

PROPER OF THE MASS

First Reading *Apostles 9:26-31*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

(R) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! *(R)*
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. *(R)*
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' *(R)*

Second Reading *1 John 3:18-24*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence,

and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel *John 15:1-8*

Jesus said to his disciples:
'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28 April 2024
Year B

MASSES

Monday - Saturday: 9.10am.

Saturday (Vigil): 5.00pm.

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm.

PRIESTS

Fr Allan Casquejo *Parish Priest*

Fr Rafael Silva Galicia *Asst. Priest*

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: After 9.10am Mass & before Vigil Mass

(or anytime by appointment)

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT / ADORATION

First Fridays: 8.30am

NOVENA

First Wednesdays: 7.30pm

BAPTISMS

Sundays: 10.30am

(please approach the priests after Mass)

MARRIAGE

By appointment *(six months' notice)*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday : 9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday & Friday : 9am - 3pm

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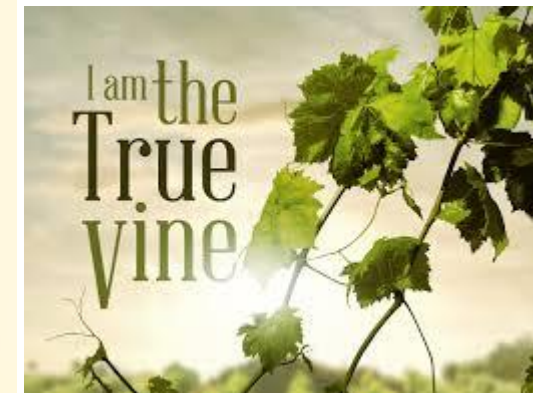
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Mrs Rachel Baker *(Principal)*

Today Jesus tells us that he is the true vine, and we are the branches.

There are times when we feel we are being pruned, and there are times when we recognize the growth and fruit.

As long as we remain part of the vine, we will grow more and more in God's love, bearing fruit that may draw others to become part of the vine.

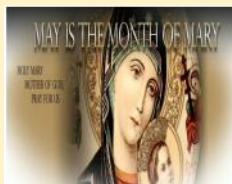


CATHOLIC WEEKLY. Please leave \$2 in the **MARKED WALL BOX NEXT TO THE STAIRS.**

- "Baptism Boom" New Catholics embrace their faith!
- Candlelight vigils honour Bondi victims
- Bluey puts family values back on screen

OR visit <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au>

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY, OUR BLESSED MOTHER.



A prayer full of blessings as we contemplate the mysteries of our salvation. Let us make use of this beautiful prayer as we continue to grow together in faith and love. We can

receive many benefits from praying the Rosary. We can have peace of mind, an increase in love for Jesus, unity with our Church, follow Mary's request, understand better the will of God in our lives, and a greater focus on God instead of ourselves.

"The month of May is a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary, for this reason,

I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary."

~ Pope Francis ~

Please join us in the Church to pray the rosary during the month of May.

LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? YOU HAVE THE MESSAGE OF ETERNAL LIFE JOHN 6:69

CATECHESIS
For adults and teens

Mon and Thurs
7:30pm
starting 6th May

Holy Family Catholic Church
214 Maroubra Rd
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What is happening at Holy Family!



John XXIII's words, "Throw open the windows of the church and let the fresh air of the spirit blow through." For Holy Family Parish these words are so important that we have even open up the 'new doors' of the church for the spirit and everyone to come in and spend sometime in prayer. The Church doors are open from 8am to 5pm! Please pray for our parish and our priests

Thank you for all your donations!



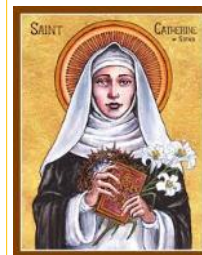
CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) PARISH APPEAL - 4/5 MAY

We need your help. The work of CWF's benefiting agencies represents our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion (visit www.cwf.org.au to find out more), giving your gift the power to change lives for the better.

- Please use the appeal envelope provided or alternatively, visit the CWF website www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf to donate **ONLINE** securely by credit card (**please remember to include your nominated parish - Holy Family, Maroubra at the bottom of the page - as this helps us too**).
- This collection is totally tax deductible (over \$2). It may be to your advantage to contribute to the responsibilities of the parish in this way. Any donation will be greatly appreciated & used well by the CWF.
- **Closing date** for this appeal is **Sunday 19 May**. Donations received after this date will go towards CWF 2024/2025.
- To find out more, phone 1800 753 959 or email cwf@sydneycatholic.org

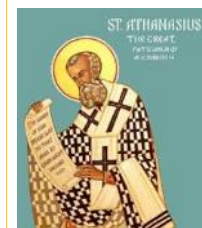
SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 29 April - St Catherine of Siena.



Born at Siena (Italy) in 1347. Died at Rome on this day in 1380. Com-mitted to the practice of prayer and penance from an early age, she entered the Dominican Third Order while still an adolescent. Became an influential spiritual leader and made strenuous efforts to reconcile Church and state and to reform the Roman papacy. Remembered for her holiness and determination and, though she never learned to write, for the quality of her teachings. Remembered also as a mystic and a reformer of religious life.

Thursday, 02 May - St Athanasius.

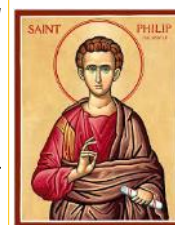


Born in 295. Buried on this day in 373 at Alexandria (Egypt). Attended the first ecumenical council of Nicaea as a deacon. Later, as bishop of Alexandria, he upheld that council's doctrine in the face of great opposition from

Arians, including several emperors. Sent into exile a number of times. Venerated as the

"Father of Orthodoxy" for championing the true and equal divinity of the incarnate Son of God.

Friday, 03 May - St Phillip and James.



Philip, from Bethsaida in Galilee, became a disciple of Jesus and one of the twelve. Recorded in the Fourth Gospel as recognising in Jesus the one foretold by Moses and the prophets (John 1:45) and as introducing Gentiles to the

Lord (John 12:20-22).



James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve called by Jesus (Mark 3:18ff). Known as James the Less. Venerated traditionally as the author of the letter of James and as leader of the Church in Jerusalem, where he died in the year 62.

The joint feast of Philip and James has been celebrated in Rome since at least the sixth century.

Texts: Daily Mass Book - Pictures: Wikipedia



We welcome and pray for

SABINE ELENA MAFOE

who is being baptised this weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Sr Faye Kenny, Donatella Brown,

Nayade Malkun, Mervat Haggar, Max Wilson, Joanne Banner, Anita Ruiz, Elena Ruiz, Fred Dafforn
May they be comforted by the prayers and assistance of all who care for them.

Recently deceased: Mavis Puglisi

Anniversaries & Souls of: Lucy Chong, Susan Lee Soon Sim, Maria Pham. Theresa Dinh, Joan Yu, Alejandro Yepes, Joseph Vella, Maria Petz and Oscar Petz. Josephine Attard, Manuel Fernandez, Judith Maria Dever,, Mary Ebert, Andre Bouches, Maureen Joseph, Wilma & Merv Baldwin & All Souls in Purgatory

Through the mercy of God, may their souls rest in peace.

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