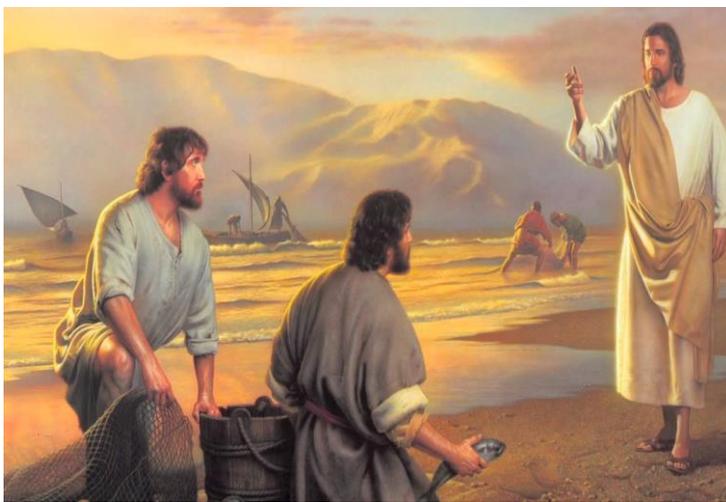




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Sunday, 15th May 2022 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year C



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| 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: Lourdes Way

Anniversaries: Gerard Keogh, Leandro P. Lacsin, Maurice Joseph Menzies, Ivica Pupek

We remember the faithful departed M Wang, M Tuong, D Wang, J Sun, M Chen, M Xue, J Zheng, M Yu, P Zheng, M He, Cornelius Felix D'Souza, Jacuim Fernandes, Raymundo Sagayo, Angelina Teodoro, Mary Madeleine Grahlan, Maxwell Thomas Grahlan, John Edmund Grahlan. Gerald Attard, Constance Philomena Etto, Nida Sonon, Seamus Mulligan.

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

Prayers for the sick Jan Chen, Honfan Chen, Qin Sun, Joe Wang, John Wang

"Mother of God, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Pray for us"

ROSTER: 4th Week

| Time | Readers | Acolyte | Altar Servers |
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| Saturday 5pm | Denise Hall Mary Dias | Tony Allan | |
| Sunday 8am | Mary Klaist Barbara Mucha | Ruben Baluyot | |
| Sunday 10am | Lydia Leslie Joey Wang Shi | Cheston La'Porte Radley La'Porte | Chuma brothers |

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.



We welcome **Thomas James Heys** who is to be baptised into the Catholic Faith on this Sunday, 15th May 2022. May the light of Christ be with him and his parents always.

THANK YOU TO ST VINNIES & VOLUNTEERS I take this opportunity to thank St Vincent De Paul for organising The Mother's Day morning tea and all the volunteers who made possible this beautiful gathering. I am sure that all our mothers in our community felt a little extra special by this celebration.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on **Wednesday, 18th May 2022 at 7.00pm.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL DINNER'S ARE BACK The St Vincent De Paul will be recommencing their monthly dinners on the **3rd Friday of every month.** The first one for this year will now be held on **Friday 20th May from 6.30pm to 8.30pm** at McDermott House. Come and Join us for a meal, conversation, friendship and support!!

AIR CONDITIONING WORKS In the coming weeks we expect that work will be underway for the air conditioning to be installed in the church and hall. We will keep you informed.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND MAY 2022 PARISH APPEAL Thank you for supporting the CWF May Parish Appeal. Through your generous gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable in our community through our CWF agencies and ministries, and to promote the good works of our faith in our seminaries, schools and universities

PARISH IN NEED OF READERS We are in need of readers for the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays at 10am Mass, and on 5th Sunday at the 5pm Mass. If you are interested please see Fr Gustavo.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS MASS On Tuesday, 24th May at 9.15am St John's Primary School will be joining us to celebrate this special feast for Catholics in Australia. The Rosary will be prayed at 8.30am.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading Acts 14:21-27 'We are now turning to the gentiles

They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them

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.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 144:8-13

R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading Rev 21:1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 13:31-33,34-35

In the Son of Man, God has been glorified

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.'

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HE IS RISEN *Be happy!*

It may come as a surprise to realise that Jesus gave us the command to love one another at the Last Supper shortly after Judas had left the upper room on his mission of betrayal. This was the new order the Saviour had come to bring, the sign by which the world would recognise his followers. Christ paid at Calvary. If we are to live by this new commandment we must undergo many trials, for this love makes as many demands upon us as it did upon Christ. We need to learn how to go about loving others for the sake of God because, in the evening of life, we will be judged on how well we have loved.

Christ's rule for living life properly may not present problems as far as loving our friends is concerned. Most of us are fairly good at overlooking their faults, making allowances for their shortcomings and forgiving their failures. It is easy to love those who are kind and loving towards us but Christian love calls us to do more than this. Nobody must be excluded from our loving. What about our enemies – those who have done us harm and perhaps still do? We fail miserably when we retaliate and our good intentions are shattered as we gossip maliciously about them. The making of ourselves into real Christians is the work of a lifetime. Conversion does not take place overnight and requires much patience.

The one thing we all need to experience is the kind of love that Jesus lived and preached. It's a love which finds its source in God, is a fragment of eternity within our being and without which our lives have no meaning. This is the one Commandment on which we are called to base every action and it is the very core of the gospel. Love has the power to give meaning to impossible situations, to bring light into darkness, to inspire people, fill them with hope and give them the courage to continue on the road ahead. The Lord may not be walking our pathway today in his physical body but in every age he continues the work of making the whole of creation new through his disciples.

The good news is that we have been chosen to be instruments of his grace, channels through which others may experience his love. It may simply be a smile which costs nothing but means so much, because it comes from our heart. In one sense the only failure facing any Christian in life is the failure to love.

This week, begin each day with a brief prayer, asking the Spirit to inspire your living. Think about what it will mean for you to keep Christ's Word throughout the day. If you have particular situations/that challenge your commitment to Christian life and discipleship, be especially conscious of these circumstances as you pray and ponder your choices of words, actions, or attitudes. At the end of the day, reflect upon the ways in which you did or did not act as Christ teaches. How was the Spirit an Advocate for you by providing what you need to learn and to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

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