

so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am
going.’
Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where
you are going, so how can we know the
way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except
through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and
have seen him.’

Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and
then we shall be satisfied.’ ‘Have I been with
you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him
‘and you still do not know me?’

‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”?’
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is
in me?’

The words I say to you I do not speak as
from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing
this work.

You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is
in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if
for no other reason.

‘I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, /
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, /
Aorn of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under
Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and
was buried; / he descended into hell; /
on the third day he rose again from
the dead; / he ascended into heaven, /
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty; / from there he
will come to judge the living and the
dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the
holy catholic Church, / the communion
of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, /
the resurrection of the body, / and life
everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread
and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to
each prayer:*

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that
my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to
God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all
his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O God, who by the wonderful exchange
effected in this sacrifice have made us
partakers of the one supreme Godhead,
grant, we pray, that, as we have come to
know your truth, we may make it ours by a
worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-V OF EASTER

After the Preface, we sing or say:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest.**

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by
divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Jn 15:1, 5

**I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord.**

**Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously be present to your people,
we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have
imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from
former ways to newness of life. Through
Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy
Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

THE HOUR HAS COME

Today's Gospel reading is part of the
lengthy discourse of Jesus to his disciples
at the Last Supper. The atmosphere in
the Upper Room is tense because Jesus
has told the disciples that the 'hour' of his
passion has come and that one of them
(Judas) will betray him.

John notes that Jesus is 'troubled in
spirit'. He is describing what Jesus is
feeling just before his death and betrayal.
Death and betrayal belong to the realm
of Satan just as life and self-giving are of
Jesus. The 'hour' then is nothing less than
the final confrontation between Jesus and
the prince of darkness.

Jesus' last farewell is intended to give
courage and comfort to the disciples.
His death is imminent and this event
will be used by Satan to discourage and
scatter the disciples, like sheep deprived
of their shepherd. But his death will not
give victory to the forces of evil. On the
contrary, when the cross is lifted from the
earth by the executioners, Jesus will be
'lifted up to glory'. His death will not be a
passing away, but a 'return' to his Father.

As Vatican II notes, 'It is in the face of
death that the riddle of human existence
grows more acute. Not only is man
tormented by pain and by the advancing
deterioration of his body, but even more
so by a dread of perpetual extinction'
(*Gaudium et Spes*, 18). In his humanity,
Jesus is 'troubled' before his death. He
incarnates all our fears and doubts, but
places them in the hands of the Father
who takes care of him and vindicates him
through his resurrection from the dead.

FR GIL ALINSANGAN SSP

A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

Reproduction of this bulletin in any form prohibited. Published
with ecclesiastical approval by ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS,
PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel 9394 3400 Fax 02 9746
1140. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible, published and
© 1966, by Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co. Inc.
are used by permission of the publishers. Psalm text from *The Psalms*,
A New Translation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins.
New translation of the Order of Mass from *The Roman Missal*
© 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation.
All rights reserved. Artwork by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj. Layout,
commentaries and illustrations © St Pauls Publications, 2017.
No 290. Website: www.stpauls.com.au

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

14 May 2017

I AM THE WAY. In every age there are people who claim to know the way to a full
and happy life. Often their ideas flourish for a while and then fade. But there is one
way to the fullness of life that has stood the test of time – and that way is Jesus. If we
follow Jesus, the Way, we will come to the fullness of life and truth, and communicate
this life to others.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 97:1-2

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has
worked wonders; in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of
heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on
earth peace to people of good will. / We
praise you, / we bless you, / we adore
you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks
for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly
King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord
Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, /
you take away the sins of the world, /
have mercy on us; / you take away the sins
of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are
seated at the right hand of the Father, /
have mercy on us. / For you alone are the
Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you
alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, /
with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God
the Father. / Amen.**

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, constantly
accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in
Holy Baptism may, under your protective
care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of

life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for
ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and
wisdom.**

About this time, when the number of disciples
was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint
against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution
their own widows were being overlooked. So
the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples
and addressed them, 'It would not be right for
us to neglect the word of God so as to give out
food; you, brothers, must select from among
yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled
with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand
over this duty to them, and continue to devote
ourselves to prayer and to the service of the
word.' The whole assembly approved of this
proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of
faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with
Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,
and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.
They presented these to the apostles, who
prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread:
the number of disciples in Jerusalem was
greatly increased, and a large group of priests
made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R. v. 22

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we
place our trust in you. (or Alleluia!)**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; /
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / Give
thanks to the Lord upon the harp, / with a
ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

2. For the word of the Lord is faithful / and
all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves
justice and right / and fills the earth with
his love. **R.**

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, /
on those who hope in his love, / to rescue
their souls from death, / to keep them alive
in famine. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.



The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men
but chosen by God and precious to him;
set yourselves close to him so that you too,
the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual
sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made
acceptable to God, may be living stones
making a spiritual house. As scripture says:
See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone
that I have chosen and the man who rests
his trust on it will not be disappointed.
That means that for you who are believers,
it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone
rejected by the builders has proved to be the
keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock
to bring men down. They stumble over it
because they do not believe in the word; it
was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set
apart to sing the praises of God who called
you out of the darkness into his wonderful
light.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

**Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the way, the
truth and the life, says the Lord; / no one
comes to the Father, except through me. /
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Jn 14:1-12

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

I am the way, the truth and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a
place,

I shall return to take you with me;



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ROSE BAY AND DOVER HEIGHTS



Issue 1

Fifth Sunday of Easter

14 May 2017

Shepherd's Message — Fr Chris Slattery



A VERY HAPPY 'MOTHER'S DAY' TO ALL THE MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, THE GREAT WOMEN WHO NURTURE, GIVE LIFE AND EXPRESS THE BEAUTY OF GOD IN THEIR LIVES – WE ARE VERY BLESSED!!

A WARM WELCOME TO THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES AS THEY COMMENCE THEIR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AFTER THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ON FRIDAY 26TH MAY COMMENCING AT 7.00PM. BISHOP RICHARD UMBERS WILL BE PRESIDING. I ASK THAT WE KEEP THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR

FAMILIES IN OUR PRAYERS AS THEY PREPARE TO CELEBRATE A FRESH OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, COMPLETING THEIR INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation for children in Year 2 (2017) will now be in Term 4. First Holy Communion for these children will be celebrated in Term 1 2018. Apologies if this causes any inconvenience!

A HUGE THANK YOU for your assistance with the CHARITABLE WORKS FUND collection last Sunday. Envelopes are available at the entrances to the Church if you would like to assist. Contributions \$2 and over are tax deductible.

'Meditation' is held in the Parish Centre every Tuesday at 7.00pm – everyone is warmly welcome!



CONFIRMATION



Prayer of the Week

REMEMBER,
O most gracious Virgin Mary,
THAT NEVER WAS IT KNOWN
THAT ANY ONE WHO FLED TO thy protection,
IMplored thy help
or sought thy intercession, WAS LEFT UNAIDED.
INSPIRED WITH THIS CONFIDENCE,
I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins
my Mother;
TO THEE DO I COME BEFORE THEE I STAND,
SINFUL AND SORROWFUL,
O Mother of the Word incarnate,
DESPISE NOT MY PETITIONS,
but in thy mercy HEAR AND ANSWER ME.
Amen.

Weekly Liturgies

Sunday Mass
St Mary Magdalene: 8am, 10am, 6pm
St Therese (Sat night vigil): 5pm
Weekday Mass
St Mary Magdalene, Rose Bay: Tue-Fri 9am
Confession
Tues-Fri after 9am Mass (or by appointment)
Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 8:30am-9am

Weekly Reflection

The powerful theme running through today's Gospel is one of faith, hope and trust in God. During the coming week, in the good and not so good moments that make up my days, God's Word is there to inspire, sustain and encourage me. How I have been feeling during the past week; what were the key moments? As I look back I may more easily be able to see God's presence in them. Today's Eastertide readings take me from the difficulties facing the early Church back to the time when Jesus spoke to his disciples of his imminent death. Enfolded in these readings is a glorious song of praise. In today's world how different things would be if those in authority took their example from the disciples and committed themselves to prayer; seeking wisdom from the Holy Spirit in their decision making (First Reading). I am reminded that my hope is in our faithful God who loves justice and right and I offer him praise and thanksgiving (Psalm). In the Second Reading Peter speaks graphically about the difficulties encountered through lack of faith in God...leading directly to a section of Jesus' farewell to his disciples. Jesus repeatedly emphasises the crucial need to believe in his word; the 'oneness' of him and his Father. He speaks of the extraordinary grace given to those who believe in him.

St Mary Magdalene Roster

21st May	8am	10am	6pm
Welcomer	Anna Creagh		
1st Reader	Meg Wild	Sandra Power	Frances Walsh
2nd Reader	Evelina Guisti	Colleen Goodwin	
Eucharistic Minister	Lucie Priestly Meg Wild	Jay Gilbert Anthony Gilbert	Frances Walsh
Information Desk		Sue Heavener	
Acolyte/ Altar Server	Paul, John, Saxon/Darcy Harry Moffet	Ella Adetunji Abby Adetunji Trish, Dave	Matthew Douglas Stephen Douglas

St Therese, Dover Heights Roster

Commentator— Marie Manche | **First Reader**— Susan Scarf
Second Reader— Gabrielle Scarf | **Acolyte/Senior Server**— Graham Motum

Our Lady of Fatima



The year 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, where the Blessed Mother appeared once each month from May 13 until Oct. 13, 1917.

The message of Fatima highlights many central truths and devotions of the Catholic faith: the Trinity, the Eucharist, penance, the Rosary and sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. There is special emphasis on the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is a refuge of maternal love

for us all and a sure path that leads us to God. In the end, Mary's Immaculate Heart will triumph because Mary is full of God's grace and is all pure. She has the heart of a mother who cares for her children and wishes them to be saved by her divine Son, Jesus.

Although 2017 marks the centenary year, the Fatima apparitions began with the three apparitions of the Angel of Peace (also called the Angel of Portugal) in 1916 and extended beyond 1917 with subsequent apparitions given to Sister Lucia dos Santos in Pontevedra, Spain (1925-1927) and Tuy, Spain (1929).

Fatima is one of the most significant of all Marian apparitions. Along with Guadalupe (Dec. 12) and Lourdes (Feb. 11), it is one of three Marian apparitions honoured with a feast day. In 2002, Pope St. John Paul II added the May 13 feast of Our Lady of Fatima to the general Roman calendar. May 13 was the day of the first Fatima apparition of 1917, and May 13, 1981, was the day when St. John Paul II survived an attempt on his life in St. Peter's Square. John Paul II credited his survival to the intervention of Our Lady of Fatima. The assassin's bullet that narrowly missed killing the pope now is inserted in a crown of Our Lady housed at the Fatima shrine. Fatima is also linked with the collapse of Russian communism more than 25 years ago.

It is estimated that some 4-5 million people visit Fatima each year, and more are expected for the centennial year, including a visit by Pope Francis, who is travelling to Portugal to celebrate the 100-year anniversary. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmation Prep Classes: 14 & 21 May, 5pm. Confirmation: 26 May, 7pm.

Announcements

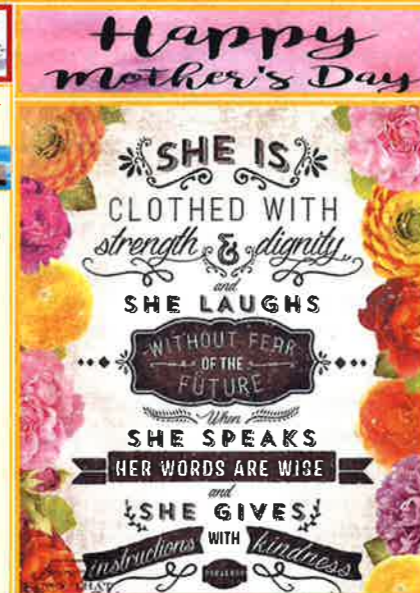
Lismore Flood Appeal Archbishop Fisher is supporting the Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal launched by Bishop Gregory Homeming. To donate to the Appeal go to www.dioceseoflismorefloodappeal.org. Our new website www.magdalene.org.au is up and running, with more content to be added in the coming weeks.

St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary Mass, Sun 21 May 10am, Archbishop Fisher. Refreshments will follow. Info centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. Info www.acyf.org.au.

McAuley Primary School is now enrolling students for Kindergarten 2018. Please call 9371 8786 for an appointment.

Spirituality in the Pub: 7th June at 7:30pm Paddington RSL 220-232 Oxford Street Paddington. Mark Lieschke and Debra Snoddy will be talking about the reformation and its continuing influence.



Let Us Pray For...

The Sick: Barbara Leslie, Bernice Miles, Ross Clifton, Michelle Jones, Paddy Nolan, Janaya Zohs, Georgia Cleaici, Fr Brian Yates, Natalie Connors, Elaine Oong, Harry Vanda, Alan Backman, John Johnson, Mary Marando, Tom Clark, Fabien Drif, Sarah Walke.
The Deceased: Moira Gannon, Vincent Purcell, Joan Lovegrove, Jack Zucco, John Costello, Mary Ellen George, Bruce Conolly, Domenico & Elena Malzone, Billy Dolan, Adrian Lee, Marie Turnbull, Sonya Lineham, Mark McGowen, Anne Pohlmann, John Fenech, Nell Moylan, Norman and Josephine Slattery, John Chaplain



St Mary Magdalene, 835 New South Head Rd, Rose Bay NSW
ABN: 78134 879 965

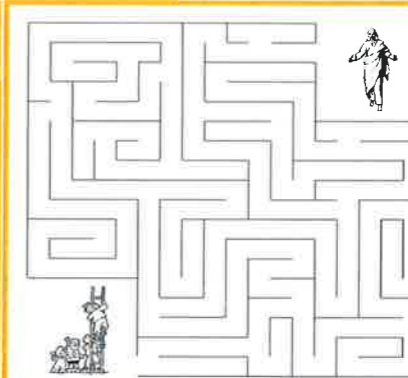
St Therese, cnr Napier St and Dover Rd, Dover Heights NSW
ABN: 96464 703 191

Administration: 13 Ian St, Rose Bay NSW 2029 | Tel (02) 9371 7112 | Fax (02) 9371 9782 | Email: admin@magdalene.org.au

KID'S CORNER!

Q H J S A H O U S E I D N H L
N E D I S C I P L E S X E F I
E A M Y I I A R Z S Q M T A F
R R P S D T Z E T N H W S T E
F T W G W S H P X R X E U H H
Y S W W E C U A M E U H L E P
X T A S L K G R J A I T W R Z
I H Y H L W K E B O S P H K A
A O T O I Q J L E F Z T I O P
M M C W N G W O R K S E E Z H
E A D S G G C U K N U X G R I
N S P L A C E F A I T H X I L
G R E A T E R X M W K X J F I
X G W Q B G J E S U S M M I P
T R O U B L E D J Z K N O W M

AMEN THOMAS WORKS JESUS
FAITH PLACE TROUBLED DWELLING
HEARTS LIFE PREPARE MASTER
KNOW HOUSE GREATER
PHILIP DISCIPLES TRUTH
SHOW WAY FATHER



FUN FACT!

The month of May is known as the Month of Mary. In this month, we honour Our Lady, who guides us to her Son Jesus who is The Way, Truth and Life!

I am THE WAY the TRUTH, and the LIFE.
No one comes to the FATHER except through ME. JOHN 14:6