

## Roster for THIS 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 Ravilya SEDLAR	
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		

**\*\*\* The LITURGY ROSTER for MAY was sent to all volunteers by email last week. \*\*\*  
Please contact the Parish Office if you did not receive a copy.**

## Roster for NEXT WEEKEND 4-5 May 2024

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 9:15am	Sunday 6:00pm
ACOLYTE:	Frances GREENE	Bryan DOYLE	Jo FITZPATRICK
ALTAR SERVER:		James COURE Peter SHOWAH	Ben & Amelia ORTON
READER:	Silvana VIDAIC	Adla COURE	Janet CAIRNCROSS
COMMENTATOR:	Kevin GREENE	Tony MacDOUGAL	Vivienne AWAD
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:	John KENNEDY Melissa VASSALLO	Anna AMENDOLIA Maureen BURGESS	John FITZPATRICK Jennifer ORTON
CHILDREN'S LITURGY			
WELCOMING	Connie ALIFANO Nirupa MAHESAN	Anna AMENDOLIA Maureen BURGESS	Lenny ARIEF
MUSIC:	Ruth MEAGHER'S Group	OLF Youth Choir	No music
PROJECTIONIST:	Liesel CHEAH	Sophie TONG KUEN	Aaron WALSH
COUNTERS GRP D:	P. Napier, F. Ashton, T. Craven, M. Jeffries, M. Jones, R. Napier, S. Tong, J. Wall		
ALTAR SOCIETY:	Maureen Burgess, Dianne Taylor, Florence Bonanno		



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.



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In the care of the  
MISSIONARIES OF GOD'S LOVE

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Parish Priest

Fr Tony Alex MGL  
Fr Brian Steele MGL  
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Assistant Priests

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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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year B — 28 April 2024

### Spiritual Drink

One of the prayers of the Mass I most like to recite aloud is the one over the chalice of wine:

*'Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.'*

I like it for several reasons. For starters, we don't offer grapes – simply fruit of the earth. We offer wine – work of human hands.

The Creator wants us to bring the result of our human ingenuity, resourcefulness, hard work to the central action of the Mass.

Nature humanised by our labour is the prelude to the gracious action of God whereby the wine becomes 'our spiritual drink'.

What is this spiritual drink?

This drink was first offered at the Last Supper which is usually depicted as a Passover meal.

There is a Jewish belief that the Passover cup of wine 'absorbs' the life story of the freeing of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt.

It is that life story of liberation by God which is drunk at the Passover.

We might say that, at the Last Supper, the cup of wine absorbed the life story of the Divine Liberator, Jesus of Nazareth.

To drink from this chalice would be to drink the life story of Jesus of Nazareth. But more than the life story – the very life itself.

Over the chalice of wine, Jesus said 'This is my blood.' What can this mean? There are many dimensions, but here is a good starting point.

For Jewish people, as for many others, the method of slaughtering an animal is to slit its throat. As the blood drains out, so does the life. So blood and life are inseparable.

So when Jesus says 'This is my blood', He is saying 'This is my life-force. This is my very life. This is my total self given unreservedly to you.' To drink of this blood would be to imbibe spiritual drink indeed.

When we do that in Holy Communion, the life of Jesus, the life of the Risen Lord, courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches.

We are so familiar with today's Gospel in that respect. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning.

But if we stop with that image we fall far short of understanding God's ultimate purpose in the grafting, watering, pruning, tending.

It is not to produce a perfect vineyard.

It is to produce a marvellous wine.

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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.



# Remembering those who have gone before us...

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

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

**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, 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.

**The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May 2024 Appeal next weekend 4-5 May**  
Your donation helps keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.  
Your tax-deductible gift changes lives!  
Please use the envelopes on your seats or you can donate via our parish BPoint page at [www.bpoint.com.au/pay/PeakhurstParish](http://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/PeakhurstParish).

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

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

- Baptism Boom: Sydney's new Catholics celebrate their faith
- Prayers for Bondi
- Waterloo shrine restored to glory
- Assyrian Bishop forgives attacker
- Bluey finale gets thumbs up from Catholic parents
- Sisters of Life at their relatable best on Sydney tour

## Support Your Parish

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

## 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.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter — Year B**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 John 4:7-10**  
Gospel: **John 15:9-17**

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

Find us on Facebook @OLFPeakhurst | Instagram olfpeakhurst

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

## FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Thursday, 2 May 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!**

**DEFEND THE FAITH**  
IN DEFENSE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN A RAPIDLY SECULAR SOCIETY AND THE THREAT OF RADICAL ISLAM.  
**CATHOLIC APOLOGIST**  
GUEST SPEAKER  
**DR ROBERT HADDAD**  
FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2024  
WHERE: HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH MENAI.  
TIME: 7PM  
FOR ALL AGES  
REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW.

**WALK WITH ME ...**  
Lending A Hand holds a **Men's Walk and Talk** each Thursday evening, meeting at 5:45pm in the church car park for a 6pm start to walk around Gannons Park.  
We're just a bunch of blokes who get together each Thursday evening for a walk and talk. So please come and join us.  
All men aged 15 and older are welcome.  
More info at: [www.facebook.com/groups/148120355418984](http://www.facebook.com/groups/148120355418984)

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Our Heavenly Father wants to produce a truly full-bodied wine at the consummation of all history —  
a wine which has absorbed our life stories mingled most intensely with the life story of Jesus;  
a wine which is full-bodied because every-body who shares in the resurrection body of Jesus contributes their distinctive character to the vintage of the end of time.  
Then we will have become with and in the Risen Lord, the Spiritual Drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.  
© Fr Michael Tate

**Parish Retreat**  
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 \$260 per 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/bc8exeDnDV>  
mission@ourladyoffatima.com.au  
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**OLF Playtime** Weekly on Tuesdays 10am to 12pm during school term  
Infants and children from age 0 to 5 years can enjoy great craft activities, singalong and story time while parents, grandparents, and carers enjoy friendships with the other adults.  
Cost to join is just \$10 per term. Places are available for our Tuesday group.  
For further information or to check availability, please contact Angela on 0402 487 191.

**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](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1172062)