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## Offertory

We would like to have more families involved with our liturgy by taking up the offertory during the 10 am Mass on Sundays. If you would like to be involved please write your name on the list at the back of the Church.

## Celebrating Fatima

Please join us in celebrating this significant event the 100 year anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima. Taking place on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Cathedral, commencing at 11.30 with Rosary and prayers. Mass will follow at 12.10. We are blessed to have his Excellency Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, as Principal Celebrant and our Spiritual Director Fr. Peter Joseph will concelebrate.

## Anzac Day Remembrance

ANZAC Day Eve Mass of Remembrance - 5:30pm, St Mary's Cathedral Sydney All are welcome to join with Archbishop Fisher as we celebrate the Annual ANZAC Day Eve Mass of Remembrance at 5:30pm on Monday 24 April. This special service is to remember all those who have served and those who continue to serve our country.

## Why do we worship on Sunday?

The Old Testament commands us to observe the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, but why have we switched worship to Sunday, the first day of the week? Two reasons. **Firstly, Day of Jesus' resurrection:** The first day of the week was the day on which our Lord rose from the dead (After the Sabbath, as Sunday morning was dawning – Mt 28:1; Very early on Sunday morning - Lk 24:1; Early on Sunday - Mk 16:9; Early on Sunday morning- Jn 20:1.) **Secondly, Day of Jesus' appearances** (On that same day – Lk 24:13; It was late that Sunday evening – Jn 20:19; A week later {Thomas had to wait another eight days for Jesus to appear to the group again} – Jn 20:26).

## Spirituality at work

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre 247 St Andrews Road Varroville, NSW, 2566. April 28 – 30.  
 Presenters: Anne Donald & Fr Gerard Moran, OCD. Cost: \$230.00 per person (10% discount for shared accommodation and for pensioners/students/unemployed)

## Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

**Elizabeth Kim Margaret Banks**

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.



## Wedding Congratulations

**Steven Cheung & Jenny Tram Nguyen**

are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



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Mass times: Saturday 6pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am, 10am (Children's Liturgy), 6pm, 12noon (Polish).

Vietnamese Mass: 7 pm 1st Thurs of each month. **Saturday Morning Benediction - 7.00am.**

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm. Or by appointment Rosary: Saturday 8.25am

**This week - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 8.00am.**

Wednesday - 10.00am Uniting Church Centre.

Wednesday - 7.00pm Young Adults Bible Study in Meeting Room, 8.00pm Benediction.

**BAPTISMS:** Baptism preparations are held on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10am mass in the presbytery. Baptisms by appointment.

**MARRIAGES:** Please contact priest at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

**SICK CALLS:** Anytime. If you know of anyone who needs anointing please ring the presbytery.



# Divine Mercy Sunday



Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me even so I am sending you.

John 20:21

# 2nd Sunday of Easter - A - 23 April 2017





## Easter-A time of hope

Easter is a season of Joyous Thanksgiving. It should be claimed as a time for celebration and companionship on the Emmaus Road, an opportunity for dispelling doubt and bringing reassurance to all we meet along the way. Even though Easter is a season of hope there can still be a painful awareness of sinfulness as well as fear but there is also light breaking through. Something new is happening.

In today's Gospel we see a group of Jesus' disciples who were hiding away because of fear, shame and without hope because all their dreams and expectations have been shattered. Thomas cannot accept that Jesus, who was crucified, is now alive, "*Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made...*". We often feel upset and disappointed when things are not going according to our plan. It is true that most of the problems spring from our own egos. Consciously or unconsciously there is a program within us of how others should act and particularly how they should act towards us.

I remember during my years in the Seminary, we often prayed as a community and we would say the verses of the psalms one after the other. I remember feeling upset when someone led the prayers in an anti-clockwise rather than a clockwise direction. Why not be different from our inbuilt programming? Two good people can irritate each other so much. One may be big and expansive, the other meticulous and exact, their differences can annoy one another without end.

As we continue to journey into Jesus' resurrection may our lives be renewed and our vision broadened so that we can recognise the wonder and beauty in us and in others.

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

644 Even when faced with the reality of the risen Jesus the disciples are still doubtful, so impossible did the thing seem: they thought they were seeing a ghost. *'In their joy they were still disbelieving and still wondering.'* Thomas will also experience the test of doubt and St Matthew relates that during the risen Lord's last appearance in Galilee „some doubted.” Therefore the hypothesis that the resurrection was produced by the apostles' faith (or credulity) will not hold up. On the contrary their faith in the resurrection was born, under the action of divine grace, from their direct experience of the reality of the risen Jesus.

### Paschal or Easter Candle

The Paschal or Easter Candle is lit during the Easter Vigil. Its symbolism reminds us of Christ's Resurrection from the dead for our salvation. The symbols on the candles are five grains of incense that represent the wounds and death of Christ. Alpha and Omega – the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The Paschal Candle is used for baptisms and also placed alongside the coffin at funerals. It is used for its resurrection symbolism.

This week's Readings - Acts 2:42-47; 1Peter 1:3-9; Gospel - John 20:19-31

### First Holy Communion Registrations

First Holy Communion for candidates in Year 4 and above will be celebrated this year during the weekend Masses of 18th & 25 June. If you would like your child to celebrate this Sacrament this year please complete a registration form which can be found in the Church foyer. The first compulsory Parents Meeting will be held in St Felix Hall on Tuesday 9th May. Please ensure all registrations are returned to the Parish Office before the first meeting.

### Time for Us - to go on a date - An Evening for Married Couples to Dance, Dine & Pray

**Saturday 29th April OR Saturday 3rd June.** An opportunity for couples to foster their relationship. The evening will unfold with a short input on male leadership followed by a lesson in ballroom dancing, fine dining and prayer. The evening commences at 5pm and concludes 10pm, Investment: \$150 per couple. To register or for more information contact Sr M Julie - [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com) or phone: 0408 738 334.

### Praying with the Psalm

On Saturday 6th May at 9.00am in the Church, Lasalle Br John who is a scripture scholar will give a talk on praying with the Psalm. All welcome.

**Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased:** Ronald Foster; Dorothy St Clair (*mother of Denise Ashe*)

**Anniversary:** Ines Martins; Magid Hobeiche.

**Deceased:** Zwain & Salam Chadrawy; Gergis, Marie & Fannie Chadrawy; Pauline Chadrawy & husband; Daniel & Rashide Chadrawy; Hanna Chadrawy; Merchad & Emila Maklouf; Anthony, John & Joseph Maklouf; Antoinette & Eva Maklouf; Joseph Mowad & Charles Paul; Mary Chadrawy; Anton Sy Phuong Lam; Maria Thuc Trinh Dang; Joseph Binh Chanh Lam; Dominic Tung Lam; Eugenia & Wilfrid Edwards; George Lahood; Phero, Cecilia & Silvester

**Sick:** Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Kim Do; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Gerard Go; Theresa Tinh Thi Doan; Christine Formosa; Maria Tuu Nguyen; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; Tim Logue; Jeanette Chong; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Vaoliko Pesamino, Ethan Chau.

### Next Weekend - 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year A

Readings: Acts : 2:14, 22-33; 1Peter 1:17-21; Gospel - Luke 24:13-35.

### Feasts of the Week

#### 26 April - St Mark, evangelist. Feast.

Died about the year 74. Usually identified with the John Mark whose mother's house in Jerusalem was a meeting place for the apostles, and with the young man who followed Christ after his arrest (Mark 14:51). A cousin of Saint Barnabas (11 June). Accompanied Saint Paul (29 June) on his first missionary journey and later followed him to Rome. A companion of Saint Peter (29 June) and traditionally credited with the gospel which reflects Peter's teaching and memoirs. Honoured as the founder of the Church in Alexandria.

#### 28 April - St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr. Memorial.

Born at Cuet (France) 1803. Died on Futuna (South-west Pacific Ocean) on this day in 1841. A parish priest noted for his pastoral zeal, particularly his care of the sick. Joined the Society of Mary (Marists) and remembered for his missionary work in the Pacific. Evangelisation in the local language brought some success on the island of Futuna which led to his murder by a jealous chieftain. Honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania.

#### 29 April - St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor. Memorial.

Born at Siena (Italy) in 1347. Died at Rome on this day in 1380. Committed to the practice of prayer and penance from an early age, she entered the Dominican Third Order while still an adolescent. Became an influential spiritual leader and made strenuous efforts to reconcile Church and state and to reform the Roman papacy. Remembered for her holiness and determination and, though she never learned to write, for the quality of her teachings. Remembered also as a mystic and a reformer of religious life.

**Altar Society: 30/4/17 Group 5:** Samoan Divine Mercy Group.

**St Vincent de Paul: 30/4/17** Andrew Nguyen **7/5/17** D Rodrigues

**Church Cleaners: 28/4/17:** Mai Hai **Children's Liturgy:** 30th April - Maree

**Weekend Choir:** **Saturday 6pm** - St Anne's Choir  
**Sunday 8am** - Singing Servants of God **Sun 10am** - St Felix Choir

### Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	23 APRIL 8am	10am	6pm
C	Stephen Hoang	Joseph Dang	Anthony Rowe	Charbel Eltarraf
R	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Emanuela Viner	Elias Eltarraf
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf
M	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Helen Vujevic	Loreto Eduardo

### 30 APRIL

C	Emmanuel Icard	Mary Buckley	Tu Ha Kim	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Mary O'Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Joseph Bui	An Dang	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Jessie Kovacevic	Phu Nguyen