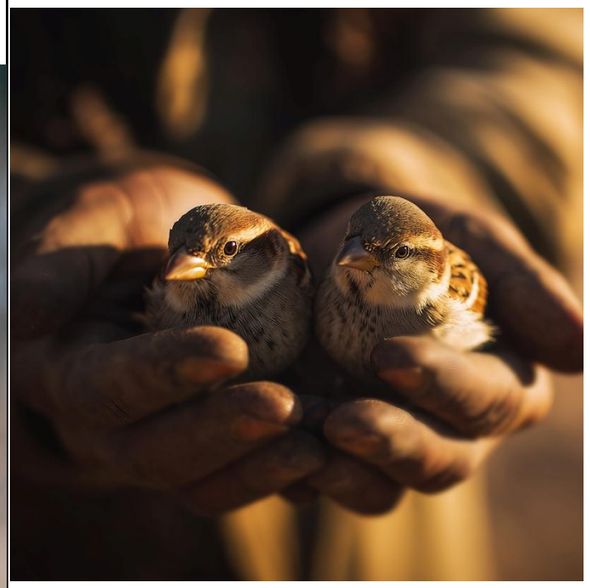
of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon **John 10:11,15**

I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

Sacred Secrets

And did you hear the one about the bishop who hired a secretary who had worked for the Pentagon? She immediately changed his filing system to "Sacred" and "Top Sacred".



Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help for the peoples of the Middle East.
Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace.
Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of calm and openness.
Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.
Where children are crying bring an end to tears.
Shelter your peoples and protect them Guide them and keep them from harm.
Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear and breathe whispers of hope. Amen.
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Prayer for Ukraine

O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjut aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection.
O Mother of God, who gave them your miraculous icon at Zarvanytsia, intercede for the Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of your mercy in their times of need.
O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on them. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual. Amen

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 21 June 2026

Entrance Antiphon **Cf Psalm 27:8-9**

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading **Jeremiah 20:10-13**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14**

R/ Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1.It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. R/

2.This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. R/

3.The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. R/

Second Reading **Romans 5:12-15**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam

to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation **John 15:26. 27**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 10:26-33**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence

Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins
(available Tuesday to Sunday)
Parish Permanent Deacon – Reverend Mister Alfredo Bouroncle
Parish Secretary—Bernadette Hickey
(Office hours—Tuesday 8-3pm & Thursday 8-5pm)

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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses	Thursday 18 June – 9:15am Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese) Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)
Confessions	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm *or* by appointment
Adoration & Benediction	Mon 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues to Fri 8:00 – 9:00am & Sun 9:00—9:25am
Baptisms (2nd & 4th Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month's notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months' notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends of 23/24 & 30/31 May 2026

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
$931.05	**$746.20**	**$320.00**	**$77.65**
(supports the priest's expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Mons Frank Coorey (RIP), Quintino Goncalves & family (death anniversary), Miria Nunes Gomes & her family & children & husband (RIP), Fr Paul Foley, Fr John Briffa, Fr Joseph Aikkaramattam, Fr Hugh Thomas CssR, Fr Vincent Reiley, Fr Brian Egan.

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. *(Archdiocesan permanent notice) Safeguarding Children information can be found in folder at the back of the church.*

***Lord Jesus**, Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all, especially the children and vulnerable adults you entrust to our care. We also pray for those who have been harmed. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen*

PARISH EVENTS

O'Malley Funeral Home Donations Thank you to all for your generous donations.

Adoring the Eucharistic Lord Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Fisher. *Copies at the back of the church.*

Sistine Chapel Immersion Experience! Parent and Carer Invitation for June 25th You are invited to join us for a spectacular visual experience in the city! City West Network Schools invites parents, carers, parishioners and friends to join us for a day of beauty, reflection and community. We will meet at St Pius school at 8:45am on **Thursday June 25th**. We will then travel together on the train to Hyde Park for a quick coffee before our Sistine Chapel Immersion Tour starts at 10:20am. Afterwards we will have a special reflection in the crypt of the Cathedral and a guided tour of the back Mary chapel of the Cathedral. Finally we will end with lunch (provided by schools) in Hyde Park (or a wet weather alternative). If you would like to join us you will need to purchase your own ticket via the QR code and then let Brigid Vieira know brigid.vieira@syd.catholic.edu.au. Any questions, please also ask Brigid. Hope you can join us!

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Didasko Faith Formation 2026 *The Eucharist in the Life of the Church* June session: **Eucharist Miracles** (free) **Tuesday 30 June**. Online via Zoom. Presented by Most Rev Anthony Fisher. Session 7:30-8:45pm. 35 pp.Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

Fidelis is happening on **Wednesday, 24 June** at St Kevin's Catholic Church, and we're excited to welcome Fr Bijoy, who will be giving a talk titled: "Re-creation: Doomscrolling vs Rest." In a world of constant scrolling, noise, and busyness, this will be a fantastic opportunity for young adults and professionals to pause, reflect, and rediscover what true rest in Christ really looks like. Fr Bijoy will unpack the difference between doomscrolling and genuine renewal, and how we can find deeper peace, joy, and purpose in our everyday lives. Here's what the evening looks like: 6:00–7:00pm: Adoration, 7:00–7:30pm: Holy Mass, 7:30–8:15pm: Food and Social Time, 8:15–9:00pm: Talk

Tri-diocesan Social Justice Dinner All parishioners are welcome to attend the 2026 Tri-diocesan Social Justice Dinner, to be hosted at All Saints' parish hall in Liverpool on **Wednesday, 1 July 2026**. We will hear about the stubborn persistence of slave-like working conditions even in modern Sydney, most often experienced by new migrants, and we will reflect on the role church communities can play in helping victims to become aware of their rights at work and escape situations of exploitation. Our speakers: - Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP - Dr James Cockayne, NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner - Moe Turaga, Australian Catholic Anti-slavery Network No cost, but registration is essential https://events.humanitix.com/tri-diocesan-social-justice-dinner-2026

You Will Be My Witnesses: Parish Renewal Conference 2026 You give a lot to your family, your friends, and your faith community. Invest in yourself, your relationship with Christ, and your desire to see those you love growing in faith. Don't miss this once in two years opportunity to gather with like-minded Catholics who share a love for Christ and a desire to build his kingdom. Only three weeks left to book tickets. Register here.
The day includes prayer, inspiring keynotes, and practical breakouts to encourage and refresh you. Learn more about our plenary speakers Marcel LeJeune and Sr Susanna Edmunds OP. Date: Saturday **18 July 2026** Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club Cost: $99 plus booking fees or purchase 5 tickets and get one free Register here. Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

Created in Love "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." – Psalm 139:13 The Catholic Women's Network and Maronite Women's Ministry are honoured to present Created in Love: Women, Fertility & God's Plan, a first-of-its-kind retreat day inviting women to discover the beauty, dignity, and wisdom of their bodies through faith, formation, and community. Whether you're seeking clarity, healing, education, or simply a deeper appreciation of the way God created you, this day is designed to leave you feeling empowered, seen, and renewed. Open to women aged 16+. Bring your mum, daughter, sister, aunt, or a friend. DETAILS: Date: **Saturday 1 August 2026** Time: 9 AM - 4:00 PM Venue: St Jerome's Parish, Punchbowl For more information and to register to attend, visit https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1571890

Saints Of Italy + Medjugorje Pilgrimage (9th - 23rd August 2026) Fr. Vijay Thomas MGL from Our Lady of Fatima, Peakhurst, warmly invites you to join a spiritually enriching pilgrimage to Italy, visiting Rome, Assisi, Rotondo, Milan, Padua and Medjugorje, walking in the footsteps of the saints, and drawing inspiration from their lives, witness, and enduring legacy in the very places where they lived and served. This all-inclusive pilgrimage is priced at $9,990 (20+ pilgrims). The fare includes return economy airfares (Cathay Pacific), local transfers in deluxe coaches, accommodation in 4-star premium hotels, daily meals, English-speaking professional guides, entrance fees as per the itinerary, and more. We would be delighted for you to join us on this unforgettable journey of faith. Limited Seats Available. For inquiries & bookings, call 03 8839 6615 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au