

**Mass Intentions** (5<sup>th</sup> May – 11<sup>th</sup> May).  
**Vigil** 5pm.: +John & Eileen Heaney; **Sun.:** 8am Pro Populo; 9.30am.: +Mark Sinclair; **Mon.** Lesley & May Ellesmore; +; **Tues.:** +Paul Lim; **Wed.:** +Ted Laurendet; **Thurs.:** +Teresa & Wilhelm Fri.: +Han Family; **Sat.:** +Stanley Fraser.

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Catholic news: The Catholic Thing, National Catholic Reporter; EWTN; Crux, L'Osservatore Romano Vatican News; [Pope Francis@Pontifex](mailto:PopeFrancis@Pontifex)

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

St. Joseph's Como *cares* for safeguarding children. Safeguarding Office at 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

**Daily Masses:** 7:30am **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday** (Saturday: Mass, Cenacle, Confession & Benediction); **Tuesday 5:30pm:** Adoration, Novena, Confession, Benediction and 6pm Mass. **Friday 9:15am, First Fridays** 8:00am Devotions, 9:15am Mass.

**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(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)**  
 Other inquiries please contact Parish Office.

**Our sick:** Phillip Camilleri, Nerida Tullio, Eileen Ellesmore, Steven Leeke, Helen Cramer, Richard Davis, Michele McQuillan, Joan & Vince Fernandez, Drago Mikan, Therese Dorff, Steve Smith, Barbara Moore, Albert McMaster, Elizabeth Kinsela, Katrina Marinilli, Rita Shah, Julia Lock, Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffey, Elette Majdandzic; Dragica Furda, Mary Carmen Borg, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Urszula Kaminska, Josephine and Steven Marinilli, Nicholas Mircevski and all Dear Friends from **Mildred Symons House:** Next Mass 10.45am, 19<sup>th</sup> May

**On 26<sup>th</sup> May, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**, 80 candidates will present themselves to Bp Richard Umbers for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will receive the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit at two Masses: 11am and 2pm. We express our appreciation to our Catechist, Teachers and Parents for willingly supporting our candidates in their journey of preparation for the above celebration.

**The Miracle of the Sun at Fatima**, which took place on October 13, 1917, was the first public miracle of the 20th century. The people who braved the terrible rainstorm which struck Fatima that day had gone there because of the promise of a miracle. Many skeptics and unbelievers were drawn there in the hope of a fiasco. The previous July, Our Lady had told the three Fatima children that she would perform a miracle in October, and this sensational report spread throughout Portugal, ensuring that a huge crowd which numbered around 70,000 was present on October 13. At noon, Our Lady appeared to the children, and after repeating her requests for the daily rosary, and promising that World War I would soon end, she said to them sadly: *“Do not offend the Lord our God any more, because He is already so much offended.”* (13<sup>th</sup> May, Our Lady of Fatima)

**Cogito ergo sum**  
 Safeguarding, Child Protection and Ministerial Integrity.

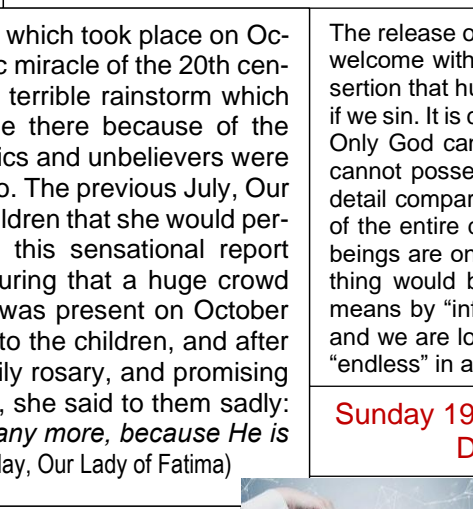


Join us on this year's **Walk with Christ** on June 2, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Festival from 1:00pm in Martin Place. The procession will begin at 2:30pm from Martin Place.

Next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, the Liturgical calendar observes the **Ascension Day**. This Christian Feast celebrates the ascent of Christ to heaven. It is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches along with the celebrations of the Passion, Easter, and Pentecost. Ascension Day is generally observed on a Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter. This Day is the great hope of all Christians. Since, Jesus went into heaven, so will all Christians.

Most Rev. Bp Peter Ingham, Bishop Emeritus of Wollongong pass away on 26<sup>th</sup> April. Details of the funeral arrangements will follow from the Diocese of Wollongong. May He Rest in Peace.

**Our Lady of Fatima Procession**  
 Saturday, 11 May at 6pm, St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Walk with Our Lady of Fatima in a candle-lit procession around St Mary's Cathedral as we pray for the needs of the Church and our world.



**Pope Francis** is invited to attend a Summit on AI in June, this year.

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The release of the new declaration entitled *Infinite Dignity (Dignitas Infinita)*, was welcome with harsh criticisms directed primarily at the document's opening assertion that human beings have an "infinite dignity" and that cannot be lost even if we sin. It is contrary to the faith to say that human beings have an infinite dignity. Only God can have infinite dignity since He alone is an infinite being, and we cannot possess any attribute that is infinite. There is no need to go into great detail comparing the various theologies, because when taken in the full context of the entire document, it is quite clear that it is in no way claiming that human beings are ontologically "infinite" in the same way that God is. To assert such a thing would be blasphemous. Therefore, a cautious reading of what the text means by "infinite dignity" because we are made in God's image and likeness, and we are loved by an infinitely loving God, then our dignity is in truth infinitely "endless" in an unbounded sense.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, at 3pm Mass and Holy Anointing of the Sick, Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer and Benediction.**

**Weekend retreat. PRESENTER:** Fr. Paul Maunder, OCD & Cristina Leontini, translator of *Life and thoughts of Mariam Baouardy, 'the little nothing'* Illiterate, child-like, naive, poor, a 'the little nothing', this Teresian Carmelite nun founded the Carmel of the Holy Child Jesus in Bethlehem. She bore the wounds of the "Ecce Homo" in her body and offered her sufferings in loving union with her Lord for mercy upon sinners. **WHEN:** May 10 - 12, 2024 • 6pm (Fri) - 12:30 pm (Sunday) **WHERE:** Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW **COST:** \$330. Registration link: [www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program](http://www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program) ph.02 8795 3400

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