

Roster for THIS 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		Careena CRAVEN Marie KHOURY	
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		

Roster for NEXT WEEKEND 11-12 May 2024

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 9:15am	Sunday 6:00pm
ACOLYTE:	Therese GARATY	Raymond ESTIGOY	
ALTAR SERVER:	Alex & Leo MAGIN	Thomas CAMPBELL Matilda DONNELLY Cohen HOWES Charlotte WILLIAMS	
READER:	Liesel CHEAH	Maria JEFFERIES	Allison GIANNETTO
COMMENTATOR:	Tom RYAN	Lydia PAINO	Julia GOFF
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:	Connie ALIFANO Yvonne HANCOCK	Cayla ESTIGOY Riana ESTIGOY	John FITZPATRICK Aaron WALSH
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Marissa DE MARCELLIS Karen CURTIS Arnika DE MARCELLIS	
WELCOMING	Rebecca & Cooper AGNEW	Annette DUNN Margaret FITZPATRICK	John FITZPATRICK
MUSIC:	Cathy DALBY'S Group	Joe PULLELLA	Samoan Family Choir
PROJECTIONIST:	Joanne NG	Anne DAY	
COUNTERS GRP E:	D.Cummins, A.& G.Brady, D.Craven, B.Sheehan, N.Sprague		
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 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B — 5 May 2024

Cornelius, Catholics and Love

We owe much to a Roman soldier. In fact, it may be said we are 'Catholic' because of the encounter between St Peter and Cornelius.

Cornelius was a centurion. As the name implies, a centurion was in charge of 100 soldiers in the Roman army. So he was a junior officer in the Empire's armed forces and a pagan to boot.

And yet, St Peter found that this man was evidently graced by the Holy Spirit and therefore Peter could not deny him baptism. This incident helped resolve a major controversy in the first decades of the church.

Would a pagan have to become a Jew, one of the Chosen People, before becoming a Christian? Peter concluded, on the basis of a vision and this incident, that God does not have favourites amongst the peoples of this world and that any person of any nationality who is in awe of God and lives justly could be baptised a Christian.

And thus the early church was able to break out of its Jewish confines. We were not to be a Jewish sect which accepted Jesus as the Messiah. We were to be truly universal ('catholic' in the Greek) able to embrace all those who acknowledge our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

So the great missionary endeavour began to every tribe, every ethnic group, speakers of every tongue throughout the earth. And there were two main messages.

First that Jesus of Nazareth had had the victory over death, and we are able to share in that victory. That is the faith of Easter which we have just celebrated.

The second great message involved understanding what 'love' really entails. The word 'love' in English covers such a multitude of experiences as to be devoid of meaning until we know the context. Does it refer to the passionate embrace of two lovers, or a preference for chocolate over nougat? Our Lord gives us the core meaning.

'No greater love can a person have than to lay down his life for his friends.'

Of course, for most of us the closest experience consonant with that gospel is the experience of a parent at the bedside of a chronically ill or badly injured child who is dying. A mother or father would willingly substitute themselves for that child facing death. This is the true core meaning of 'love' according to Our Lord. Every other form of love grades away from this most perfect human expression of loving.

Of course Jesus not only preached this message, but lived and died it. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends. He laid down his life for those – for us – whom he called 'friends'.

Though totally innocent of any crime or sin he took on all the horror of a tortured death as if he were a criminal or sinner, rejected by society, even experiencing estrangement from his Heavenly Father: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

He took this experience on himself, really the experience of humanity, and emerged the Victor, the conqueror of death on Easter Sunday.

And he did so on behalf of us whom in today's gospel He calls his 'friends', those with whom he wishes to share that victory.

'No greater love can a person have than to lay down his life for his friends.'

This is the reality, this is the message of the gospel for the peoples of every tribe, every nation, every language.

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Remembering those who have gone before us...

RECENTLY DECEASED: Yvonne Witts, Robert "Bob" Dark **ANNIVERSARIES:** Branko Tudjman
ALSO: Cesira Cummings, Mary Allen, Mrs Medina, Alma Cummings, Audrey O'Connor, Nola Turner, Blanche Thorpe, Elizabeth Anson, Mrs Galluzzo Snr, Mrs Cutrone, Stella Iemma, 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

Mariano Caraos, 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, 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.

FUNERAL SERVICE

for **Yvonne Witts** will be held at Woronora Memorial Park Western Chapel on Thursday, 9 May at 1:30pm.

2024 Sacramental Program First Holy Communion

LESSON 1: Tuesday, 15 May at 7pm

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



The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May 2024 Appeal this weekend

The CWF supports six vital ministries within our Archdiocese:

- The Ephpheta Centre for the deaf.
- Chaplaincy Services in universities, hospitals, aged care facilities and prisons.
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry.
- Care for the elderly, those afflicted with addiction and mental health issues, young parents, the unemployed.
- Catechists who bring the Good News to 30,000 students in over 400 schools weekly.
- And finally, the Seminary of the Good Shepherd.

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.

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

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

- More than 600 unite for men's Camino
- Bishops push against proposed Census change
- Bishop Peter Ingham remembered as a man of faith and joy
- Mid-life malaise led me back to faith
- Anzac Day a reminder to serve and sacrifice
- 'On fire' with the Spirit at youth Purpose Conference



Find us on Facebook @OLFPeakhurst



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Welcoming Morning Tea

Please join us next **Sunday 12 May (Mother's Day)** 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 Pope's Prayer Intention for May

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



The Ascension of Our Lord — Year B

1st Reading: **Acts 1:1-11**
 2nd Reading: **Ephesians 4:1-13**
 Gospel: **Mark 16:15-20**



Pray the Rosary with us

Every Wednesday & Friday at 9am, prior to Mass

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It is a message that has resonated and reverberated down the centuries from Cornelius to those gathered here.

It is the message entrusted to us as members of the one holy Catholic and apostolic church.

More importantly, it is entrusted to us as friends of our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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REMEMBERING OUR BABIES

MASS OF THE ANGELS

TUESDAY EVENING
7TH MAY 2024

ST DECLAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
92 PENSURST STREET
PENSURST

6.45 PM - ARRIVAL
7.00 PM - MASS & CANDLE LIGHTING
8.00 PM - REFRESHMENTS

Join us for a Mass of Remembrance for all those who have experienced the loss of a child whether by miscarriage, stillbirth, illness or injury.

For more information contact Nellie Doueiri visitation@stdeclansparish.org

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.



"never walk alone"

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

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.



Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday
7:30-8:30pm

Father will be available for confession from 7pm.

Support Your Parish

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



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.



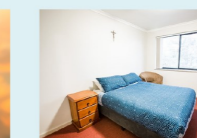
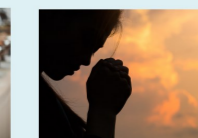
Limited Spots

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)



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OLF Playtime

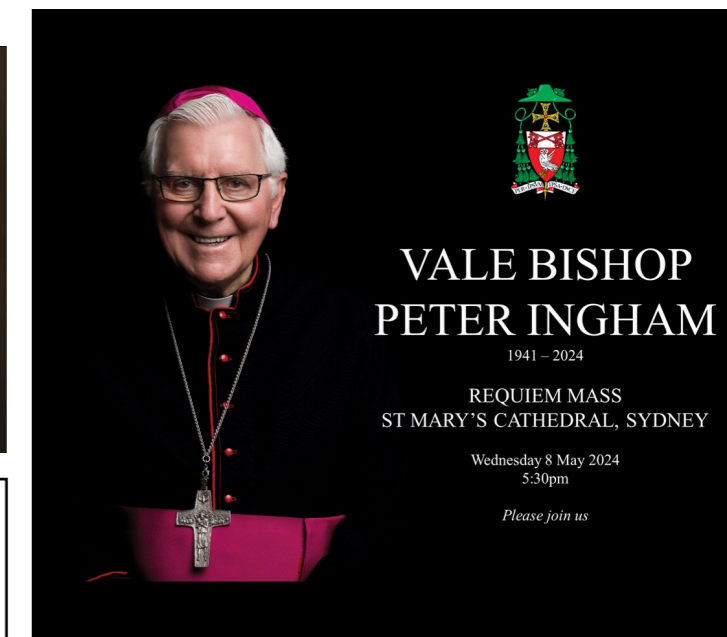


Weekly on Tuesdays 10am to 12pm during school term

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.



VALE BISHOP
PETER INGHAM

1941 - 2024

REQUIEM MASS
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

Wednesday 8 May 2024
5:30pm

Please join us