


Roster for THIS 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		

Roster for NEXT WEEKEND 20-21 April 2024

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 9:15am	Sunday 6:00pm
ACOLYTE:	Paul NAPIER	Bryan DOYLE	Lynne TAYLOR
ALTAR SERVER:		James COURE Joline EL HANI	Ben & Amelie ORTON
READER:	Craig MORAN	Adla COURE	Julia GOFF
COMMENTATOR:	Tom RYAN	Tony MacDOUGAL	Sandra GREEN
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:	Yvonne HANCOCK Melissa VASSALLO	Catherine ESTIGOY Riana ESTIGOY	John FITZPATRICK Gina WHILEY
CHILDREN'S LITURGY			
WELCOMING	Brigett DAVIS Sue ROONEY	Dennis DAY Wendy MULLEN	Ritta KHOURY John FITZPATRICK
MUSIC:	Ruth MEAGHER'S Group	Joe PULLELLA	ST CECILIA Choir
PROJECTIONIST:	Liesel CHEAH	Anne DAY	Aaron WALSH
COUNTERS GRP B:	T.Thorpe, D.Day, J.& R.Trehanne, R.& A.Uzcilas		
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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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

Third Sunday of Easter Year B — 14 April 2024

Ghosts, meals and humanity

I once saw a Woody Allen film, I think called 'The Purple Rose of Cairo'. One of the characters sitting in a cinema gets up and walks through the screen into the world being portrayed. We go along with the story even though we know that the images of people on the screen actually have no depth, no real human dimension, no reality.

A ghost is something like that (if they exist). It is a sort of projection of a human image onto the screen of the world, but there is no reality, no human depth to the image. It lacks vitality and, in fact, seems to drain warmth and life from those who encounter it – like the Dementors in the Harry Potter stories.

At first, the disciples thought that when Jesus appeared amongst them, they were seeing a ghost. No wonder they were in a state of 'alarm and fright', 'dumbfounded'.

But Jesus was not a ghost. He was the real thing – the real human thing. How did they eventually recognise this? Don't forget, he had spent three years with these followers imaging God's way of living under the conditions of time and space, in our terrestrial zone with a human nature.

He had certain characteristic ways of acting, such as compassion leading to healing and forgiveness. But a constant feature also was the sharing of meals, sharing God's friendship whilst eating and drinking.

And that is the way in which the disciples knew Jesus was not a ghost. Earlier he had talked for hours with disciples on the road to Emmaus, but they didn't recognise him until 'the breaking of the bread'. In *this* gospel story, it is in the sharing of fish on the shore of the lake.

But still, it must have been an utterly weird experience. It was during the transition period immediately after the Resurrection. Jesus' body was not shackled by constraints of time and space. He could be visibly present anywhere, any time.

Now the risen Lord's bodily presence is, *in that sense*, withdrawn from us. But this dis-appearance is not an absence. Where do we encounter His real Presence in our circumstances?

In the sharing of a meal. The Mass has many dimensions, but the sacred meal is obvious. When we share in the sacramental signs of Our Lord's presence under the appearance of bread and wine, we become 'companions' (which means 'bread sharers') of the One who shares His life with us.

And because *His* life is fully human we become less ghost-like.

All those parts of our personality or character which give the illusion of being alive, but which, Dementor-like draw goodness and human vitality from the world, are nourished by His humanity.

Sharing the spiritual drink and heavenly bread – the real presence of the Risen Lord – transforms our ghostliness and we emerge with our humanity enhanced, as intended by the creator.

Let us thank God for being chosen to be successors of those bewildered disciples: not followers of a ghostly projection, whether of our psyche or some evil spirit, but followers of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ truly known in the 'breaking of the bread' as we are made companions of the Divine Companion in this Mass.

Remembering those who have gone before us...

RECENTLY DECEASED: Silvio Tarlotta, Simon Cantos

ANNIVERSARIES: Colleen Walton **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.

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

For Such A Time As This: Parish Renewal Conference 2024

Gather with Archbishop Anthony Fisher and hundreds of fellow Catholics for inspiring keynotes, practical workshops, and beautiful liturgy to be equipped and strengthened for mission. Be part of the transformation in our Church today!

Date: Saturday 3 August

Time: 8:45am – 5:00pm

Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club

Cost: Early bird \$75 plus booking fees (until 31 May 2024)
\$90 plus booking fees (1 June-19 July 2024)

RSVP: Registration closes 19 July 2024

For more information and to register visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1172062

Camino of St Joseph: Overnight Walking Pilgrimage for Men Friday 26 April to Saturday 27 April 2024

An Overnight Pilgrimage for men in honour of St Joseph the Worker.

The Camino begins with 8pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers on Friday 26 April at St Anthony of Padua, Austral and confession available from 7pm.

The Camino will conclude with 6am Mass at St Joseph's, Moorebank on Saturday 27 April followed by a hot breakfast & drinks.

For more information and to register visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1197441.

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2024 Sacramental Program First Holy Communion

Key dates and a parent information letter are available on the parish website.

For more information on how to enrol your child, please email sacraments@ourladyoffatima.com.au.



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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter — Year B

1st Reading: **Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12**

2nd Reading: **1 John 3:1-2**

Gospel: **John 10:11-18**

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

THE Catholic Weekly is on sale for \$2 this weekend!

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

- Neocat ordinands walk through "valley of death" to diaconate
- Vatican publishes document on human dignity
- St George icons exhibited by painter Michael Galovic
- Mathoura Carmel veils first local sister
- Disciple Diaries: God taught Quyen love
- Rome calls for worldwide ban on surrogacy

Support Your Parish

Your contribution to the **Second Collection** helps support the mission, operation and maintenance of our parish.

OLF Youth Choir School Holiday WORKSHOP for students in Years 5-12 Wednesday, 17 April—9:30am to 3:30pm

We will begin with Mass then move to the Parish Hall for a day of:

- learning the skills of group singing
- learning the hymns that will be sung at the youth Masses for the remainder of the year
- learning about how hymns are chosen
- understanding Scripture
- meeting new people

Morning tea and lunch provided.

To register, please contact Dominique on 0439 497 947 or dominique.farah@syd.catholic.edu.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



"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



We'll be back on Tuesday 30 April from 10am to 12pm

Contact Angela on 0402 487 191 for more information.

iSTAND Camp #1 - YMT Sydney

Youth Mission Team Sydney is running their first iSTAND Event of the year! The iSTAND Conference Day will be full of activities, games, music, food, and an opportunity to go deeper into encounter with Christ.

Location: Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, 825 Forest Rd, Peakhurst, NSW 2210

Who: Students in Year 9 to Year 12

Time: 9AM – 9PM

Cost: \$70 per person (includes all food and activities)

What to bring: water bottle, journal, comfy clothes for physical activities & warmer attire for the evening.

Register at: ymt.com.au/istandevents

Contact: Dominic Drumore
0428 771 744 or sydney@ymt.com.au



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Peakhurst

Next meeting: **Wednesday 17 April at 1pm** in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.
All welcome! Agenda & minutes in the Piety Stall.

You are invited to donate your "spare" rosary beads, which you can drop off at the Piety Stall. If you're a knitter, the ladies would also welcome your spare set of size 4.5 or 5 needles.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP Thursday, 18 April at 10am Parish Centre Meeting Room

Our guests enjoy sandwiches and cakes for morning tea and lunch. Our helpers can also provide transport, if required.

For more information, please contact Pat on 0439 999 552 or Clarissa at the Parish Office on 9533 2594.

Our mission is to help prevent and reduce the impact of social isolation and loneliness!



Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday
7:30-8:30pm
Father will be available for confession from 7pm.

PENTECOST RETREAT

17-22 May 2024 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre

Join the MGL Sisters for Pentecost 2024 as we discover the depths of God's love through our Banquet Intensive and accept the invitation to radical intimacy with the Trinity.

Feast on God's powerful love for you, open up to the gifts of the Spirit, savour times of powerful input, prayer, and practical workshops, and find the charismatic generosity of God unleashed in your own life of mission and discipleship.

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Banquet Pentecost Intensive

Carmel House

17th-22nd May

trybooking.com/CNSXA

