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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigils: 4.30pm & 5.30pm

Sunday - 7.30am & 9am

Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday and - Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday

3.45 pm– 4.15 pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

**Anointing: Every 2 months -
check bulletin for dates**

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In Co-operation

**10-11 April 2021
Second Sunday of Easter Year B**



Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Dear Parishioners,

Today the Second Sunday of Easter Year B

Here is what the Readings for this week claim. By his cross, Christ conquered sin; by his resurrection, he destroyed death. At Easter, we celebrate his victory with joy.

The [Second Reading](#) affirms that Christ's victory is ours. If we have faith that Jesus is the Christ, then we are begotten by God. If we are, then we conquer the world. And if we do, then we love God, we love the children of God, and we keep God's commandments obediently. In that condition, we are victorious with Christ.

Even in our sinful state, where truth forces us to confess our disobedience and our failures in love, we are victorious.

But these lines in the Second Reading look like joy-destroyers, don't they? If we don't keep God's commandments, if we don't love God's children, we don't conquer the world. And if we don't conquer the world, then we aren't begotten of God. And in that case we don't really have faith. How do we have victory then?

And it gets worse. In another place, the same Epistle says that anyone who says he doesn't have sin is a liar ([1 John 1:8](#)). So it seems that there is a Catch-22 here. If you sin, you aren't victorious. You are a loser. But if you try claiming that you don't sin, you are guilty of lying, which is a sin; and so you aren't victorious in that case either.

It seems that whether you think you sin or think you don't sin, you lose. So what happened to our victory? Where is joy? The solution is to notice what faith is. Faith is the belief that Jesus is the Christ, the one who—the one who what? Well, the one who conquers sin and death. So here is the message from the Readings. For our part, we are saved from sin and death by believing that we are saved from sin and death—by Christ. There is no Catch-22. Even in our sinful state, where truth forces us to confess our disobedience and our failures in love, we are victorious—over the sin and death in ourselves—as long as we believe that Christ won the victory for us.

This faith is what God requires of us, and the Second Reading is right: this requirement isn't burdensome. So here is our joy: As long as we believe that Christ won the victory for us, the victory of Christ is ours.

2. COVID-19 update

Churches are allowed unlimited numbers of worshippers, providing a two square metre rule singing is followed.

Congregational singing is now allowed. The COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship strongly encourages electronic collection of worshippers' names and contact details. Please use the QR code sheets that are on the entrance doors of the church and also write your name on the sheets provided. You are encouraged to keep maintaining necessary self-care and hygiene when we come to church. Our priority is making our parish a covid-19 safe parish. More information is available online: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/>.

3. Silence in the Church

Allow five minutes before Mass in the church to be a time of silence and quiet reflection in preparation for the celebration of the Eucharist. No group prayer at this time and, at all times, no noise in the church.

4. Volunteers

There are so many ministries in the Parish especially behind the scenes. If you feel that your talent or time can be of a service please consider being a volunteer.

5. Direct Debit via Giving Point Tap

Due to the COVID virus, the Archdiocese has asked that parishes include a Donation Point Tap device for use by parishioners who are not carrying cash. Many young families do not carry much cash nowadays, but use credit cards and so, this is a further reason to introduce "The Donation Point Tap." The device is set at \$5.00, so that the \$5 will be allocated to the Collections. If parishioners wish to give above this amount, they either "tap again" or use the collection plate as it passes by. Parishioners wishing to claim a Tax Deduction for their giving will need to take up a set of Parish Envelopes and support the community through the envelope system.

6. Fr Kene is away 9 – 24 April

Just are reminder that Fr Kene is attending a Military course in Queensland and will be away for the next three weeks. Arrangements have been made for supply of priests on the weekends he is away. Supporting the Military chaplaincy is an assignment given to Fr Kene by the Sydney Archdiocese.

7. Safeguarding Workshop

It is important that all ministries from cleaning, reading to choir complete not only their Working with Children Form but complete their Safe Guarding Children workshop with Natasha Steimbesser. It is a requirement handed down from the Archdiocese that this be completed for all ministries in the Church. If you have not done this Workshop please call the Parish Office to register your name so a date can be set by Natasha for another workshop. Thanks to Natasha for leading this ministry. Also, if you are having difficulty obtaining your WWCC, please contact the parish office.

8. What is the fate of our Parish community going forward?

Considering the rise in population and houses in our local community, the question may have popped up in your mind. Archbishop Anthony Fisher in his vision on 'Go Make Disciples', reiterates on the changes in population in Sydney both on numerical strength and in cultural diversity as well as change in the way we live, work and worship God. In our perennial profession of one faith, one Lord and One Baptism, new methods need to be injected in our way of evangelization and community-building.

In this light and with the changes, the Sydney Catholic School have taken the lead by building the Catholic College which will take care of academic needs of our children in the area and beyond. But our local church building as we have it now may not be big enough to contain the people that can gather at any one time for Liturgies in the near future. However, the Archdiocese of Sydney during the time of Fr Bob have proposed to site our church building close to the new Catholic school with a sitting capacity of 750. It is the hope of the church in Sydney that the proximity of school and local church will ignite the youths' interest in being part of the church community. The present property we have now where the church sits will eventually be sold in plots and the money realized from the sale is to be used in building the new church.

This is a heads up on what is on ground going forward, but I think some things have happened earlier with refinement of the project feasibility and developing a design brief for the new church and other parish facilities underway. Following this will be consultation/engagement with parishioners. Before the engagement stage comes, I'm happy to discuss further your concerns.

9. Children's Liturgy

We would like to re-introduce Children's Liturgy back into the weekend masses. If you would like to volunteer please let the parish office know. Even though you were a volunteer prior to Covid, please confirm that you will continue to be part of the children's liturgy team. The masses it will cover will be the 5.30pm and the 9am masses only. All new volunteers are welcome.

10. Office

With the Parish growing so is the need for storage in the office. With many of the Parishioners now downsizing or selling their homes you might have items such bookshelves or other storage items you might want to offload which our office could utilize. If so please let us know.

Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Family Spirit needs your help to find part-time, short-term or long-term carers for children and young people of all ages. To find out more, you are invited to our online information sessions on Wednesday 31st March at 6.30 – 7.30pm and Wednesday 28 April at 12.30 – 1.30pm.

To book call
Family Spirit 13 181 9
connect@familyspirit.org
8am – 6pm Monday –
Friday



A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with the 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 **(02) 9390 5810** or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org 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.

God Bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

Camino of St Joseph

Men, it's time to take up a challenge to honour our Spiritual Father on his Feast of St Joseph the Worker in the Year of St Joseph! The Camino will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Umbers at 8 pm on Friday the 30th of April at Holy Family, Menai. During our walk we will stop at several churches: St Patrick, Sutherland; Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda; St Finbarr, Sans Souci; and St Thomas More, Brighton-Le-Sands. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We will conclude with a sunrise Mass and breakfast at Brighton-Le-Sands, finishing up at 7 am on the 1st of May. To register, visit www.sydneycatholic.org/camino

Be A Man: Online Course in Masculine Theology

Join author of *Esto Vir* (Latin for *Be A Man*) Fr Paul Chandler on Zoom as we journey deep into God's plan for masculinity. This is a very exciting free opportunity for men: Fr Paul has a PhD in Masculine Theology, and all you need to purchase is Fr Paul's book!

Dates: 21 April; 5 May; 19 May; 26 May; 09 June (All Wednesdays)

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Visit www.sydneycatholic.org/beaman to register. You will receive a Zoom link in your confirmation email.

Cost: Free!

All Enquiries: chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org

Cleaning Roster— 12-16 April 2021

J Bartolo, J Camilleri, M Camilleri



Do you need help finding help in Liverpool?

A community care worker has joined All Saints Parish, Liverpool for help and referrals to services concerned with relationships, parenting, ageing, disability, addiction and mental health.



Call for a free consultation

131819

CatholicCare.org

connect@catholiccare.org

8am – 6pm Monday – Friday

The Paduans Prayer during the Pandemic

Merciful God of hope and life, during this time of pandemic, May we hold to attitudes and behaviours that profess our faith in Jesus Christ, May we act with care and responsibility to keep our community safe, May we be beacons of hope to those feeling overwhelmed and fearful. Heal those who are infected by the virus, Guide healthcare professionals and researchers in their work, Inspire politicians, business and community leaders by your wisdom, Bring those who have died to yourself and comfort their loved ones. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen Mary, Mother of God: pray for us. All Saints: pray for us.

This week's Catholic Weekly

- Mothers spur the quiet fertility revolution
- A haven of healing and hope for women
- Faith in Auburn
- CDF ruling: All are welcome
- Movie review: *Yes Day*
- Dr Matthew Tan: The new pelagianism

Events in the Parish — Legion of Mary Prayer Group:

Every Thursday after the 9am Mass in the Parish church cry room

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR ARE IN NEED OUR PRAYERS

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: David Cutri, Frangiska Dimech

Anniversaries: Tony Macri, Rosa Chiera, Teresa Brassil, Alfredo Pjanic, Ross Cavallaro and Emmanuel & Mary Gatt, Ernest Rust, Isidoro Biachi, Raffella Pelli

Also for: The Dimech Family,

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for: Ian & Shirley Farrell, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, James Dimech, Jean Poles, Hanee Abe Rached, Rhodora Manon, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Carmela Garzanti, Renzo Martignago, Rene D'Silva, Mrs Mary Vella, Lena Xerri