLEMNITY

The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. In thanksgiving for the release of Pope Pius VII from captivity in 1814, the feast was established the following year on the anniversary of his restoration. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

#### 25 May— St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Optional Memorial

Born at Wearmouth (England) in 673. Died at Jarrow on this day in 735. A monk, historian of the early English Church, and master of the Scriptures and of the teachings of the Church Fathers. Known for his scholarly writings. Venerated as the "light of the Church" in the period called the Dark Ages and as a forerunner of the eighth and ninth century renaissance of the Western Church.

### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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.

**Catechist & Friendship Group:** Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Line Collet 0410 568 103;

**Youth :** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993 ;

**St Vincent de Paul:** Diago Rodrigues 0439643859; **Bankstown Josephite Associates:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;

**Children's Liturgy:** Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;

**Sacramental co-ordinator:** Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; **Safeguarding Officer:** Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933;

**Polish Priests:** 8783 0533; **De La Salle Brothers:** 9708 2692;

**St. Felix Primary School:** 9796 7875 Frances Bonanno - Principal;

**LaSalle Catholic College:** 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;

**Archdiocesan Website:** [www.sydney.catholic.org.au](http://www.sydney.catholic.org.au)



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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 6pm (Vigil),

**Sunday:** 8am,  
10am (Children's Liturgy),  
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

### THIS WEEK'S MASSES

**Tuesday - 8.00am**

**Wednesday - 8.00am**

**Thursday - 9.00am**

**Friday - 8.00am**

**Saturday - 8.00am**

### Nursing Home Masses

**Bupa Yagoona—Tues 21/5—  
10.30am**

### Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

### DEVOTIONS

**Benediction:** Saturday 7.00am.

**Rosary:** Saturday 8.25am.

### Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

### SACRAMENTS

#### Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

**Marriages:** By arrangement with  
at least 6 months notice.

**Care for the Sick:** Any time.  
Please call the Presbytery.

**Baptisms:** Preparation classes are  
held in the Presbytery on the  
1st Sunday of each month



*Little children, I am with you only a little longer.  
I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.  
John 13:33-34*

### Responsorial Psalm

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia!**

**Comm Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the  
branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in  
him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

**This weeks readings -** Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5;  
John 13:1,31-35

**Next Weekend:** 6th Sun of Easter - Year C. **Readings:** Acts  
15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

# 5th Sunday of Easter - Yr C - 19 May 2019

## Mother's Day Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the Mother's Day raffle which was drawn on Sunday 12th May after the 10am Mass. First Prize: Ticket F.50 (grey). Second Prize: Ticket J.38 (Apricot). The prizes can be collected from the presbytery.

## Scholarship at the Cathedral

Today, Catholic educational institutions are faced with the challenge of undertaking their mission within a pluralistic society whilst still genuinely reflecting Catholic faith and values. To what extent should the content of curriculum, policies and staff formation be influenced by the Catholic Intellectual Tradition? Please join us as Moral Philosopher Prof Sandra Lynch from the University of Notre Dame delivers her lecture "Mission Impossible? Education & Formation in a Pluralistic Society" at 6:30pm, Thursday 23 May 2019 in the Crypt of St Mary's Cathedral. Refreshments will be provided. Scholarship at the Cathedral is an initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese in partnership with The Institute for Ethics and Society of The University of Notre Dame Australia. Please register your attendance at: <https://www.satcathedral.org/>

## Mass Intentions:

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Saide El Sissi, Frank Lander, Edna Lander, Filimino Tuimaoe, Sosefina Tuimaoe, Tony Carta, Steve Nuner

**Deceased:** Angelo and Maria Famularo, Carmela and Rocco Alati, Matthew Chu Van Tuynh, Phaolo Le Vam Tuong, Matthew Chu Van Minh, Phaolo Le Vam Dan, Doris Muscat, Joseti Muscat, Carmen Mifsud, Maria Nuner, Charlie Nuner, Bradley Fenech, Carmen Nuner, Jesmond Nuner.

**Sick:** Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Rukmani Krishnan; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Portia Mariano; Brian Dimmock; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Linda Yusnanda; Diana Emilie Perez (*daughter of Rosa House*)

## Weekly Rosters

**Altar Society: 26/5/19 Group 4:** Denice Severi, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (*Florist*)

**St Vincent de Paul: 26/5/19** Andrew Nguyen **2/6/19** Andrew Nguyen

**Church Cleaners: 24/5/19:** Mai Hai **Children's Liturgy: 26th May –** Donna

**Weekend Choirs: 26/5 Saturday 6pm -** Samoan Divine Mercy Group Choir  
**Sunday 8am -** Singing Servants of God **Sunday 10am -** St Felix's Choir. **6pm -** St Mary Mackillop

### Readers & Ministers

|               | Sat 6pm          | 19 MAY           | 8am                | 10am               | 6pm |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----|
| C             | Gloria Booby     | Joseph Dang      | Thu Ha Kim         | Kathleen Mezentsef |     |
| R             | Kalisiana Mar    | Imelda Dela Cruz | Mary O'Hea         | Lucia Mezentsef    |     |
| A             | Joseph Bui (A)   | An Dang (A)      | Anthony Joseph (A) | Thanh Vu (A)       |     |
| M             | Emmanuel Icard   | Mesake Mar       | Ala Pesamino       | Amelia Mezentsef   |     |
| M             | Judy Jones       | Robyn Molloy     | Joe Luongo         | Loreto Eduardo     |     |
| <b>26 MAY</b> |                  |                  |                    |                    |     |
| C             | Gabrielle Nguyen | Mary Buckley     | Henrietta Owusu    | Charbel Eltarraf   |     |
| R             | Emmanuel Icard   | Maxwell Asuzu    | Emanuela Viner     | Anthony Eltarraf   |     |
| A             | Tuyen Tran (A)   | An Dang (A)      | Thong Tran (A)     | Thanh Vu (A)       |     |
| M             | Gloria Booby     | Thao Nguyen      | Gordon West        | Phu Nguyen         |     |
| M             | Cindy Hoang      | Melanie Campisi  | Helen Vujevic      | Jacinta Eltarraf   |     |

Reflection

## Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment

Is love the first word your family members use to describe their interactions? Love is difficult. Jesus' sacrifice for us is an example of this. Yet because of love, the glory of God is fully revealed in Jesus. God's glory is revealed in us when we act as the Body of Christ, as individuals and as a community. In the love we have for one another—difficult, challenging, sacrificial love—we find Jesus.

Choose one or two occasions when your family was together during the week. Describe the family's interactions from an outsider's perspective. When is it less difficult to show love to family members? When is it more difficult? When love is difficult, what do we do? Jesus didn't just tell us to love one another. He showed us how to love one another. In what ways did Jesus show us how to love? (in his acts of healing and forgiving; at the Last Supper as he washed his disciples' feet; in the gift of the Eucharist; through his death on the Cross)

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## Positions Vacant

Parish Secretary, St Catherine Labouré Parish Gympie. Part-time position, approximately 4 days (30 hours) per week. Hours/days negotiable. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close 27 May 2019.

## Aquinas Symposium 2019

The Dominican friars of Sydney invite you to explore the wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas during a day symposium to be held at Notre Dame University and St. Benedict's Church, Broadway on Sunday May 26th (10.30am-4pm). It will commence with 10.30am Mass at St. Benedict's followed by three presentations on the life and work of St. Thomas. The day will also include lunch and an interactive trivia competition. The cost is by donation though RSVP is required by Monday May 20th: [aquinasevents@gmail.com](mailto:aquinasevents@gmail.com).

## Prepare to reach beyond...Palms Australia.

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family! Come for Global Mission Info: Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am. Aquinas Academy 141 Harrington Street, The Rocks, SYDNEY. [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

## The Bishop's Blend

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on Monday, 27 May 2019 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendeighthedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at [bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org)

## In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Pilgrimage.** The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019. Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp.

For a brochure, application form or further information please email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on (02) 8912 4818.