

# 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



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11 May 2025 Year C/1—Divine office Psalter Week 4

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

### First Reading

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
(Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52)

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

### Second Reading

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**  
(Revelation 7:9, 14-17)

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John** (John 10:27-30)

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

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:*

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:*

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 Olliffe, Ken Olliffe, Joe Bridgett and Peter Howlett.

*Recently Deceased.*

Pope Francis, Marie Isbester, Packie and Cathleen McElhone and Kathleen Branley.

*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

**The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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

## THE Catholic Weekly

SUNDAY, 11 MAY 2025

### PULPIT POINTS

- ◆ Celebrating Mother's Day
- ◆ Sydney's new Bishop Tony Percy
- ◆ Requiem Mass for Pope Francis
- ◆ Deacon Tai Pham on his priestly ordination
- ◆ Maximising safety in children's sport
- ◆ Hobart Archbishop backs an ecumenical stand on sexual ethics

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

† **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.

## MONTHS MIND MASS FOR POPE FRANCIS



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

Saturday 24 May at 9.15am

## 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



**PILGRIMAGE TO PENROSE PARK ON TUESDAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

ROSTER FOR 17/18 MAY (3RD WEEKEND)  FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		5.30pm	8:30am	10am	OTHER
	ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	Peter McLachlan Raf Saad	Phil Tax	Bernard Govind	Counters: Manuel Ortiz's Team
	READERS	Linda O'Regan Lauren Hosking	Emma Gioiello Mariko Mauch Tiarna Pender	Bridget Nappa Sally Dable Nuha De Vries	Children's Liturgy: Teachers TBC
	WARDENS	Charlie Zammit/Benny Falls	George Szymura/Jim Montague	Adrian D'Mello	Aeralife Aged Care: Mona
	MUSICIANS	Jeff and Sue Low	Emma (PowerPoint MP3)	Daniel D (PowerPoint MP3)	Barden Lodge Aged Care: Adam
	PIETY STALL	Volunteer Needed	Vanessa	Marie W	



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.



TOGETHER WE GROW AS  
HOLY FAMILY

# PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH DINNER DANCE

FRIDAY • 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE • 2025

**DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM  
FOR A 7PM START**

CLUB CENTRAL MENAI,  
44-60 ALLISON CRESCENT,  
MENAI

**TICKETS \$85 PER PERSON**

TICKETS CAN BE  
PURCHASED  
ONLINE USING THE  
QR CODE OR YOU  
CAN CONTACT THE  
PARISH OFFICE IN  
PERSON OR ON  
9543 2677.



YOUR TICKET INCLUDES A WELCOME DRINK ON ARRIVAL AND A DELICIOUS TWO-COURSE MEAL, WITH ADDITIONAL BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE BAR. GUESTS WILL ALSO BE ENTERTAINED BY WELL-LOVED LOCAL BAND, STONEMILL, MAKING FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND LIVE MUSIC.

## *The White Smoke...*

Don't think of prestige. Don't rush to post, to speculate, or to celebrate power.

Kneel. And pray for that man.

Because he who will soon step out onto the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica is not claiming a throne—but embracing a cross.

He is not a victor, but a sacrificial lamb chosen to lead a weary world.

At that very moment, he may be in the small, hidden “Chapel of Tears” beside the Sistine Chapel—weeping.

Not in triumph, but in awe and fear, asking God: “Why me?”

He will recount his frailties.  
He can list every reason why he feels unworthy.  
But God will give him mercy.

This man will carry the full weight of Peter's office.

He will grow tired.  
He will suffer silently.  
He will grow old—perhaps too soon.  
He will not retire in comfort.  
He will die in service.

His burden will be unseen by many, but his soul will feel it every day.

So when we see the white smoke... Let's pray for him.

He is not stepping into glory—he is walking into sacrifice.

## Donate to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal

**3 and 4 May 2025 & 10 and 11 May 2025**

The CWF is the charity of the Catholic community in Sydney and your local parish. Together, we bring hope and care to those who need it most.

**Give generously.  
Your tax-deductible gift  
changes lives.**



### To donate:

Scan the QR code  
Visit: [www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf)  
Call: 1800 753 959  
Or complete the parish envelope.

Scan to Give



**Menai Parish Target is \$11,300**

## From Fr Mani's desk...

### Happy Mothers' Day!

This Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day. As we thank our mothers, we also thank God for the deep beauty of God's design for motherhood – rooted in love, sacrifice and grace. Jesus gave us two gifts before his death one from his table of last supper and the other from the cross. First, he gave us his own body and blood to eat and drink for our food for our journey towards heaven. Secondly, he gave from the cross his mother entrusting his mother to the beloved disciple on behalf of us all, 'Behold your mother!'. Jesus gave his own mother to us because he knew how perfect a human mother she was; she is our spiritual mother and support in this life of journey. She is the ideal mother and disciple who was with Jesu at all the major events of his life, death and resurrection. She was there to pray and support the Apostles and all followers in the beginning of the church. Today she is the mother of the church.

This is what we honor today: we give thanks to God for our earthly mothers. We remember their sacrifices, their tenderness and love. They have taught us about God and how to pray in their own way in igniting our lamp of faith.

Today we rejoice in the gift of Mary, our spiritual mother. May is specially dedicated to honour her as she started to appear to those three children- Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia in Fathima, Portugal 108 years ago. She walks with us invisibly, praying for us, as we see her hands folded in prayer, she suffers with us and leads us ever closer to Jesus. No matter how lost or unworthy or unfaithful we may feel, she never ceases to call us her own children.

Real love is not what you see on television. It looks a lot more like what you see in your mother. That's why we say that God made mothers so that He can be everywhere.

Dear mothers, we love you and pray for you today in a special way. We are aware that none of us are able to give back your love in the same measure we received. You have shared the love that you received from God. May Mother Mary be your strength and model. We love you and appreciate all that you do for us. **Happy Mother's Day!**



**Celebrating our amazing mothers today**

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We honor the love, strength, and kindness of our  
**beautiful mothers** at Holy Family Parish.





# CHURCH IN SYDNEY WELCOMES POPE LEO XIV

*A Statement from the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP*



“Habemus papam” — we have a new pope, shepherd, father for the Church.

The Church in Sydney and Australia joins people throughout the world in giving thanks to God for the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

A native of Chicago and a member of the Order of St Augustine, Pope Leo XIV spent decades as a missionary in Peru before being appointed by the late Pope Francis to lead the Vatican’s Dicastery for Bishops.

Like the late Pope Francis, Pope Leo XIV will bring to the Church the experience of being part of a religious order with an emphasis on simplicity and community. But he also brings a missionary heart with a determination to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ "to the ends of the earth".

As a canon lawyer who has served for the past two years as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, he will also bring expertise in Church law and governance.

It was very moving that the Holy Father opened his first address to a watching world with a greeting of peace, and repeated the central truth of the Gospel, that God loves all of us “without any limits or conditions,” several times in his brief remarks.

It is our earnest hope that the Holy Father will join us in Sydney for the International Eucharistic Congress in 2028. It will be a joy to welcome him here.

I call on all Catholics and others of good will to get behind this pope with our prayers for him. May God bless him in his ministry.