

**Mass Intentions** (13<sup>th</sup> May – 19<sup>th</sup> May) :  
**Sat.:** 7.30am:++; Vigil 5pm:++ Peter Denk Jeon Kim;  
**Sun.:** 8am:++ Adrain Han; 9.30am: Pro Populo;  
**Mon.:** ++Ivan Furda; **Tue.:** ++Peter Denk Jeon Kim ;  
**Wed.:** ++Paul & Cecilia Lim; **Thurs.:** ++The Hage & Ward Families; **Fri.:** Confirmation Sacrament Candidates.



The recognition of the 'founder' of Mother's Day goes to Annie Jarvis from Philadelphia. It was while she was laying a wreath of flowers on her mother's grave, she came up with the idea that it "would be better to wear a white flower in honour of a living mother than to wait and pay tribute at her grave later on. So, in 1908, the 3rd anniversary of her mother's death, she handed every person in her local church a white flower as they entered". In May 1913 the US Congress declared the second Sunday of May, Mother's Day, a national day. In Australia, Janet Heyden from Leichhardt, NSW, her name goes down in history as the person who introduced gift giving for Mother's Day. In 1924, Janet was concerned about the lonely, and forgotten mothers in Sydney's Newington State Hospital where she visited an old friend regularly. So, she started a campaign throughout Sydney asking for donations so she could buy presents for these old ladies. Newspapers took up the appeal helping to spread the word, while she made personal requests to many of Sydney's leading businesses. The response was incredible with donations ranging from talcum powder and soap, to scarves and mittens, as well as confectionery and fruit gifts. Mrs Heyden continued to visit the lonely and forgotten mothers in Newington right up until her death in 1960.

Catholic news: The Catholic Thing, The Pillar; National Catholic Reporter; Spirit Daily; EWTN; Crux, L'Osservatore Romano Vatican News. Pope Francis@Pontifex

We acknowledge the Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation the traditional Custodians of this land.

*"Of all the special joys in life, The big ones and the small, a mother's love and tenderness is the greatest of them all."*  
**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY**

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: **call: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567** or [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

**Daily Masses:** 7:30am **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday** (Saturday: Mass, Cenacle, Confession & Benediction); **Tuesday** 5:30pm: Adoration, Novena, Confession, Benediction and 6pm Mass. **First Fridays** 5:30pm Devotions & 6pm Mass.

**Sacrament of Confirmation on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11am and 2pm.**  
 Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, society, and the world. The Holy Spirit bestows seven gifts—wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and fear of the Lord—to assist us in our mission and witness. The impact of these gifts accompanies us in the various stages of our spiritual development.

“Walk with Christ” on 11<sup>th</sup> June at 2:30pm from the corner pf Pitt Street and Martin Place then will end at St. Mary's Cathedral.

As the days of Eastertide slip away and we look ahead to Pentecost, let us consider what we are asking for when we pray “O Come Holy Spirit”. We recall the dramatic events of the first Pentecost, the violent wind, the tongues of fire, yet the most profound experience of Pentecost was within the minds and hearts of the disciples. They experienced a metanoia, a radical transformation which ignited courage and freedom to live anew, witnessing to Christ's way of love and peace in their world. As we prepare for Pentecost and pray “O Come Holy Spirit”, may we be open to the same power and love of the Spirit, expanding our limited horizons, enabling us to let go of past certainties, to be open to transforming grace, that we too, may be energised and courageous in witnessing to the way of love and peace in our world today.

**Weekend Mass times: Saturday:** Vigil 5pm **Sunday:** 8am, 9:30am and **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction and Mass.**  
**Baptisms at 9:30 Mass.**  
 Marriage and Baptism inquiries please contact Parish Office.

The Archbishop Anthony Fisher instituted the Dempsey Medal in 2017 in honour of James Dempsey, an Irish convict who was transported to Sydney in 1802 and later pardoned. A stonemason, he oversaw the building of Sydney's first bridge, barracks and hospital. The Dempsey home was a vital gathering place for Catholics of the early colony during the years when there was no priest. Then when Fr John Joseph Therry arrived in Sydney in 1820, Dempsey assisted him by helping plan, fundraise for, and build the first St Mary's Cathedral. This year on 21<sup>st</sup> May the above awards will be presented to numerous women and men dedicated to the Church and community. Our Parish submitted ten candidates out of which two were selected for this year.  
 Our congratulations and gratitude to Sean McQuillan and Tony Cranney for their unconditional service to the Church.



**“Ignite”: Youth Conference, Brisbane 21-24 Sept. Sydney 28 Sept.-1 Oct. Please scan the QR code.**

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**Our sick:** Geoff Huntley, Sam Mercieca, Richard Davis, Victoria Stojanovic, Michele McQuillan, Vince Fernandez, Drago Mikan, Therese Dorff, Steve Smith, Barbara Moore, Elizabeth Kinsela, Ida Melis, Katrina Marinilli, Rita Shah, Julia Lock, Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffey, Elette Majdanzic; Dragica Furda, Mary Carmen Borg, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Josephine and Steven Marinilli, Nicholas Mircevski and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House.

27 May 2023 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. **“Day of OUTPOURING”** at St Joseph's Parish Hall Walz St, Rockdale, Booking, Helen – 0433 455 114 Ida – 0424 267 500. Email: [lowcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:lowcommunity@gmail.com)

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May. 10am mass at St Peter's Surry Hills followed by procession to St Mary's Cathedral. 12pm Mass at St Mary's in Honour of Mary Help of Christians.

The Catholic Charity **Aid to the Church in Need** has launched their "Nigeria: Young, Faithful, Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering: [www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal](http://www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal) or scan the QR code.

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1<sup>st</sup>coll.\$231  
 2<sup>nd</sup>coll.\$106  
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 CWF \$2015  
 “Charisms: The Power of the Holy Spirit Unleashed.” 24 May 6 – 9pm Australian Catholic University Strathfield. Cost: \$30. Talk at 7:00pm. Register via our Parish web.