

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH MENAI

LIVING AND SHARING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AS A GROWING PARISH FAMILY

Alfords Point Bangor Barden Ridge Illawong Lucas Heights Menai Woronora West



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 May 2025 Year C/1—Divine office Psalter Week 1

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

### First Reading

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
(Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27)

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

### Second Reading

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**  
(Revelation 21:1-5)

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You

see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John** (John 13:31-35)

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children, I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**Parish Office hours:**  
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:** 1st Sunday during 10am Mass and every 2nd and 4th Sunday, 11.15am (no baptisms during Lent)

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

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

Lena Galdes, Peter Kaye, Lynette Rocca, Marie Gonsalvez, Victoriano Mendoza, Jan Kurianski, Bernadette O'Brien, Ivan David, Tony Trainor, Ilse Von Stamm, Anthony Mifsud, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Sandra Thomas, Frances Rupolo, Matthew McLachlan, Mark F, Robbert A, Carlos Simoes, Beatrice Gonsalvez, Matilda Oliver-Nalder, Angela Symons, Carol Galdes, Julie Gonsalvez, Robert Nicholls, Brad Jory, Jayden, Natividad Sora, Bernard Aclan, Julius Aclan, Jean Aclan, Geoff Eastgate, Joanne Mannah, Marie Collins and Chris Halvey.

*We remember those whose Anniversaries and Special Prayers have been requested:*

Ljuba Zoraja, Bozo Glavan, Joseph Mannah, James Casey, Salim and Sayde Ghostin and family, Mahboube Chedid, Victor Buttigieg, Laurie and Elizabeth Greening, Bridget Netto, Megan Pettitt, Lucia Cristiano, Ronald Ball, Teresa Jacob, Felicity Thomas, Maria De Bellis, David Stephenson, Cassie Fonseca, Joseph Alam, Thomas Trutwein, Marilyn Nicholls, Johanna Nicholls, Justin Oliffe, Ken Olliffe, Joe Bridgett and Peter Howlett.

*Recently Deceased.*

Pope Francis, Marie Collins, Marie Isbester and Packie and Cathleen McElhone.

*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

**I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.**

**Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

## THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

## THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. **Amen.**

## THE REGINA COELI

**(during Easter Season)**

V. Queen of Heaven Rejoice, Alleluia

R. For he whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia

V. Has risen as He said. Alleluia

R. Pray for us to God. Alleluia

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia

R. For the Lord is truly risen! Alleluia!

## Let us pray

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life: Through the same Christ our Lord. 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.

## CAN YOU HELP?

If you could bring in any of the below to the Parish Office we would be most appreciative as these items will be given to those in need.

- Small four/six packs of long life milk
- Breakfast Bars

Thank you in advance for the ongoing support for this worthy cause!



# THE Catholic Weekly

SUNDAY, 18 MAY 2025

## PULPIT POINTS

- ◆ 1700 years of the Nicene Creed: Special report
- ◆ Leaders welcome Pope Leo XIV
- ◆ Our Lady lights up Sydney in third Fatima procession
- ◆ The faith behind a city's artistic treasures
- ◆ Anti-abortion rally draws thousands

Available to purchase in the foyer. **Only \$2 please leave the money in the box provided.** Thank you.



## Pray the Rosary During the Month of May

Please join us to pray the rosary during the month of May.

Tuesday - Saturday 8:45am

**"May is a special time to honor Mary, celebrating her love and guidance in our lives."**

Saint Teresa



ROSTER FOR 24/25 MAY (4TH WEEKEND)  SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		5.30pm	8:30am	10am	OTHER
	ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	Justin Coupland	George Szymura	Phil Collins	Counters: John Burt's Team
	READERS	Anne Newman Hastie Family	Bernard Govind Mia Apomayta Andrea King	Emma Gioiello Nuha De Vries	Children's Liturgy: Teachers TBC
	WARDENS	Charlie Zammit/Benny Falls	George Szymura/Jim Montague	Tony Ibrahim	Aeralife Aged Care: George & Wendy
	MUSICIANS	Peter Newman	Daniel Nakhl	Volunteers Welcome	Barden Lodge Aged Care: Andrea K
	PIETY STALL	Anne	Terri	Volunteer Needed	



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](mailto: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.



## **LEO XIV'S FIRST HOMILY:**

### **WHO DO THE PEOPLE SAY JESUS IS? TWO ANSWERS AND A TASK**

I'll begin with a few words in English, and the rest will be in Italian.

I would like to repeat the phrase from the Responsorial Psalm: «O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!» (Psalm 98:1). And indeed, not only with me, my brother Cardinals, but with all of us, as we celebrate this morning. I invite you to recognize the wonders the Lord has done, the blessings the Lord continues to shower upon all of us, through the ministry of Peter.

You have called me to carry that cross and to be blessed with that mission. And I know I can count on each and every one of you to walk with me, as we continue, as the Church, as a community of friends of Jesus, as believers, announcing the Good News and proclaiming the Gospel. «You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God» (Matthew 16:16).

With these words, Peter, questioned by the Master along with the other disciples about their faith in Him, summarizes the heritage that the Church, through apostolic succession, has guarded, deepened, and transmitted for two thousand years. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the only Savior, and the One who reveals to us the face of the Father. In Him, God, in order to draw close to humanity, revealed Himself to us in the trusting eyes of a child, in the restless mind of a young man, in the mature features of a man, even appearing to His own people, after the Resurrection, with His glorified body. He thus showed us a model of holy humanity that we can all imitate, together with the promise of an eternal destiny that, however, surpasses all our limits and capacities.

In his response, Peter embraces both: the gift of God and the path to be taken to allow oneself to be transformed, inseparable dimensions of salvation, entrusted to the Church to proclaim for the good of humanity. He entrusts them to us, chosen by Him before we were formed in the maternal womb (cf. Jeremiah 1:5), regenerated in the water of Baptism, and, beyond our limits and without any merit of our own, led here and from here sent, so that the Gospel may be proclaimed to all creatures (cf. Mark 16:15). God, in a particular way, by calling me through your vote to succeed the first of the Apostles, entrusts this treasure to me, so that, with your help, I may be His faithful steward (cf. 1 Corinthians 4:2) for the entire Mystical Body of the Church; so that it becomes ever more the city on the mountain (cf. Revelation 21:10), an ark of salvation that navigates through the tides of history, a beacon that illuminates the nights of the world. And this not so much thanks to the magnificence of the structures and the grandeur of the constructions — like the monuments in which we find ourselves —, but because of the holiness of its members, of that «people acquired to proclaim the wonderful deeds of Him who called them out of darkness into His marvelous light» (1 Peter 2:9).

Yet, above the conversation in which Peter makes his profession of faith, there is another question: «What do people say about the Son of Man?» Jesus asks, «Who do they say He is?» (Matthew 16:13). This is not a trivial question; on the contrary, it concerns an important aspect of our ministry: the reality in which we live, with its limits and its potentialities, its questions and its convictions. «What do people say about the Son of Man? Who do they say He is?» (Matthew 16:13).

Thinking about the scene we are reflecting on, we can find two possible answers to this question, which outline two different attitudes. In the first place, there is the world's response. Matthew points out that the conversation between Jesus and His followers about His identity takes place in the beautiful city of Caesarea Philippi, rich in luxurious palaces, nestled in a charming natural setting at the foot of Mount Hermon, but also the seat of cruel circles of power and a source of betrayal and infidelity. This image speaks to us of a world that considers Jesus a completely unimportant figure, at most a curious figure, who can arouse astonishment with his unusual way of speaking and acting. And so, when his presence becomes bothersome, due to the demands for honesty and the moral demands He makes, this world will not hesitate to reject and eliminate him.

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## SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

SATURDAY 24 MAY

MASS CELEBRATED AT 9.15AM

## MONTHS MIND MASS FOR POPE FRANCIS



Join us for a special Mass to honor  
Pope Francis' legacy

Saturday 24 May at 9.15am

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### God's Love

*What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God's love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today. God's love doesn't keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God's love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God's love is not conditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God's love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.*

## menALIVE Weekend for Men.

What are you doing on the 31 May - 1 June?

Could you benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect?

Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia.

Now, menALIVE weekend is being organised at St Patrick's Sutherland, conducted by experienced leaders.

To register, pick up a flyer from the back of the church, or head to

<https://www.trybooking.com/CYXFZ>

For enquiries, phone Steve Lia 0412 667 657.



In preparation for the Sydney Synod from (30 April to 3 May 2026), Archbishop Anthony Fisher is seeking positive, practical, and faithful ideas on how we can make our Church in Sydney more vibrant through more prayerful liturgies, more Christ-centred communities and being more mission-oriented.

We invite you to bring your ideas to our regional consultations at:

Holy Family Menaí, Saturday 9 am – 12 pm, 30 August 2025.

St Mary's Cathedral, Tuesday 6 – 9 pm, 14 October 2025.

All Saints Liverpool, Thursday 6 – 9 pm, 16 October 2025.

To find out more and to register your attendance at one of the regional consultations go to [www.sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod/) or scan the QR Code below. For further inquiries, email [synod@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:synod@sydneycatholic.org).

As the People of God in Sydney, let us join the Archbishop in praying, discerning, and acting with the Holy Spirit to make our Church more vibrant!





IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**MARIE COLLINS**

We invite you to join us in celebrating the life of a cherished wife and friend.



THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY  
AT 11AM

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FOR A **7PM START**

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MENAI

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**HOLY FAMILY  
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invites you to join our

**Procession on the  
Feast of Corpus Christi**

**Sunday 22 June  
2025**

commences at  
11am from the  
Church



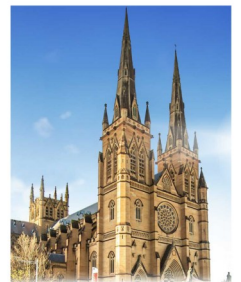
Procession with the Blessed Sacrament starting from the Church, processing up into Aquinas College grounds and Holy Family car park, finishing back at the Church with Benediction.

**WALK WITH CHRIST**  
FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

We would like to invite parishioners to join us in the Walk with Christ Eucharistic Procession through the City on Sunday, 22 June at 2.30pm.

We will be arranging a coach to take us departing from Holy Family car park at 1pm and return at approximately 5.30pm. We would love to take a full coach of parishioners. Free of charge. Coach capacity is 61 seats.

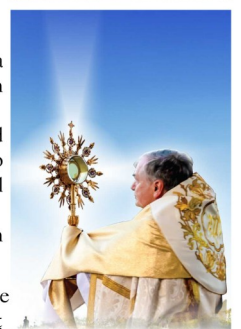
The Archdiocese will be covering the cost of the coach for this event.



We will be walking together as a Holy Family Menai group with our banner.

Please put your name and contact details on the sign up sheets or email [admin@holyfamilymenai.org.au](mailto:admin@holyfamilymenai.org.au) if you would like to attend with us on the coach.

All details can be found via the QR code or the by visiting [sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist](http://sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist)



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**07 June 2025(SATURDAY)**

**1:00 – 5:30 pm**

St Joseph's Parish Hall, 11 Walz St. Rockdale, NSW (parking entry thru Parker St.)

Afternoon tea is served

**Speaker: Ron Maldigri**

(Catholic lay evangelist with a powerful gift of Deliverance, Healing and Prophecy)

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**FESTIVAL:**  
Martin Place from 1:00PM.

**PROCESSION:**  
Begins at 2:30PM sharp.  
Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St.

