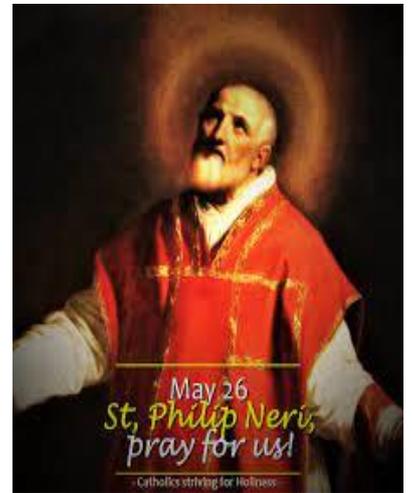
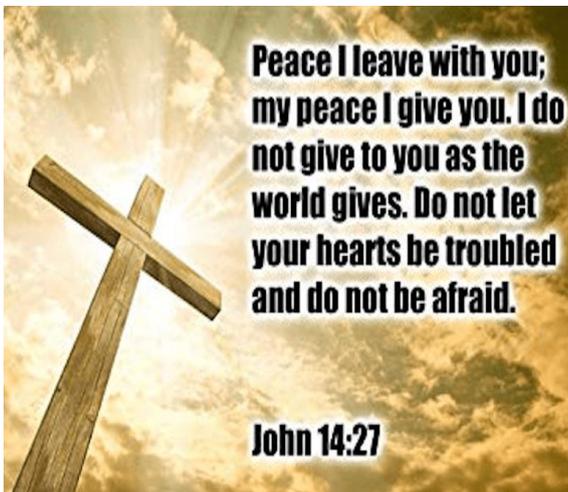




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Sunday, 22nd May 2022
Tuesday, 24th May 2022
Thursday, 26th May 2022

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year C
Our Lady, Help of Christians
St Philip Neri, priest



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: Rocco Criscitelli, Lourdes Way, Sabrina Gelches

Anniversaries: Simon Doumit, Feliciano Hipolito, Sekolatika Funaki, Arnaldo Locsin Sr, Virgilio Agito

We remember the faithful departed Noelito Velasco, 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

"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: 5th Week

Time	Readers	Acolyte	Altar Servers
Saturday 5pm	Vacant Mary Dias	Tony Allan	
Sunday 8am	Caroline Fernandes Mary Klaist	Ruben Baluyot	
Sunday 10am	Vacant Marissa Gutierrez	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.

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. Your generosity has been very much appreciated.

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 You are invited to join us to celebrate the solemnity of the Patroness of Australia, Mary Help of Christians, on **Tuesday, 24th May at 7.00pm**. The Rosary will be prayed at **6.30pm**.

THANK YOU TO THE KNITTING GROUP OF OUR PARISH Thanks to the dedicated work and generosity of these ladies, they will be donating beautifully knitted blankets, scarves and beanies to the Ukrainian Church in Lidcombe.

PARISH COUNCIL Minutes from the meeting PC are ready to be collected from the sacristy.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN The sacrament of [Reconciliation](#) will commence on Friday, 19th August and the Sacrament of [First Holy Communion](#) will commence on Friday, 4th November. For enrolments use the link, QR code or pick up a form from the sacristy.



Reconciliation
19th August 2022



First Holy Communion
4th November 2022

MEDIA STATEMENT - A STATEMENT FROM THE CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY MOST REV. ANTHONY FISHER OP is available at the front entrance of the church.

PENTECOST PLEASE NOTE THAT ON **PENTECOST SUNDAY, 5TH JUNE 2022** THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE **MASS AT 9.00AM** FOLLOWED BY A MORNING TEA. ALL WELCOME.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8 R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading Rev 21:10-14, 16-17, 20 Come, Lord Jesus!

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹ It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. ¹³ There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. ¹⁴ The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁶ The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. ¹⁷ The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits thick.

²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

Gospel John 14:23-29 The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

HE IS RISEN *Be happy!*

Occasionally we all experience the wrenching pain caused by saying goodbye. Here we have Jesus gently breaking the news of his departure to his disciples. The thought of his going away was so painful that their minds were almost numbed to what he had to say. Without him the future would be bleak and meaningless, as the whole focus and direction of their lives was gone. Yet Christ did not abandon them, as his parting gift, he left the offer of peace which the world cannot give. This deeper peace, of walking with God, is difficult for the unspiritual mind to grasp. It was not a promise to preserve them from hardships and suffering, but a pledge to bring them safely through all trouble to eternal life. The peace Jesus was offering was the confidence of being loved, the assurance of knowing that God can be relied upon and trusted in hard times. It flows into our lives when we open our hearts and allow God's healing presence to work within us. His strength is a powerful help to ease the tension and restlessness of life's difficulties which afflict our minds and souls. This peace which Christ makes available is not easily won as it comes from striving consciously to live according to the known will of God.

Peace which means the absence of war, a lack of noise, the avoidance of conflicts, an hour without pain and suffering, was not the peace announced by the angels at Christ's birth, nor willed at his death. The peace which is proclaimed is achieved by victory over sin due to the power of God, and Christ could speak of it on the night before he died. To obtain it means shutting out of our lives all that is selfish and greedy, all hatred and bitterness, and putting in their place forgiveness and the desire to help others and share with them the good things of life. The basis of peace is God. The secret of peace is trust, but the soul of peace is love which comes from the love of God and expresses itself in our love for people.

The question we have to ask is whether we are at peace with ourselves, which is the wonderful effect of being accepted by God. If his Spirit dwells within us we can accept others in his name. Excluding others from our company means we are erecting barriers which prevent God's love and peace from reaching us.

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 Watgora 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 Watgora generations