



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop

This Saturday, 1 May, we commemorate the second feast of St Joseph in our liturgical calendar. It is the feast of St Joseph the Worker. On 19 March, the Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of Mary, I installed and blessed a statue of St Joseph in Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, and on Saturday I will be opening and blessing a newly established house of discernment for young men, named "Joseph House".



First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28,30-32. R.v.26

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:18-24

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 15:4-5

Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

Reflections on St Joseph—The Feast of St Joseph the Worker is this Saturday 1 May. Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood has prepared some reflections for their newsletter and Fr David Ranson would like to share them across the Diocese. Copies of the reflection are available from the back of the church.

"Jesus is the true vine."

On this 5th Sunday of Easter, our readings invite us to be truly united with God, the real source of life. As Paul in our first reading was led beyond the drama of his conversion towards becoming part of the church he once wants to divide and destroy, we are led to take part in the life of the Church that keeps and verifies our personal spirituality balanced. Likewise in our Gospel, as branches that cannot live without the vine, we too cannot survive without the grace and love of God from which we draw strength to live and grow.

Our experience of the pandemic teaches us to draw closer to Christ and his community of faith, rather than isolating ourselves and setting us apart in spiritual individualism. By staying in contact with the living God through nurturing our prayer life, in participating the celebration of the liturgy, in availing of the sacraments, and in expressing our faith in works of charity towards others, we can truly live and grow in God's love and remain in his grace. Let us stay connected to Jesus the true vine, so that we will bear much fruit more than we can imagine. - *Deacon Roger*

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND – May Appeal – 8/9 May 2021

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that CWF supports. They can arise with new strength.

We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities: -

Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme – where Hospital Chaplains and five lay Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our hospitals.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine – materials, training and support for almost 1,000 catechists who take the gospel to students in our State schools.

St Lucy's School – serving primary school students with disabilities.

St Edmund's College – serving secondary school students with disabilities.

Ephpheta Centre – serving the Catholic deaf community.

Please take a moment to watch a heart-warming "Thank you" video to hear from those you are helping

- <https://youtu.be/hvA4Etwvd4E> All donations are gratefully received.

You can donate in three ways:

Complete the CWF collection envelope in your pew; Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give; Or scan the QR code.



Prayerful wishes to our Sacramental team on their journey in preparing Young ones and their Families, for the Sacrament of Confirmation, I encourage you to support the families, in prayer, as well as your persons, **talk to our team if you can be of any help.**

Diocesan Mass Counts 2021

As you are aware the Diocesan Mass Count takes place over four weekends in May and once again, we thank you for your generous assistance. As 2021 is a census year, this year's Mass Count will form part of the National Count of Attendance and the data will be submitted to the National Centre for Pastoral Research, via Evangelisation Broken Bay.

The 2021 Count will take place on the weekends of **1 & 2 May 8 & 9 May, 15 & 16 May and 22 & 23 May.**



200 Years of Catholic Education: A Mass to celebrate this milestone will be held on Monday 24th May at 10.30am at OLOR Cathedral.

Welcome kindy and Year 5 families for the opening of the year Parish and school Mass, your presence is special, as we continue to celebrate the Easter joy!

Flores de Mayo 2021: As part of the Diocesan Celebration of the 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines, the Cathedral is hosting the "Flores de Mayo" festival in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary". The event will be held on 9th May at 2.45pm. For further details see flyer on noticeboard outside the church.



We will also pray the Rosary 30 minutes before each Vigil Mass at the Cathedral on the 15th, 22nd and 29th May.

Yakhumndeni Easter Appeal: We would like to thank all who supported our Easter Appeal. We raised \$500.

For all Parishioners involved with Hospitality (Morning teas, Community dinners): Could you please do this online course, so that we can start, various activities. <https://covidaware.instructure.com/courses/4>, please make sure that at end to print a certificate, and please give the office a hard copy of the same.

In preparation for the flu season: May I request you to look after yourselves, and keep safe those we encounter or come in contact with, remember the basics of life keep warm, wash your hands, and if you have a cold or flu like symptoms, stay at home.

First Friday of May 7/5/2021: Adoration will begin at 10.00am in the morning and will conclude at 10.00pm in the night, you are welcome to join in private prayer before the Lord. **From 7-8pm is our usual hour for vocations, please join us praying for Vocations.**

Please remember in your prayers: All our families and their little ones preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, as you pray for them, may I request you to please say a special one for the Sacramental team too.

May I ask you to pray for those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19.

We remember those who died recently – Alma Rego • Nikhal Jose • Mario Mendezona • Cardinal Edward Cassidy • Caterina Vieira • Esmeralda Rosario • Jill Lenahan • Patrick Greene • Enid Lander

Anniversaries – Marie Simonette Verzosa • Jason Brown

MASS SCHEDULE

from 27 January 2021 until further notice

Public Health Orders, NSW regarding places of worship: Everyone attending the service are required to sign in using QR Code, and face masks are recommended.

Weekday Mass Schedule**OLOR Cathedral:**

Mon to Sat 7:00 am
Fri 7:00 am and 9:30 pm
(until further notice).

Queen of Peace Church:

Tue, Thu *, Fri 8:45 am
Sat 7:30 am

* **Cenacle Prayer immediately follows. All are welcome.**

Korean Mass

Tue, Thu 7:30 pm
Wed, Fri 10:00 am

Weekend Mass Schedule**OLOR Cathedral:**

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil
Sunday 9:30 am, 6:00 pm

Queen of Peace Church:

Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil
Sunday 8:00 am

Filipino Mass 3:30 pm
(Every 2nd Sunday of each month.)

Korean Mass

Sat 7:30 pm
Sun 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

[Watch the Mass](#)

THANK YOU to those who stay after Mass to clean the pews.

McQuoin Park Chapel Mass for Residents only
Wednesdays & Sundays at 11 am

Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation

OLOR Cathedral Saturdays from 9 to 9:30 am.
Queen of Peace Church Saturdays 4.30-5.15pm

Private Prayer Our Cathedral Chapel is open for private prayer. **It is necessary for everyone who enters the chapel to check in using QR Code for every visit. Failure to do so will mean we need to close the Chapel.**

If a Priest is needed in a matter of emergency, after hours or on the weekend, please call **0458 351 843**.

ONLINE PARISH GIVING

In light of the extraordinary circumstances, we are experiencing due to pandemic, please know that ONLINE Parish Giving is available. To donate, please click on the button below.

1st Collection is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

[Donate to our Parish](#)

2nd Collection is used to meet Parish running costs, maintenance of Church, Presbytery, offices, other buildings and grounds. It is also used to pay for all our Ministries' expenses and staff salaries and superannuation.