



## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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Sixth Sunday of Easter / B

9 May 2021

## PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**Principal:**

Ms Frances Stewart

**REC:** Ms Jo-Anne Ross

## With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

### For the sick

Francesca Frezza

Eimy & Kenzo

Raul Cabrera

Angela Di Donato

Sr Julianne Murphy

Helen & Robyn

Natalina Gallace

Ruth Wilson

Raymond Hudson

Lourdes Tee

Fr Jim Duggan

Pat Allport

Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat

Francheska Bechara

### Recently Deceased

### Death Anniversary

Evelyn & Jamileh Doueihy

### For the Souls

Raimondo & Raffaella Dolce

Marisa Rulli

All forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

### Special Intentions

Henry & Tina

and my family

Leah Tillam

### Parish Office

Maria - Mondays

Cecilia –Wed-Friday

9.30am - 2.30pm

### Parish & Hall enquiries

9558 3257

### Mass Times

**Sat:** 5:30pm (Vigil)

**Sun:** 8am & 10am

**Mon to Fri:** 9:00am

**Sat:** 9:30am

### Family Mass with

### Children's Liturgy

3rd Sunday of the

Month 10am Mass

### Family Rosary & Morning

**Tea** - 2nd Sunday of the

Month after 10am Mass in

the Church Hall

### Filipino Mass

1st Sun 11:30am

### Il Gruppo di Rosario

### Italiano

Il gruppo di

preghiera Italiano, si

raduna ogni giovedì alle

ore 10 nella sala

parrocchiale.

### Sacraments

### Confession

Sat 8:30-9:20am, 4:45pm

or any time by

appointment

### Baptism

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th

Sunday 11.15am

### Marriage

At least 6 months notice

required

### Anointing of the Sick

Any time on call

### Devotions

### Holy Hour & Rosary

Sunday - Friday

before morning mass

### Rosary & Benediction

Sat 8:30-9:30am

### Elsa George Rosary

**Group** Second Saturday

of the month at 2.30pm

9716 6676 All welcome

### Novena to Our Lady of

### Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm

### How much can you forgive?

Danny Abdallah and his wife Leila lost four of their young children last year in a tragic accident involving a driver under the influence of drugs and alcohol. In a story that made headlines throughout Australia he and his wife publicly forgave the young man who had taken their children's lives. Hear his powerful story of how their faith led them to forgiveness at a **Men's Breakfast on Saturday 15th May 8am at St Joseph's Parish Hall Enfield.** Bookings essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BQKYJ>  
Please speak to Deacon Louis if you want more information

### Correction

**The registration and information meeting for the parents of children receiving the sacrament of confirmation will be this Tuesday the 11th May at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Please disregard the incorrect date in last week's bulletin.**

**Deacon Louis**

### PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Dear Parents,

You are invited to participate in your children's

preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Bishop Terry Brady will celebrate a Confirmation Mass on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

Depending on the number of children who wish to be confirmed, there may be an additional Mass on the same day

**There will be an enrolment and information meeting for all parents who wish to have their children confirmed on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.** It is essential that

you come to this meeting if you wish to enrol your child in the sacramental preparation program.

Please bring your child's baptismal certificate with you as well as certificates for Reconciliation and First Communion. You will also be asked for \$30 at this meeting to cover the cost of books and class materials.

There will be four weekend preparation classes.

Children may attend either the Saturday session at 4:30pm or the Sunday session at 9am. All classes are held in the Parish Hall next to St Paul of the Cross church

Class dates are:

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May or Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May or Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May or Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June or Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Wishing you and your families God's blessings.

Deacon Louis Azzopardi



### *Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week* *(3 - 9 May 2021)*

Wed	12/5	Sts Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs
		St Pancras, martyr
Thu	13/5	Our Lady of Fatima
Fri	14/5	St Matthias, apostle

### *Prayer*

**Saints Achilleus and Nereus**, pray for those in the military and armed forces throughout the world that they may always see God as their authority and obey God's orders first. Amen.



**May 13** is the anniversary of the apparition of **Our Lady** to three shepherd children (Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta) in the small village of **Fatima** in Portugal in 1917.



**Saint Matthias** was chosen by lot to take the place of Judas Iscariot..

St Matthias, you were called to

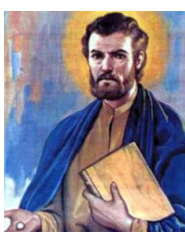
share in the mission of the apostles.

By the help of your prayers, may

we receive with joy the love Jesus

shared with you and be counted

among those he has chosen. Amen.



### Thank you for supporting the CWF May

### Parish Appeal

On behalf of this parish, we sincerely thank you for supporting the **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May 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.

For more information, please visit

[www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf). **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

**Choir Practice** on Monday at 7pm in the Church every fortnight. Next choir practice will be on the **10 May 2021.**

## “You did not choose me, no, I chose you”

We have been listening to readings from the Acts of the Apostles throughout this Easter season. This New Testament book was written by Luke and is a continuation of his Gospel. It begins with Jesus saying to his disciples before his Ascension, “*You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem...and to the ends of the earth.*” They would continue, through their own lives, the work of Christ who would no longer be physically with them.

We follow them, and the apostle Paul, as they try to understand, and to live, with the mission that Jesus has entrusted to them. We see them being rejected and persecuted, just as Jesus was. We see them try to bring the life and message of Jesus, first to their fellow Jews and then, especially through the journeys of Paul, to the complex culture of the Greco-Roman world. All the way through this account, we are told of the action of the Spirit in their lives, the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised them who would give them the power “*to bear fruit, fruit that would last*”.

The Acts of the Apostles is also the story of the creation of a new kind of society, a society that we ourselves have been made part of through our Baptism. This society would be based not on power and self-interest (Rome), nor just on a shared history and way of life (Israel) but on the life of God “*who is love*”. This love would unite all, no matter who they were, where they came from or their role in society. “*Remain in my love*” Jesus had said. “*You did not choose me, no, I chose you.*”

Inevitably, problems arose first with their fellow Jews who did not accept Jesus, and then, with non-Jews who, among many other things, found the Jewish traditions and prejudices of the first followers of Christ strange and unattractive. These problems were both personal (circumcision) and social - Jews were forbidden to enter the homes of non-Jews and to interact socially with them. They prevented the apostles from being the “*witnesses*” that Jesus had intended them to be. This Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles shows how, through the Holy Spirit, this barrier could be overcome in a way that would make it possible for the life of Jesus to be experienced by all “*to the ends of the earth.*”

The whole story (chapter 10 in Acts) is a complex story and well worth reading in full. It involves what was in the end the conversion of both Peter and Cornelius. Cornelius was a highly placed Roman military official. He was also “*a devout man who feared God, gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly.*” One day, while he was at prayer, an angel appeared to him and asked him to send for Simon Peter who was staying in Joppa, a nearby town. Peter at the same time was going through his own experience of trying to understand the new way God wanted him to act. Did being a follower of Christ mean that he had to disregard the traditions of Israel that meant so much to him?

What happened next was a decisive moment for both Peter and Cornelius. For Cornelius, it was the culmination of a journey that had begun with his doubts about the gods and his attraction to the God of Israel. For Peter, meeting Cornelius and knowing that he had been directed to him by the message of an angel was proof that “*God has no favourites but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.*” It is a story that demonstrates the progressive ‘opening up’ of their lives to the power of God.

Their story shows us that:

*There are no barriers in the way of anyone and everyone being offered forgiveness and new life... a message far more important than the easy going tolerance which Western society so easily embraces. Cornelius didn't want God (or Peter) to 'tolerate' him. He wanted to be welcomed, forgiven, healed and transformed. And he was.*

( p170 N T Wright **Acts for Everyone Part 1** SPCK Press London 2008)

Deacon Louis

### PENTECOST VIGIL

*Pentecost* is one of the most important events in the Church's year. It celebrates the beginning of the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit. This year there will be additional readings and prayers at the 5:30 Vigil Mass on Saturday 22nd May which will highlight the importance of Pentecost in the life of the Church.

### PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 15 & 16 May 2021

Readers:	5:30pm	J Sullivan	8:00am	A Di Donato	10:00am	B Yammine
		M Dos Santos		N Dudley		C Alam

