

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



SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

29 June 2025 Year C/1—Divine office Psalter Week 1

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
(Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11)

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18)

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the

faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
(Matthew 16:13-19)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

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:

Mr Haymes, Lila Diakos, Doris Attard, Lena Galdes, Marko Petrak, 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 and Chris Halvey.

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

Frank Lynch, Mannah and Karam Family's, Margaret Calman, Toby Jamolin, Anne Hay, Hannah McCrossan, Rebecca Fonseca, Vernon Fonseca, Michael Halvey, Piero Sordo, Agostino, Aurelio and Assunta Tuosto, Marilyn Nicholls, Johanna Nicholls, Justin Oliffe, Ken Olliffe, Joe Bridgett and Peter Howlett.

Recently Deceased.

Janet Haymes, Sina Galea, Amy McLachlan Wright and Barry Walley.

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

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

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.**

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.

FIRST FRIDAY OF
EVERY MONTH

JOIN US FOR

Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass

followed by
Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY 4 JULY 2025

MASS AT 7PM

Every First Friday we will be praying for our sick and vulnerable members of our Holy Family community at 9.15am and 7pm Masses

ADORATION,
STRAIGHT AFTER
MASS UNTIL 12AM.

A time for reflection and prayer.

All are welcome.



THE Catholic Weekly

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

FEAST OF STS PETER AND PAUL BY GREG KANDRA.

What can we learn from these two good men? They teach us that our weaknesses and past mistakes don't disqualify us from doing great things for God. Both men had done stupid things, and yet God still chose them to do his work. Clearly, no-one is beyond redemption.

Peter and Paul also teach us that what unites us in the Church isn't our sameness. Rather, it's our shared faith in Jesus that brings us together. Indeed, it is much better to have a mix of backgrounds and talents in the Church because it makes us stronger, not weaker.

As well, they teach us that disagreement can be healthy, especially when it's handled with humility and honesty. As long as we keep Christ central in our lives, it's always possible for us to meet in the middle.

And finally, St Peter and St Paul teach us that it takes courage to live a life of faith. Our world has never liked Jesus and his message.

PARISHIONERS...PLEASE NOTE!

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 1 July and will re-open on Tuesday 8 July 2025. If you have any urgent queries you can call 9543 2677 and press 4 to talk to one of the Priests or you can email Fr Mani at pastor@holymenai.org.au

ROSTER FOR 5/6 JULY (1ST WEEKEND) 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		5.30pm	8:30am	10am	OTHER
	ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	Christopher Fetherston Peter McLachlan	Paul Tyson	Bernard Govind	Counters: Jim Montague's Team
	READERS	Simon Bradstock Margaret Keyes Sophie Kerr	Emma Gioiello Erica O'Brien Julie Tyson	Adrian D'Mello Marina D'Mello	Children's Liturgy: Not during the school holidays
	WARDENS	Charlie Zammit/Benny Falls	George Szymura/Jim Montague	Robert Pedic/ Tony Ibrahim	Aeralife Aged Care: Terri
	MUSICIANS	Holy Family Singers	Gino Ferraro (PowerPoint MP3)	Lisa (PowerPoint MP3)	Barden Lodge Aged Care: Francy
	PIETY STALL	Maria G	Priscilla	Laura/Georgia	



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.



Allen Oliver will be stepping down as the Treasurer of the Menai Conference at the end of this financial year. Allen will remain a conference member and continue to support people in our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Allen for his commitment and dedication to the Treasurers role of our conference over the years.

I invite you to thank Allen for all his work when you see him.

Volunteer Treasurer Wanted

With Allen moving on we need to find a new Volunteer Treasurer for next financial year.

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a *lay Catholic organisation* that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and to bring about a more just and compassionate society.

The Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering "a hand up" to people in need. We do this by respecting every person's human dignity, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.

The Spiritual Mission of the St Vincent de Paul Society is to continue the work of Jesus.

Volunteering is a great way to give back and make a direct impact on people's lives and become part of a community of people who care.

The Treasurer is elected from Conference Member. So, you must live in the local area and join the conference.

Treasurer Duties Include

Cash Handling	Collection, receipting, counting, banking and recording of monies
Expenditure	Co-Accountable for approving Conference purchases and expenditure Facilitating purchases and payments
Vouchers	Management and reconciliation of Vinnies store and gift cards
Budget & Reporting	Budget Management and Financial Approval Reporting of financial position to Menai Conference
Visits	If home visits are not for you that is okay

Skills

While we would prefer someone with an accounting background or studying accounting, if you have good computing, (outlook, word, email, excel etc), compassion, a non-judgmental attitude and most of all a good and kind heart. We will train and mentor you at every stage.

You will meet some wonderful people, and you will feel a great sense of achievement when you have made a real difference to somebody's life. We are a friendly, supportive group of people.

We look forward to meeting you.

For more information Contact: Chrissie Guglielmini at Chrissie.guglielmini@vinnies.org.au

YOU CAN HELP BREAK THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS



DONATE NOW



Our Appeal this year highlights the struggles of vulnerable people facing housing difficulties and disadvantage stemming from challenging past experiences, and who continue to experience the lasting impacts of homelessness in their lives.

This year's Winter Appeal will run from the **28th June up until the 13th July 2025**

The conference will be fundraising and collecting nonperishable food and new clothing through the through Holy Family and Aquinas schools and here at the Parish.

Fundraiser

Conference members will be outside before and after each mass on **Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 July 2024** to collect donations.

Donation options available:

Envelopes	Envelopes will be handed out at each mass and can be returned by placing them: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In mass collection bags,• Poor box or• Handed to a Vinnies conference member
Tap and Go	There will be 4 Tap and Go terminals available with lots of support to write out receipts.
Cash	Vinnies conference members will be holding donation buckets at the front of the church.

Food and Clothing

Once again, we are collecting non-perishable food, new clothing to give a hand up to vulnerable people experiencing homelessness and struggling with poverty and cost-of-living pressures this winter.

Donation boxes will be places in the church foyer between 28 June and 13 July 2025.

*** All food items MUST have long best-before and use-by dates**

We are collecting

New Clothing	Blankets, jumpers, tracksuit pants, thermal wear, socks, scarves, gloves or mittens, or beanies
Canned Foods	fish, fruits, vegetables, beans, soups, tomatoes
Dry Goods	pasta, rice, cereals dried fruit
Beverages	long life milk, cordial, Up-and-Go, Sustagen gold, Energy or sports drinks
Condiments	vinegar, ketchup, mustard, soy sauce

Congratulations to all our First Holy Communicants!

Saturday 28 June 2025

Dominic Amendolia
Ivy Carville
Nadia Feciuch
Sasha Goss
Rory Grima
James Kelly
Smauel Martin
Ryder Mansour
Kayla Soeparto
Ethan Wall
Charles Wilson
Giselle Wilson

Toby Brown
Emily Duffy
Zara Franklin
Jake Green
Bryce Higginbottom
Hugh Lucas
Nia Popp
Leo Stathakis
Jordan Weir
Emelia Wilson
Bailey Wilson

Sunday 29 June 2025

Juliana Abou Hamad
Lyla Broughton
Alyssia Carbone
Olivia Conn
Lily-Rose Cupido
Luke El-Souri
Jack Holdsworth
Mikayla Maluccio
Grace Marshall
Emilie Neklapi
Amber Palisi
Emma Ringrose
Daniel Robibaro
Jacob Wehbe
James Bradshaw
Antonio Canale
Edith Clarke
Isla Cooper
Jacob Denes
Hunter Goss
Eloise Leva
Madeleine Newman
Grace Massey
Owen Obrovac
Tiago Ribeiro
Olenna Roberts
Isla Salinas
Arianna Turner
Gabriella Wilbers
Amaya Sa'u

From Fr Mani's desk...

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion is an unforgettable event not only in the life of these children but their family and relations. We are all happy that through these loving children we receive manifold blessings from God and it will be continued as long as these children and parents come regularly to the church and attend the Holy Mass on days of obligation.

Mass is all that matters for us Catholics. It is not merely a church service or another reason for a celebration. It is something the Catholics do together as family, young and old, men and women, brown and white. We are not just spectators of an event but participants in the celebrations of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Mass is like an onion, this sacred event embraces layer upon layer of our tradition and mystery of our faith lived out by millions of people before us. The gospel story tells us that Jesus, on the night before he died, had a meal with his young friends in Jerusalem. It was not an ordinary meal but a special dinner, one that would be his last, one that his followers would remember for the rest of their lives. Let us remember all these and celebrate this event meaningfully with our children and pray that their faith in the Eucharistic Lord, may be deepened day by day, week after week, year after year.