

Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Rosa Agostino, Christina Apolinari, Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Heather Graham, Tamara Kalass, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Romela Onkowitz, Marie Reic, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Cardinal Edward Cassidy, Fr Michael McCarthy, Antonia Simeone, George Voss, Fr Reg Wilson and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Giuseppe Nesci, Kath Connors, Ron West, Nicolo Aloisio, Patricia Gibbons, Katherine Mathieson, Leon Fidel, William Joseph Bruce Nixon, Peggy Sproat, Joyce Maunsell, Mate Orlic, Fr Jeremy Flynn, John Lozinski, Lucy Borkowski, William Hancock, William Edward Moran, Victoria Busuttill, Theresa (Gina) Cappello, Caterina Biasi, Margaret Curran, Paul Cunneen, Danica Kliman, Mary Balbi

Charitable Works Fund Appeal - 1/2 May

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. It is your charity, the charity of the Sydney Catholic community and your local parish. The CWF funds six ministries:

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry; CatholicCare; Chaplaincies - in hospital, prisons and universities; Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD); Ephpheta Centre - services to deaf and hearing impaired and Seminaries. the next appeal will be held on 1-2 May.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS to this appeal.



Save the date

It's been awhile since our parish held a social outing ... we're planning a trip out and about - for **Tuesday 18 May 2021**. Numbers will be limited to 20. More details next week. Enquiries Lorraine: 9724 9519

Supporting our Parish

There are many ways we can support our parish financially: 1) Offering envelopes/ Planned Giving Program (2) Online Donations via the website. (3) Cashless tap devices (4) Collection taken up during Sunday Mass.

The 1st collection is for Archdiocesan priests and the 2nd collection is for our parish's expenses

Safeguarding our Parish

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 Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Youth Group: Ephesus

This Sunday 18 April 6pm - 7.30pm
Join us for Adoration right after the 5pm Mass this Sunday, followed by a social night in the hall!! Bring a friend or two!

Instagram: @smghephesus
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St Mary's Primary School

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Principal: Monica Palmer
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2022 Enrolments are now open for our school. Tours are held fortnightly, on Tuesdays. Bookings are essential.

Playgroup

8.45am Thursdays
in the school hall
during school terms



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Facebook: fb.me/smgh2

Streaming: <https://cutt.ly/StMarys>

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8 & 10am, 5pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6pm
(Preceded by Holy Hour - 5pm)
Wednesday - Friday: 9am
(Preceded by Rosary - 8.45am)

Vietnamese Masses:

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm &
Sunday: 3pm



Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

18 April 2021 - Third Sunday of Easter - Year B

ANZAC Day – Sunday 25 April

Parishioners are invited to bring photos of loved ones who were veterans - place these in the reflection area.

We are holding hospitality after 8am and 10am Masses.
Please bring home-made ANZAC biscuits and damper to share.
Tea and coffee will be provided



Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2021

There will be a meeting for **parents /carers** in the church on **Tuesday 04 May at 7pm**.
Young people in Year 3 and older may be eligible to receive this Sacrament.

Project Compassion

Please return your CARITAS Project Compassion donation envelopes or boxes as soon as possible.
Thank you for your generosity.



Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If someone would like to receive Communion, but is unable to come to Mass, please notify Fr Laurie

First Reading

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Jn 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John
Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

BE WITH YOU
Peace

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Gospel

Lk 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

The disciples are 'terrified' when they see Jesus after his resurrection; but Jesus puts them at their ease by sharing a meal. It is only then that the disciples are ready to listen and to open their minds to the wisdom that Jesus has to offer.
- Jenny Close



When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter. The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting - sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.
- Fr Michael Tate