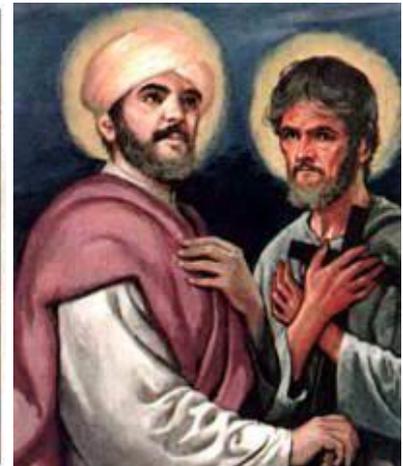
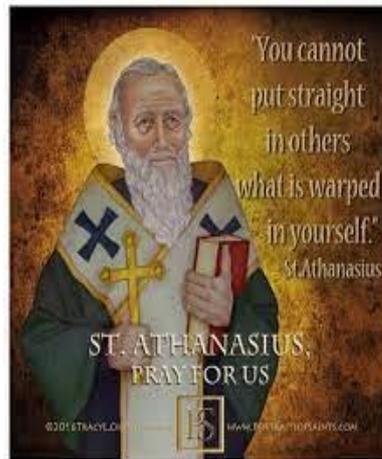




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Sunday, 1st May: 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
Monday, 2nd May: St Athanasius, bishop, doctor
Tuesday, 3rd May: Sts Phillip and James, apostle
Sunday, 8th May: Mother's Day



SUNDAY MASSES:	Vigil Saturday	5:00 pm
	Sunday	8:00am, 10am
WEEKDAY MASSES:	Tuesday to Saturday	9.15am
ROSARY:	Tuesday to Saturday	8.30am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday – 4.15pm or by appointment	
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday	4.15pm
BAPTISMS:	By appointment, Sundays after 10am mass	
WEDDINGS:	By appointment (minimum of six months' notice required)	
ANOINTING MASS:	2 nd Saturday of the month March, June and September	
PARISH SECRETARY:	Tuesday & Friday	9am to 3pm
	(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)	
This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired		

REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Recently Deceased: Piena Elika, Sabina Gelches, Zofia Mucha

Anniversaries: Seamus Mulligan, Leandro P. Lacsin, Antonio Teodoro

We remember the faithful departed Alex Teodoro, Rosa Arpi, Aquiles Molina, Ivan Molina, Juan Loja, Mariana Criollo, Angel Ortega, Miguel Londa, Angelina Teodoro, Mary Madeleine Graham, Maxwell Thomas Graham, John Edmund Graham. Gerald Attard, Seamus Mulligan.

“May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

ROSTER: 2nd Week

Time	Readers	Acolyte	Altar Servers
Saturday 5pm	Theresa Di Paolo Jerome Vandenbosch	Tony Allan	
Sunday 8am	Mark Wang-Shi Barbara Mucha	Elia Saulekaleka	
Sunday 10am	Lydia Leslie Sesalia Anasi	Christina Kazzi	Chuma brothers

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION I wish all the Confirmation candidates from the parish all the best for the upcoming Sacrament, **Saturday 4 June 2022 at 10:00am at St John of God church**, I am sure it will be a beautiful celebration. The candidates will attend the preparation during the month of May; we keep them, their parents, and catechists in our prayers.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Lord, look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation.
Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work
that You have begun in them.
As we prepare them for Confirmation, make each of
us an instrument of Your love.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

MOTHER'S DAY On **Sunday 8th May** we will celebrate **Mother's Day** with a special **prayer/blessing and morning tea after 10:00am mass**. Everyone is welcome, if you want to bring a plate to share after mass it will be much appreciated. The mass will be offered for all departed mothers, so if you want to drop a particular name, please do it before Thursday 5th of May.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND 2022 PASTORAL APPEAL The final Charitable Works Fund Appeal for the 2021-2022 financial year occurs on 8/05/2022. Envelopes are available on the stand as you enter the church and on the pews. Please take one home and bring it back no later than the last week in May. **Our quota for the May appeal is \$2360.00**. We thank you for your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION We wish to thank all of you who have donated to Project Compassion appeal and to making a difference in so many people's lives. It is now time to return any Project Compassion boxes. Once they have all been collected we will be forwarding the money to Caritas on your behalf. We thank you for your generous donations. God bless you.

Fr Mike Schmitz to Address the Archdiocese of Sydney | Live Online | Saturday 28 May 2022 | 10 – 11:30 AM Fr Mike Schmitz, presenter of the 'Bible in a Year' podcast, will address the faithful of Sydney on the topic, 'Why make disciples? What our Tradition tells us about calling and forming disciples.' In this fourth part of the *Reclaiming Evangelisation* series, Fr Mike will examine the great adventure of calling and forming disciples which saints and sinners have been living from the apostles until the present day.

Please register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events. Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

PILGRIMAGE 2022 The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, **“In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop”** commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For any questions and provide an itinerary and application form: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or 89124818

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29, R: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading Rev 5:11-14 In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all Creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel John 21:1-19 Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eager to put the trauma and disgrace of Good Friday out of their minds, the apostles have slipped back to life as it was before the call of Jesus. They have just come back from a night's fishing, empty handed. A stranger on the shore urges them to cast their nets once more and the result is a miraculous catch of fish. At that moment they recognize the Lord and accept his invitation to share breakfast with him at the lakeside. In Pilate's courtyard Peter with curses and an oath had denied he knew Jesus and now the memories of how badly he had acted on that occasion were making him uneasy. Jesus knew exactly how he felt and offered him an opportunity to proclaim his love and loyalty to the risen Christ. Peter's authority, lost by his denial, is now restored through his confession of faith. His position as head of the apostles is clarified and he is given the commission to guard the whole flock in Christ's name, a role that will lead to a violent death. The Good Shepherd leaves his church in the charge of a man who has failed, which shows that ***Christ's call does not exclude falls. Peter came to know God's grace through failure.*** Often failure can be the finger of God pointing the way, awakening within us an awareness of our own helplessness. Whatever it was about that lakeside gathering it restored Peter's confidence, gave him the strength to renew his faith and throw himself into the spreading of the gospel.

The challenge which Christ presented to Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' is the same challenge facing us. We are to plunge into the waters of life and risk everything for the sake of the Lord. The miraculous catch of fish symbolizes the bringing of all people into the reach of God's mercy. The church will gather, into one unbroken net, men and women of every race, colour and nationality. Like the apostles, everyone has been summoned by Jesus to extend God's kingdom everywhere. We are to bear effective witness, to go out and preach in his name to a world that does not always want to hear the truth. To be faithful to the ideals of the gospel requires courage, because it is never easy to do what is right when it means we have to go against popular values. Our life's work is meant to be one of living service for the glory of God. All of us can find some role where we can be helpful to others, whether it be modest, spectacular, important or insignificant. We are presented with daily opportunity to help the elderly, to listen to bereaved neighbors and to give human contact to the lonely, provided we are willing to take time out. It's as good a day as any to reflect on the way in which we perform or neglect these functions.

Have a good Sunday!

A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES A copy of the Safeguarding Policy has been uploaded to the website of St John of God and a copy will also be attached to our notice board. If anyone would like a copy of the Safeguarding Policy, one can be provided to you upon request.

As part of the Safeguarding procedures, the Parish is now making available a suggestion box especially for children and young people in order that we take into consideration their thoughts, feelings, and suggestions in a more proactive way. The Suggestion Box is placed in the church foyer.

Also, as part of the Safeguarding procedures, it is available for parents, guardians and the general community a protocol 'Managing Safeguarding Complaints'. We value the process in moving forward positively in relation to all Safeguarding measures. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Priest.

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 legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

We acknowledge the Watergora people of the Darug Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which St John of God church stands. We pay our respects to the past, present and emerging Watergora generations