

## Roster for THIS 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 THORPE	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.Treharne, R.& A.Uzcilas		
ALTAR SOCIETY:	Frances Greene, Helen Linnegar, Vicki Elvins		

## Roster for NEXT WEEKEND 27-28 April 2024

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 9:15am	Sunday 6:00pm
ACOLYTE:	Frances GREENE	Fred EL-DAHER	Aaron WALSH
ALTAR SERVER:	Cooper & Jasmine AGNEW	Tristan GABRIEL Joline EL HANI Thomas CAMPBELL Cohen HOWES	Matilda DONNELLY
READER:	Filippa PALAZZOTTO	Breda SHEEHAN	Lina REHAYEM
COMMENTATOR:	Kevin GREENE	Tony MacDOUGAL	Jeanette MORETON
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:	Vicki McINTOSH Silvana VIDAIC	Cayla ESTIGOY Marie RYAN	Julia GOFF Jennifer ORTON
CHILDREN'S LITURGY			
WELCOMING	Peter DALBY Nirupa MAHESAN	Anne TUDJMAN Jan TREHARNE	Lenny ARIEF
MUSIC:	Cathy DALBY'S Group	PAINO Family	
PROJECTIONIST:	Joanne NG	Sophie TONG KUEN	Sandra GREEN
COUNTERS GRP C:	J. & J.Fitzpatrick, J. & P.Gayton, M.Rubilovic, G.Whiley		
ALTAR SOCIETY:	Frances Greene, Helen Linnegar, Vicki Elvins		



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### 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

## Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B — 21 April 2024

### The Voice

Have you got one of those friends who can hear the first few bars of a piece of music and immediately tell you what it is? It could be a great movie theme, or classical, or pop – instant recognition and usually they want to hum the rest of it. The friend immediately reacts to that sound.

This Gospel story is about reacting to sound – the sound of a voice. In Jesus' time, sheep were kept in large communal sheepfolds at night. One might have three or four flocks kept together for safety. Then, in the morning, the shepherds would come. Each would call out to the sheep of his flock and those sheep, attuned to that voice which they knew would lead them to good pasture, would follow. Instant recognition amongst the clamour of noise. And they would never come out to a stranger's voice. In that way they avoided danger.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention, bombarded by messages day and night.

No-one here is naive enough to think that the loudest and most attractive is necessarily the wisest and most likely to be beneficial. We know enough about advertising manipulation and political propaganda.

Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the sound of *it* – so distinctive – so that, even if it is faintly heard, we immediately turn towards it and it will lead us in life-giving directions.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the Gospels.

A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese for gospel is 'happy sounds'. Over the last few decades, Catholics have re-discovered the reading of the gospels and in them they find that the voice of Jesus is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in distinctive ways:

*telling* the story of the Good Samaritan or of the Prodigal Son with terrific punchlines

*berating* and denouncing greedy and oppressive religious leaders  
*soothing* the woman who had had a haemorrhage for twelve years

*sadly telling* Peter he will betray him

*magisterially proclaiming* 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'  
*telling* us how to pray

We have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice amongst the hundreds of others so that we can echo it in our own lives, so that we become reverberations of Christ's voice in different situations.

I greatly love a passage in the gospels where Jesus' voice was definitely life-giving. Despite the agony of the Cross, he turned to the criminal crucified with him and said 'Today, you will be with me in Paradise'.

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### Changes to Weekday Masses 29 April to 3 May (inclusive)

Due to maintenance works at St Declan's church in Penshurst, all regular St Declan's weekday Masses will be celebrated here in this church, in addition to our regular Masses.



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](mailto: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.

# Remembering those who have gone before us...

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Robert "Bob" Dark

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Flora Wickham, Anna Ippolito, Odette & George, Marie, Laudi, Violette, Colleen Walton

**ALSO:** Salvatore Ippolito, 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, 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.

## TERM 2 CATECHISTS MEETING

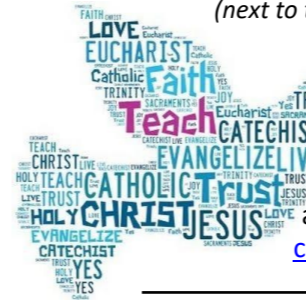
7:30pm on Wednesday, 24 April

Parish Centre Meeting Room

(next to the Parish Hall—access is from the car park through the iron gates)

All catechists and interested parishioners are asked to attend this meeting.

If you have any items for the agenda, please contact Ravilya on [catechists@ourladyoffatima.com.au](mailto:catechists@ourladyoffatima.com.au).



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## REQUIEM MASS

for **Bob Dark** will be held on  
Wednesday 24 April 2024 at 1pm



The CWF May Parish Appeal will be held on 4-5 May.

The parish is levied \$3600 for the CWF this financial year. The difference between this levy and the amount collected will be taken from our parish funds. Any donation over \$2 is tax-deductible.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter — Year B



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *1 John 3:18-24*  
Gospel: *John 15:1-8*



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

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

Sydney's week of sorrow and fear ...

- Assyrian cleric stabbed at altar in Wakeley
- Bondi Junction attack leaves six dead
- Archbishop Fisher: Do not be afraid to worship

... but life will prevail

- Love, family and life at Day of the Unborn Child
- Two new deacons for Sydney
- Sisters of Life Tour

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Imagine, amongst all the tumult and jeering of the crowd, the 'good thief' heard the one voice he needed to hear.

It is said of the dying that the last faculty to go is hearing, which is why it is so important to keep talking to a loved one who is apparently unconscious and slipping out of this life.

There may be many sounds surrounding one at death. In that cacophony, the one voice we need to hear, and should pray to hear, is that of Our Lord saying: 'Today I will shepherd you through the peril and trauma of death. Today I will welcome you into the pastures of abundant life. Today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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## Support Your Parish

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

**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/148120355418984](http://www.facebook.com/groups/148120355418984)

Discovering Prayer and Contemplation  
with Fr Robin Koning SJ  
Discover the gift of prayer and grow in contemplation of the Love of God, healing and renewing you in the peaceful setting of our Parish Retreat. Conveniently located in a serene setting on the edge of suburban Sydney.

6pm Fri 24 - 1pm Sun 26 May 2024  
Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville  
2 nights: Shared room \$260per person / Single Room \$300  
(Costs include all food and lodging)

To REGISTER follow the link below or scan the QR  
<https://forms.office.com/r/bc8exDnDV>  
mission@ourladyoffatima.com.au  
9533 2594

The St George Network of Family Educator's invites you to a  
*Women's Health Night!*  
Let us come together as women to celebrate our friendships and share our joy.

WHEN - Wednesday 15th May, 6.30pm  
WHERE - St Raphael's Catholic Primary School,  
82 George St, South Hurstville  
COST - \$10 via QR code  
RSVP - May 10th (over 18 event)

Join us for guest speakers, finger food, a glass of bubbles and lucky door prizes!