

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH MENAI

LIVING AND SHARING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AS A GROWING PARISH FAMILY

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THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 28 March 2024 Year B/2—Divine office Psalter Week 2

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,
through whom we are saved and delivered.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus (Ex 12:1-8, 11-14)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 'This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, "On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten. That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily; it is a passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt, I am the Lord. The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord's honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever.'"

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 115:12-13, 15-18. R. cf. 1 Cor 10:16)

(R.) Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. **(R.)**

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 4pm

Mass Timings:
Weekday: Tue - Sat 9.15am
1st Friday of the month: 7.00pm
Weekend: Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.00am

Blessed Sacrament Exposition

Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am
Fri - 8.30am Laud's music
8.45am Divine Mercy Chaplet
9am Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)

Lauds Tue, Wed and Thu - 8.45am

Reconciliation: Sat: 4.30 - 5.15pm
Or by appointment.

Holy Communion or Visit at Home:
Please contact the parish office to arrange a time.

Baptisms: Every 2nd Sunday, 11.15am and 4th Sunday during 10am Mass (no baptisms during Lent)

Baptism Preparation Program:
11am on the 1st Sat of each month.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor 11:23-26)

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (Jn 13:1-15)

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was.

They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter. 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in

common with me.' 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter, 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.'

When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



In your love and concern, please pray for all the sick and vulnerable members of our Holy Family community:

Carol Galdes, Julie Gonsalvez, Robert Nicholls, Brad Jory, Jayden, Natividad Sora, Paul Hill, Bernard Aclan, Julius Aclan, Jean Aclan, Geoff Eastgate, Joanne Mannah, Marie Collins and Chris Halvey

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

Cassie Fonseca, David Stephenson, Venancio Salugsugan, Presentacion Gamo Salugsugan, Thomas Trutwein, Jose Thomas, Jacques Eddy Sauzier, Ernest Camps, Joseph Alam, Glenn Beale, Felicity Thomas and Angeline Govind.

Recently Deceased.

Peter Boesen, Garry Fleming, Vincent Fetherston, Paolo Tulissio and Candida Rose Carvalho Marques de Ascensão Maia.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. - Amen -

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is

seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is the Body that will be given up for you; this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the Lord; do this, whenever you receive it, in memory of me.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Heavenly Father, grant that our families too may be places of Communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Heavenly Father, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.

Heavenly Father, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

What's on at Holy Family Parish

- † Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am
- † Morning Prayer (Lauds) - Tue - Thu 8.45am.
- † Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - Fri 8.45am
1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)
- † Rosary - Sat - 8.45am.
- † Mass - Tue - Sat 9.15am, during Lent Wed 7.30pm and Fri 7pm (Confession available during Adoration)



- † Children's Liturgy - Sun - 8.30am Mass
- † Daily Rosary, Rosary at 8-8.30pm on Zoom, please text (ROSARY) to 0418 433 333 to receive the link.

PARKING COURTESY

As parking can be quite congested during the Easter ceremonies, please show courtesy & consideration in the car park and to our neighbours in surrounding streets.



BAPTISMAL CANDLES



There is powerful symbolism in having your Baptismal candle at Easter Masses. We will light them for the Renewal of Baptismal Promises as a sign that each person is professing that we believe in and follow Jesus, our Risen Lord, our Light.

Please bring your own Baptismal candle or, if you don't have one, any other candle.

KINDLY REMEMBER TO INCLUDE SOMETHING TO STOP WAX FROM DRIPPING ONTO THE PEWS AND CARPET IN OUR CHURCH.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Feet and Bread: Necessities for the Journey

Jesus is the body language of God. He is Who God is living a fully human life. Stripped of his tunic with a towel girding his waist, his disciples could see his heart beating, divine energy pulsing into the world – as menial service.

Our Lord knows who we really are, not our imaginary self-portrait, our face to the world, but who we are at ground level where our feet can be somewhat dirty and embarrassing. He wants to wash us clean, soothe and refresh us, so that we can better follow him on the Way.

And he commands us, if we purport to be his followers, to wash and soothe and refresh the feet of others so they may better journey through life. Pope Francis memorably did this by washing the feet of prisoners, two of whom were women, one of whom was Muslim. Can we doubt that this helped their rehabilitation?

The further gift of the Last Supper, recorded in the other gospels, is the food necessary to nourish and sustain us on our journey. The Risen Lord in his glorified body enters into the most intimate communion with our bodies down to our very toes.

We could take a moment to pray that we might, like Pope Francis, be the presence of the serving, soothing, refreshing God in the lives of those who need us, setting their feet on the path to a happier and fuller life.



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PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please remember to bring in your Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes on the Easter weekend. Kindly place them in the white basket by the door outside the Sacristy. Thank you.



R.C.I.A

REAL CHURCH IN ACTION
For Gary, Eva, Brad and Melinda who through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be received into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil.

During this time of Lent we are called to a profound conversion of life. The steps being taken by our Candidates are a model of the steps we all take during Lent, steps to the profession of our faith in the Risen Christ at Easter.



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 (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.

What
is my purpose
in life?

Is this it?
Is there more to
life?

WELCOME

“Come & See”



Please join us for drinks & nibbles and
learn more about ALPHA

When: Wednesday 10 April 2024
Where: Meeting Rooms
Holy Family Catholic Church
1D Anzac Rd Menai.
Time: 7 pm - 9 pm

For more information please email
alpha.holyfamilymenai@gmail.com
or contact Maguy - 0412 300 335

Our actions and
decisions today
will shape the way
we live in the future

RSVP - 3 April 2024



PARISH COMMUNITY DAY!

Holy Family Menai invites you to . . .

Save the date for our upcoming Parish Community Day on Pentecost Sunday! We will be tasting dishes from various cultures, meeting new people, and coming together as a parish community. All are welcome to come along with your families and friends to enjoy a wonderful day!

Time: **Sunday**
19
11am onwards
May 2024
Where: JP11 Hall



**Holy Family Parish
Menai**



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST EVENT AT HOLY FAMILY MENAI

Join us on
Saturday, April 20th, 2024
for a morning of community and
connection over a delicious
breakfast.
Cost: a plate of breakfast/brunch
goodies to share and \$5

Please join us for:

9.15am for Mass

10am for Breakfast/Brunch (provided by all)

10.45am for Deacon Sone's Talk: "Living Our Lady's Fiat (Yes) in Everyday Life"

11.30am for 'Round Table Discussions'

11.50am for a 'Schoenstatt Response' from Sr. Elizabeth Foley

Bookings for seating purposes – to Angela organiser at angandricksen@gmail.com or Andrea at the Parish Office.





ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY'S NEWSLETTER



NSW Conversion Practices Bill

As you may be aware, the NSW Government tabled a bill to ban so-called conversion therapy in Parliament on Wednesday.

While everyone can support laws that genuinely aim to prohibit coercive actions that violate the dignity of the human person, bans on so-called conversion practices can sometimes have the effect – intended or unintended – of outlawing religious teaching, prayer and practice or preventing people from seeking and obtaining the help they desire to live in accordance with their beliefs.

The bill proposed by the Government provides some protections for religious leaders and parents seeking to raise their children in faith, but still has some gaps that unfortunately mean the proposed law encroaches too far into faith and family.

The Archdiocese of Sydney, along with a number of other faith communities, have proposed some reasonable amendments to make sure the proposed law does not do unintended damage to freedoms. These amendments should have been included in the original bill but were not, so I need your assistance to make sure our MPs know they are important.

Using the contactyourmp.org.au website, can you please send a message to your local MP and ask for their support for these reasonable amendments?

The government wants to pass this bill this week, so please act now.

Thank you for continuing to support me in protecting faith and family life.

God bless you in this holiest of times.

[CONTACT YOUR MP](http://contactyourmp.org.au)



Yours sincerely in Christ

EVENTS FOR 2024

MARCH

29 Friday	Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 10am. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, 3pm <i>(Holy Places – Annual Collection for the Church in the Holy Land)</i> Reconciliation – After Stations of the Cross, 11.15am and after the Passion of the Lord, 4.30pm
29 Friday	Novena to the Divine Mercy starts
30 Saturday	Holy Saturday Reconciliation – 10am until 11.30am Easter Vigil, 7.30pm
31 Sunday	Easter Sunday - Masses 8.30am and 10.30am <i>(No 10am Mass on this day)</i>

APRIL

5 Friday	First Friday, Sacred Heart Mass at 7pm followed Adoration until 12am.
7 Sunday	Divine Mercy Sunday 2pm Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction 3.20pm Holy Mass Veneration of the image of Divine Mercy.
8 Monday	The Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity, Adoration at 8.30am followed by Mass at 9.15am



Parish Courses for Liturgical Ministers in 2024

Greetings from the Liturgy Office, we hope that 2024 has started well for you!

Please find below the timetable of our parish courses for liturgical ministers in the first part of 2024. We have listed only those courses at which there are still places available.

All information about the courses can be found on our [web-page](#) (Ministry / Training / Formation – Liturgy Office of Sydney Archdiocese (sydneycatholic.org)), where you can check the dates and times, register on-line, etc.

Courses	Dates	Venue
Readers	15 th and 22 nd February 2024 6pm-9pm Thursday	St Charles Borromeo, Ryde
Readers	17 th and 24 th February 2024 9:30am - 12:30pm Saturday	St Joseph, Belmore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Refresher	21 st February 2024 6:30pm - 9:30pm Wednesday	St Therese, Denistone
Acolytes	28 th February, 6 th and 13 th March 2024 6:30pm - 9:30pm Wednesday	St Therese, Denistone
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	29 th February, 7 th and 14 th March 2024 6:00pm - 9:00pm Thursday	St Thomas More, Brighton-Le-Sands
Sacristans	2 nd and 9 th March 2024 10am - 1pm Saturday	St Joseph, Riverwood
Acolytes	6 th , 13 th and 20 th April 2024 Session 1: 9:30am – 12:30pm Sessions 2 & 3: 9:00am – 12:00pm Saturday	St Thomas More, Brighton-Le-Sands
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	11 th , 18 th and 24 th April 2024 6pm - 9pm Thursday	St Charles Borromeo, Ryde
Readers	2 nd and 9 th May 6pm - 9pm Thursday	St Martha, Leichhardt
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	21 st and 28 th May, 4 th June 2024 6pm - 9pm Tuesday	St Martha, Leichhardt
Sacred Music- Cantors and Musicians	25 th May and 1 st June 2024 9am - 2:30pm Saturday	TBC

- To enrol, please contact the Liturgy Office at liturgyassistant@sydneycatholic.org; Ph. 9307 8360
- Please note that priority in enrolments will need to be given to the parish hosting the event
- Please note that there will be more courses for liturgical ministers offered in the second part of 2024

Any parishioners serving in a Ministry that have not yet completed their training, please see the courses offered above. If you need assistance registering you can also contact our parish office here at Holy Family on 9543 2677 or email admin@holyfamilymenai.org.au

PLEASE NOTE

All Priests from the Archdiocese of Sydney will be attending a Live-in Clergy Conference from Monday 8 April until Thursday 11 April. There will be no Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Church will remain open for Prayer.

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.



LITURGY OFFICE
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Parish Courses for Liturgical Ministers in 2024

Any parishioners serving in a Ministry that have not yet completed their training, please see the courses offered in the foyer. If you need assistance registering you can also contact our parish office here at Holy Family on 9543 2677 or email admin@holyfamilymenai.org.au

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

If you have a child in year six or above and they have already completed their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and would like to make their Confirmation this year, the enrolment form is now available online at www.holyfamilymenai.org.au or you can contact the Parish office on 9543 2677 or email sacraments@holyfamilymenai.org.au.



HOUSE BLESSINGS DURING EASTER

If you would like to have your House Blessed during Easter, please indicate which day and time you prefer, along with your contact details on the sheet in the foyer.

HOLY FAMILY
**HELP A HOMEBOUND
PARISHIONER
TODAY**

LET US LEND A HAND AND SHOW OUR LOVE
AND CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

For more information, please contact
the parish office on 9543 2677.
Thank you and God bless.



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Timeline of Jesus' Death

HOLY THURSDAY

In the morning Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare the Passover meal. Towards the afternoon he goes to Jerusalem for the meal accompanied by the rest of the apostles.

7pm The Last Supper:

Washing of the feet.

Announcement of Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial.

Institution of the Eucharist.

The long discourse after the supper.

10pm To Gethsemane. Prayer of Jesus.

11pm Arrest of Jesus.

He is taken to Annas first and then to Caiaphas the High Priest.

Non-official trial and condemnation.

Denials of Peter.

Jesus is left to the will of the servants of the High Priest who abuse him till early morning.



GOOD FRIDAY

6am Gathering of the Sanhedrin and official condemnation of Jesus to death.

9am Jesus is handed over to Pilate; first part of the trial.

He is then taken to Herod, and brought back to Pilate.

Second part of the trial.

11am Jesus is condemned by Pilate.

He is scourged and crowned with thorns.

Journey to Calvary.

12pm noon Jesus is nailed to the cross.

The three hours agony.

3pm Jesus dies on the cross.

Joseph of Arimathaea asks Pilate for the body of Jesus.

Nicodemus brings ointments for the burial.

5pm Provisional burial of Jesus.



HOLY SATURDAY

The body of Jesus rests in the tomb.

The tomb is sealed and a guard posted at the entrance.

EASTER SUNDAY

5am RESURRECTION OF JESUS.

The women go to the tomb to complete the burial of Jesus.

Finding it empty Mary runs to give the news to the apostles.

Peter and John rush to the tomb.

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and to the women.

Some time later in the day he appears to Peter.

3pm Jesus joins the two disciples going to Emaus.

5pm The two disciples recognise Jesus as he blessed and broke the bread.

They rush to Jerusalem to convey the news to the rest of the apostles.

9pm Jesus appears to the apostles gathered together (minus Thomas).



Easter Triduum



Holy Thursday – 28 March

Mass of the Lord's Supper - **7.30pm**

Adoration at the Altar of Repose after the Mass until **12am**.

There will be a special collection for Project Compassion.

Good Friday – 29 March
(Day of Fasting and Abstinence)

Stations of the Cross - **10am**

The main ceremony for this day is

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - **3pm**

A collection to support the Holy Places will be taken up after prayers of intercession. Envelopes are available on the pews.

Holy Saturday – 30 March

No morning Mass

Easter Vigil - **7.30pm**

(No 5.30pm Mass on this day)

Easter Sunday – 31 March

Masses **8.30am** and **10.30am**

(No 10am Mass on this day)

RECONCILIATION TIMINGS:

GOOD FRIDAY

- after Stations of the Cross (~ 11:15am)
- after the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (~4:30pm)

HOLY SATURDAY

- 10am—11:30am

THE

SUTHERLAND SHIRE 7 CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE

"COULD YOU NOT STAY AND KEEP WATCH WITH ME." MATTHEW 26:40

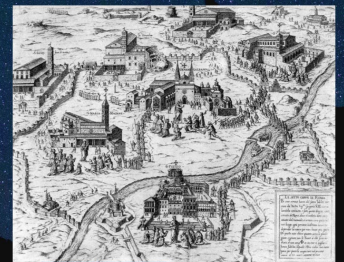
YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 7 CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE. AN ANCIENT DEVOTION WHERE CHRISTIANS VISIT SEVEN CHURCHES TO MEDITATE ON THE EVENTS LEADING TO THE LORD'S PASSION.

When: Holy Thursday, 28th of March 2024

Time: 9pm-11:30pm. (After Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Sutherland Shire 7 Churches

1. Holy Family Menai.
2. St John Bosco Engadine.
3. St Joseph's Como/Oyster Bay.
4. St Patrick's Sutherland.
5. St Catherine Laboure, Cymea.
6. Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda.
7. St Aloysius, Cronulla.



Holy Family Catholic Church, Menai.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Holy Family Catholic Church Menai will celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, everyone is welcome to receive in great abundance the gifts of His resurrection.

Sunday, 7 April 2024

The Second Sunday of Easter would be called "Divine Mercy Sunday" as desired by Jesus and expressed through St. Faustina. The late Pope St. John Paul II said, "Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium." Today it is in the mercy of God, the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness and there is no other hope for mankind.

Friday 29 March 2024

Novena to Divine Mercy starts.

Sunday 7 April 2024

2pm: Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

3.20pm: Holy Mass
Veneration of the image of Divine Mercy.

Our Lord said these words to Saint Faustina

"Say unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it, they will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy". (Diary, 687)

"The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death" (Diary, 754).

"At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same" (Diary, 844).

"Through this chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (Diary, 1731).

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Jesus I trust in You