

Roster for THIS WEEKEND 6-7 April 2024

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 9:15am	Sunday 6:00pm
ACOLYTE:	Therese GARATY	Goody MAQUINAD	Jo FITZPATRICK
ALTAR SERVER:	Alex & Leo MAGIN	Joline EL HANI Tristan GABRIEL Thomas CAMPBELL	Ben & Amelie ORTON
READER:	Liesel CHEAH	Pat MACKS	John FITZPATRICK
COMMENTATOR:	Sharon MORAN	Deb CUMMINS	Julia GOFF
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:	Connie ALIFANO Yvonne HANCOCK	Anna AMENDOLIA Maureen BURGESS	Lauren KOSZEK Jennifer ORTON
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Tonya SCULLY Therese PURCELL	
WELCOMING	Rebecca AGNEW Daniel MAGIN	Anna AMENDOLIA Maureen BURGESS	Lauren KOSZEK Pat PFOEFFER
MUSIC:	Cathy DALBY'S Group	OLF Youth Choir	Otto WIDJAJA's Group
PROJECTIONIST:	Samantha ZENERE	Olivia MIKS	Sandra GREEN
COUNTERS GRP E:	D.Cummins, A.& G.Brady, D.Craven, B.Sheehan, N.Sprague		
ALTAR SOCIETY:	Frances Greene, Helen Linnegar, Vicki Elvins		

Roster for NEXT WEEKEND 13-14 April 2024

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 9:15am	Sunday 6:00pm
ACOLYTE:	Noelene HAMMOND	Raymond ESTIGOY	Sandra GREEN
ALTAR SERVER:		Matilda DONNELLY Charlotte WILLIAMS	
READER:	Andrew KENNEDY	Kelvin SIMON	Jane/Michael GLEESON
COMMENTATOR:	Judith KENNEDY	Lydia PAINO	Jeanette MORETON
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:	John KENNEDY Vicki McINTOSH	Emilia PAINO Fran SIMON	Aaron WALSH Gina WHILEY
CHILDREN'S LITURGY			
WELCOMING	Helen & John PUCKERIDGE	Angela BRADY Florence BONANNO	Gina WHILEY Lenny ARIEF
MUSIC:	Annette ROBERTSON/ Bob SAWSZAK	Susie PAINO Ravilya SEDLAR Raymond ESTIGOY	SAMOAN Family Choir
PROJECTIONIST:	Liesel CHEAH	Peter BRIGGS	
COUNTERS GRP A:	J.Goff, M.Donlevy, F.Haddon, K.Kennedy, P.Macks, S.Miks		
ALTAR SOCIETY:	Frances Greene, Helen Linnegar, Vicki Elvins		



The Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the alcove. Please ask the commentator to call for a CPR-qualified responder to help with the machine. A First Aid kit and Bodily Fluids kit are also in the alcove.

A message from the 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 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or (02) 9390 5810. 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.



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Office hours:

Wednesday-Friday 9am-5pm

Mass Times & Sacraments

SUNDAY

5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)
9:15am & 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY

9:30am Mass* (Rosary at 9am)

FRIDAY

9:30am Mass (Rosary at 9am)

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES & FUNERALS

Please contact the Parish Office for details
ANOINTINGS
Any time day 9533 2594 or night 9580 1310
In an EMERGENCY, please ring 9580 1310 opt 2

RECONCILIATION

First Friday of the month at 10-10:30am,
every Friday at 7-8:30pm
or by appointment

MASS TIMES AT ST DECLAN'S PENSURST

Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:45am Tue*, Thu: 9:15am
Sat: 8am, 6pm (Vigil)
Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am, 6pm

MASS TIMES AT ST JOSEPH'S OATLEY

Tue*, Thu: 12pm
Sat: 5pm (Vigil) Sun: 8am, 10am

*Communion Service only

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) Year B — 7 April 2024

Thomas the Doubter seeing the wounds

There is something attractive about Thomas the Doubter – something about his obstinate integrity. He did not too readily accept the other disciples' report that they had seen the Risen Lord.

What is more attractive is that the other disciples – now the 'true believers' – did not expel Thomas for his doubting but kept him within their circle. Perhaps a lesson there for the church not to too quickly raise the barriers excluding those struggling with belief in the Christian faith or some aspect of it.

Doubt and questioning are a proper part of being human. It is how we mature and make progress in the faith, as much as in other areas of life.

Our parish must always be a place where the questioning person never feels excluded. We should keep Thomas the Doubter in mind. He went on to become a great missionary, greatly revered in India.

But the special attraction of this gospel story for Thomas and therefore for us, lay in what he saw.

He was granted the special gift of seeing the risen Lord bearing the wounds of his crucifixion. I believe the seeing of the risen body of Jesus bearing those wounds told Thomas something vital about his own destiny.

Do you want to spend eternity as the clone of some saintly model? I don't. I want to be me – identifiably me. I don't want to be drained of all the effects of my time on earth, even the ones which have wounded me, because they have made me who I am. I don't want to be bleached of all colour.

I think that is what Thomas realised: that he would retain his identity in the next life, even bearing the wounds of his life, *but wounds transformed*.

What sort of wounds?

I am not talking about self-inflicted wounds which disfigure our souls, which we call sin. We pray that they will be purged away in the confrontation with the intense flame of Divine Love.

I am talking about the 'battle wounds' unjustly or unfairly inflicted by others or just by the vagaries and chances of life:

the sense of desolation when abandoned by a member of the family or a friend;

the hurt maliciously inflicted, maybe physical, maybe an attack on one's good character;

a great capacity to love or be loved unfulfilled;

the death of someone we love dearly, the void, the heartache;

the chronic physical or mental illness which saps our strength.

These leave their mark imprinted on our character. These are the wounds that shape our lives. They make us who we are at the moment of death. I am, you are, the wounded person whom God loves without reserve at that moment.

What Thomas saw was that *those* sorts of wounds will be transformed, transfigured.

We will be liberated from their evil effects, from their disabling effects on our personality, from their crippling effects in many dimensions.

How?

Our Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own, now transfigured in divine glory!

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Remembering those who have gone before us...

RECENTLY DECEASED: Silvio Tarlotta, Simon Cantos

ALSO: Dolores Carreon, Paul Sidari,

Patricia Ludlam, Lynette Ludlam, Thomas & Doris Ludlam, Peter & Mary Maher, John Maher, Marcia Howard, Jill Wells, Luciano Bertin, Maria & Luigi Dolce, Settimo & Rina Bertin, Gwen Benson

Praying for healing... ...praying for peace

Peter & Helen Cozzi, David Millard, Julie McKeon, Anne Speekman, Nelly Eco, Wilfredo Galvez, Margie Predich, Janet O'Donnell, Fay Paterson, Shaylene Tcherkezian, Barbara & Malcolm Hunter, Meghan Keil, David Cranney, Bernadette Maquinad, Lynne Lapham, Peter Roncevich, Anne Burns, Judy Eldridge, Yvonne Witts, Jacqueline Cummins, Kayleen Johnson, Daryl Millard, Robert Gillett, Margaret Ritchie, Harrison McLachlan, Bridgette Boldt, Grant Molloy, Melina Illaqua, Ann Eddy, Yvonne Jarick, John McGibbon, Grace Iacoviello, Peter Blacklock, Amelia Jenkins, Laurie Stubbings, Giuseppina Algozzino, Anne Raw, Margaret Knight, Linda Souza, Skye Lumley, Blake Lumley, Bernadette Callose, Gabrielle Hamond, Bart Brunton, Jonathon Molyneux, Mary Briggs-Atkinson, Jean Ryan, Sr Rosarii Isp, Debbie Richards.

If there is someone you would like the parish to pray for, or need a name removed from the list, please contact Clarissa at the Parish Office on 02 9533 2594 or office@ourladyoffatima.com.au.

Live-in Clergy Conference 8-11 April 2024 (inclusive)

Our MGL priests, as well as all priests in the Archdiocese will be away at a clergy conference in Wollongong.

A **Communion Service** will replace the 9:30am Mass on Wednesday 10 April here at OLF Peakhurst.

Scheduled Masses at Oatley and Penshurst on Tuesday and Wednesday will also be replaced with a Communion Service.

The priests will be available for Masses on Monday and Thursday.

Together we can keep the faith alive

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

On the weekend of 13-14 April, we will welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.



THE Catholic Weekly is on sale this weekend!

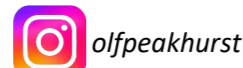
We hope you enjoyed last week's issue. This week's highlights include:

- Passion Players: The challenges and gifts of playing Jesus
- He is Risen! Standing room only at Cathedral Easter 2024
- Sydney takes to the streets for Seven Churches Visitation
- Make your voice heard on the "Equality" Bill
- CW front page star little Lovre's miracle
- Book Review: Meet the women who bucked the birth trend

You will find these at the front entrance of the Church. You can pick one up for free or give a donation either by Tap&Go or cash in the Catholic Weekly donation box.



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Join us for a CELEBRATION OF
DIVINE MERCY Sunday
7 April 2024
from 2:30-4pm
at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
825 Forest Road, Peakhurst

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Many know this as the holy hour. It is a time to have your one-to-one conversation with Jesus and be renewed in a love, joy and peace that the Lord alone can give.



Every Friday from 7:30 to 8:30pm

Father will be available to hear confessions from 7pm.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



Third Sunday of Easter — Year B

1st Reading: **Acts 4:32-35**

2nd Reading: **1 John 5:1-6**

Gospel: **John 20:19-31**

Pray the Rosary with us
Every Wednesday & Friday
at 9am, prior to Mass



Thank You!

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

You can still donate through **Project Compassion** donation boxes and envelopes available at the church entrances, by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion.



2024 Sacramental Program First Holy Communion

Key dates and a parent information letter for the 2024 program for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is available on the parish website.

Enrolment for the program is now open.



Welcoming Morning Tea

Please join us next **Sunday 14 April** after the 9:15am Mass for a refreshing cuppa and invigorating conversation with old friends and new.



Take some time to prepare for the week ahead.

THE SEARCH
FINDING THE MEANING OF LIFE
Please pray for all those who are continuing on this journey to explore their faith.



"never walk alone"

Men's Walk and Talk

Meet us on Thursdays at 5:45pm in the church car park.

All men from 15 years are welcome.

More info at: www.facebook.com/groups/1481203555418984

OLF Playtime



Weekly on Tuesdays

10am to 12pm during school term

Contact Angela 0402 487 191 for more information.

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That is what Thomas realised when he saw our Lord's wounded hands and side. Did you notice Thomas never did touch those wounds, but in reaching out he ecstatically exclaimed: 'My Lord and my God'.

Pope Francis says it is only in reaching out to touch the wounds of others that we can come to understand the true identity of Jesus Christ.

Doing so will enable us to join Thomas in his cry of joy: 'My Lord and my God'. Alleluia!

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THE BARK

The Autumn issue of our parish magazine is now on our website at ourladyoffatima.com.au/news/#thebark

There are a few printed copies in the Piety Stall, or you can contact the Parish Office to request one.

If you would like a copy to be emailed directly to you, please contact Julia Goff at goffam1@optusnet.com.au.

Save the Date

Live-in Parish Retreat

Directed by: Fr Robin Konig

When: Fri 24 May (6pm) to Sun 26 May (3pm)

Where: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville



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SYDNEY CONFERENCE
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Sat 20th April 2024
9am - 9pm
REGISTRATION: **\$70** (includes all food & activities)
LOCATION: Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, 825 Forest Rd, Peakhurst 2210
WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle, journal, clothes appropriate for physical activities & warm clothes for the evening.
CONTACT: Dominic Drumore 0428 771 744
REGISTRATION: ymt.com.au/istandevents