

# Our Lady of Fatima Parish

389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah



## Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass on Saturday night 5.30pm ( Reconciliation 4.30pm-5.15pm )

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 5.30pm

### PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Julian Belich

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Deacon Rev Mr Moises Elias Tapia Carrasco

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**S**ING ALLELUIA! Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves', and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over'.

*General Instructions of the Roman Missal 39*

**T**he HOMILY is part of the liturgy ... It should develop some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture or of another text from the Ordinary or from the Proper of the Mass of the day, and take into account the mystery being celebrated or the needs proper to the listeners...

*General Instructions of the Roman Missal 65*

### MASSES IN THE FIRST WEEK OF EASTER

<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b> St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor (Memorial)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.15am</b> St Pius V, Pope (Optional) <b>11am</b> Funeral of Joyce Cecilia Bateman
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.15am</b> St Joseph the Worker (Opt) <b>12 Noon</b> Funeral of William Remai
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7am</b> St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.15am</b> (Feast) Sts Philip and James, Apostles <b>11.30am</b> Funeral of Nancy Vilagra
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8am</b> Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Divine Office: Psalter Wk 2**

## Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April - 28th April

### Entrance Antiphon

1 Peter 2:2

**LIKE** newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

*The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*

### Responsorial Psalm

117:1-2-4, 22-27. R. v.1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

### Second Reading

Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*

### Alternate Second Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

*Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.*

### Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia !

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia, alleluia!

### Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

### Communion Antiphon

cf. John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

## Catholic Weekly

The Catholic Weekly is in the Foyer for only \$2

### Pasta and Pizza Night



**On the 30th of April**, Fr Julian will be celebrating his 10 years Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood and the **13th of May is the anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's First Apparition in Portugal.**

To mark the occasions above, the Parish will celebrate on **Saturday, 25th of May** after the Vigil Mass by having Pasta and Pizza in the Church Courtyard. We encourage parishioners to bring a plate of either Pasta, Pizza or dessert to share. Also, we need volunteers to help set up.

### Parish Office Hours in the next two week:

Tuesday - Friday - 9am - 4pm

From Wednesday, 1 May until 10 May 2019 the Parish Office will be open from 9.30am until 1pm.

#### Note:

Mila will be on Annual Leave from 1 May and she will be back in the office on 14 May.

#### Baptisms

We welcome into the Church family this weekend through the waters of Baptism:

**Henry Maurice Hutchinson**

**Austin Cano Lana**

The Baptism Preparation Class is a one on one session with the Priest. Parents and child along with their godparents attend the Naming Ceremony at the 9.30am Mass. Guests are encouraged to attend the Mass. Baptism is at 10.30am on Sundays.

For enquiries, please ring the Parish Office - (02) 9524 7283

### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and [Ministerial Integrity Office at \(02\) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Please pray for the faithful departed

**Recently DECEASED:** William 'Bill' Remai, Nancy Vilagra, Noah Osborne, Joyce Bateman, Geoffery Duggan, Anna Natoli, Dominic Mandile, Marie Maguire, John Michael Vassarotti, Sr Bernadette Franks, RSM, Liliana Pierina Teremi, Mary Lichtenbergers, Rita Agius, Dr Albert Montgomery.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Phil and Dominic Mandile, Jure Olic, Mary Ferrario, Mitchell Ferrario, Albert Ferrario, Silvio Tagliapietra, Albert Ferriera, Rocco Riccio, Giardini Family, Stillone Family, Marie and Don Maher, Varela Family, Montenegro Family, Josefa Valdivia, Ron Smith, John, May and Phillip Searson, .

**ALSO:** Charlton and Meads Families, Rhonda Shallala, Elgean Philomena Greenham, John Druon, John B.T. Quang, Anna Nho, John B.T. Van De, Eileen & John Cammerford, May and Frank Hammon, Charles Montgomery and Jean Montgomery. All the Souls in Purgatory.

**May they rest in peace.**

#### Please pray for the sick

Clark O'Brien, Hugh Walsh, Carlo Tagliapietra, Lauren Hanrahan, and all the patients in the hospitals in our Parish.

*Names in the bulletin will be published as follows: Recently Deceased 4 weeks, Anniversaries 2 weeks, Deceased 4 weeks, unless otherwise notified to the Parish Office, Special Intentions 1 week, Sick 2 weeks.*

4th - 5th May	A/V Operator	Readers
Saturday 5.30pm	Choir Member	Louise Birdsall, Thereze Ziemis
Sunday 8.00am	Varsha Jojo	Emily Cassar, Anna Jojo
Sunday 9.30am	Sophie O'Connor	OLF Primary School Students
Sunday 5.30pm	Stephen Bomba	Damien Carlton

**Children's Liturgy, 5th May: Marisa Casaceli, Nadia Bertha**

**Communion Ministry to the Sick, 5th May: Mary-Lynne Osland, John Jaeger**

Dear Parish Friends,

You would now be aware of the tragic situation that unfolded in Sri Lanka on Easter morning. The horror of the suicide bomb attacks has ricocheted across the globe.

We are aware that many of the Australian Catholic people wish to reach out to their Sri Lankan brothers and sisters at this time. For many decades ACN, as a pontifical foundation supporting suffering and persecuted Christians, has worked closely with the Church in Sri Lanka on projects around the formation of seminarians and religious, the building of churches, faith education and more.

I write to let you know that if your parish is planning to take up a collection or make an offering to the Church in Sri Lanka, ACN can facilitate the direct transfer of that offering. At this moment the most pressing work of the Church in Sri Lanka is the burying of the dead & the consoling of the faithful, however we want to be ready to support the Sri Lankan Bishops and the local Church to rebuild their places of worship and heal their wounds.

Any offerings for the Church in Sri Lanka can be made online:  
**[www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka](http://www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka)**

Or deposited into ACN's bank account:  
**Account name: Aid to the Church in Need**  
**Account number: 008601759**  
**BSB: 012321**

\*Please ensure any deposit includes in the reference field: SL (for Sri Lanka) as well as the parish suburb and state e.g. **SL Penrith NSW**. This will ensure the offering is correctly coded & that we can send an acknowledgement to the parish. You are also welcome to email us at [info@aidtochurch.org](mailto:info@aidtochurch.org) or call 1800 101 201 to ensure your donation is received and acknowledged.

And above all, please join us in continuing to pray for the Catholic people in Sri Lanka and all those affected by these violent attacks.

Sincerely,



Bernard Toutounji  
National Director  
Aid to the Church in Need Australia

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## GROUP TOUR TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

ORGANISED BY COSMOS TOURS  
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The Parish is organising a Group Tour to the Holy Land & Jordan departing in May 2020. (Tour Dates will be released in May 2019).

The fully conducted Tour for 11 days Twin Share is from \$2,771 Per Person.

Your Tour includes Breakfast daily and 7 dinners. A deposit of \$ 250.00 per person will secure your place on the Group Tour and this amount will be deducted from the total amount of the Tour Cost.

The Airfare is approx. \$2,000 per person. To get the best airfare, bookings will be made in September 2019.

Other costs based on 2019 prices:

**1. Arrival transfer in Tel Aviv \$48.00 per person** – if arriving same day as tour starts  
\$86.00 per person – if arriving on days before the tour starts

Departure transfer in Amman \$48.00 per person – if departing same day as tour ends

**2. Pre night Accommodation in Tel Aviv**  
Tel Aviv – Twin share Room: \$194.00 per person/room/night  
- Single Room: \$331.00 per room/ night

**3. Prepaid gratuity - \$149.00 per person**  
So based on Approx Prices, the total per person is **\$ 5248.00** (\$ 2771, \$ 86, \$ 48, \$ 194, \$149, \$2000).

### YOU ARE INVITED TO THE INFORMATION NIGHT

WHEN: **Friday, 14th June 2019**

TIME: 6pm (meet Ruby Travels Worldwide & Cosmos at 6pm).

VENUE: Our Lady of Fatima Parish Meeting Room, 389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah, NSW 2229

RSVP: Mila Montgomery at the Parish Office (02) 9524 7283

REFRESHMENTS: Including pizza and soft drinks will be served on the night.

**Tour Chaplain: Fr Julian Belich**

**For more information & to book your place on the Group Tour please ring the Parish Office: 9524 7283**

## Parish Diary

### First Friday 3rd May

7pm to 8pm - Holy Hour (Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

8pm to 8.30pm - Mass (after Mass adoration continues until midnight)

### 2019 SACRAMENTS

Confirmation - Sunday, 23rd June

12pm and 3pm Sessions

First Holy Communion - Sunday, 8 September

12pm and 3pm Sessions

First Reconciliation - Tuesday, 19th November

4pm and 6pm Sessions

**Information Night** at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Caringbah, will be at 6pm on Wednesday, 5th June.

**Enrolment Form** must be returned with full payment to the Parish Office on or before 28th May.

### DATES OF PREPARATION CLASSES FOR STUDENTS NOT IN THE PARISH SCHOOL

Confirmation: 5 May, 12 May, 19 May, 26 May

Communion: 28 July (Lessons 1 and 2)

4 August (Lessons 3 and 4)

Reconciliation: 20 October (Lessons 1 and 2)

27 October (Lessons 3 and 4)

### Charitable Works Fund Appeal

4 and 5 May - all Masses

30 April - Fr Julian's 10 years Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood

13 May - First Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal

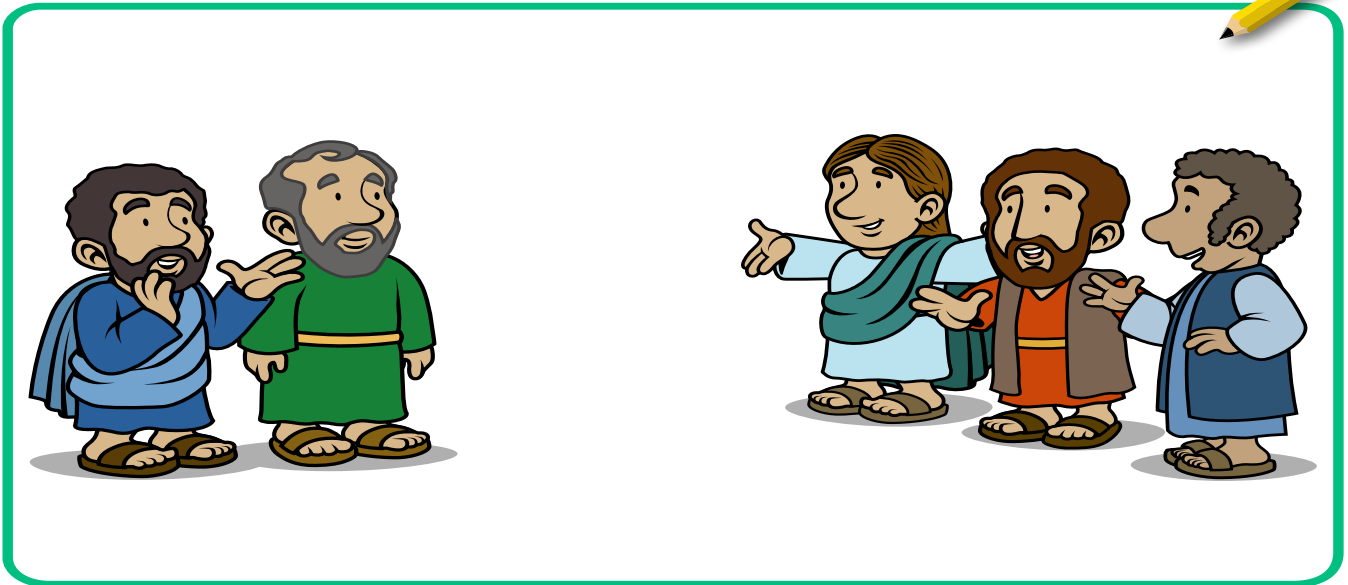
25 May - Parish Pasta and Pizza night to Celebrate Fr Julian's 10 years anniversary to the Priesthood and the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

3 August - Deacon Moises will be ordained as a Priest at St Mary's Cathedral. A Bus will be organised to take parishioners who would like to attend the ordination. Please ring the Parish Office if you would like to attend the ordination to save you a seat in the bus.

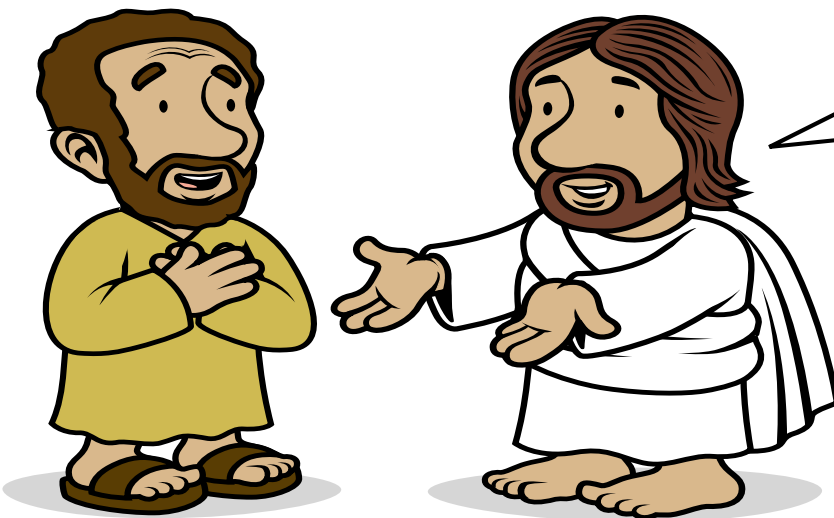
4 August - morning tea will be available in the Parish Courtyard after the 9.30am Mass. We need VOLUNTEERS to help set up.

# Have faith and you will be blessed

A week after Jesus died he appeared to his disciples. They were very happy to see him. Draw the risen Jesus.



Thomas had doubts about Jesus being alive. But later when he saw Jesus he did believe. Draw the nail marks in Jesus' hands and feet.



Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

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**HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

**My Lord and my God**

By the time the Gospel of John was written - in the last decade of the 1st Century - there were already diverse beliefs about Jesus. As is recorded in the gospels, there were those who regarded Jesus as one of the prophets of Israel; others recognised him as the promised Messiah; others still had come to believe in Jesus the Christ as the incarnation of God. That is certainly the theology expressed in the Gospel of John. Perhaps as a means to further his community's theology and correct other ideas, the gospel writer has Thomas declare, "My Lord and my God!"

**SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT**

**Holy Spirit**

In the Gospel of John, during the Last Supper discourse, Jesus repeatedly assures his disciples that the Father will provide them with another Advocate to guide them. This advocate (or paraclete) is to be the Holy Spirit. Although 'advocate' carries a certain legal meaning, the gospel writer uses it to mean one who represents the continued presence of Jesus, just as Jesus was the advocate or paraclete of God. In the Holy Spirit that Jesus breathes on the disciples we see the final element of the Trinitarian experience of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

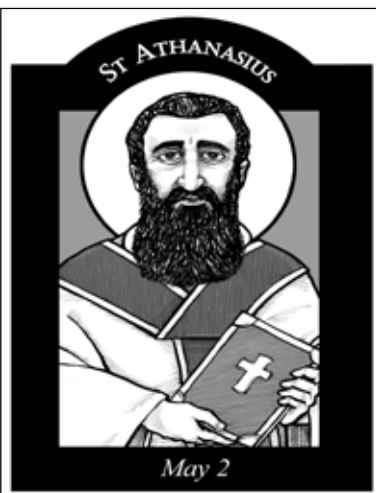
**Have you thought?**

**Does he mean us?**

When Thomas made his declaration of faith, Jesus said, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy (or Blessed) are those who have not seen and yet believe.' (v29) Because this gospel was written 60 years or so after the time of Jesus, there were indeed many who believed but had not ever seen him. The blessing is on all those who believe without the benefit of a physical encounter of Jesus. Whilst the gospel was written as an acknowledgement of those at the end of the 1st Century, it is also a blessing and encouragement for believers of today!



St Catherine of Siena was the youngest of 25 children born of a wealthy Italian family in c1347. From a young age she devoted her life to prayer and became a tertiary sister of the Dominican order despite her parents objections. She worked with the sick and attracted a following of men and women who accompanied her on her frequent journeys. Catherine became heavily involved in the politics of both Church and State as she attempted to make peace between Florence and the papacy. She urged Pope Gregory to return the papacy to Rome from Avignon, which he did in 1376. His death two years later led to a schism in the Western church, as detractors of the newly elected pope Urban VI set up a rival pope in Avignon. In an effort to restore unity to the church, Catherine gave support to the Urban VI but was exhausted by her efforts. She died soon after suffering a stroke, aged only 33.



*St. Athanasius* was born in Alexandria to Christian parents in c.297. He was educated at a catechetical school and later went to the desert to spend time in retreat with St Anthony the hermit. He became the bishop of Alexandria in 328 and was a strong supporter of church orthodoxy. Athanasius was equally strong in his condemnation of Arianism which denied the Divinity of Christ. In his time as bishop many conflicts with Arians led to Athanasius going into exile on up to five occasions. During this time he continued his writings on theology, as well as a biography of his friend St Anthony. St Athanasius is portrayed as one of the Four Eastern Doctors of the Church

## INVITATION

You are invited to join in our First Friday Holy Hour. Adoration follows in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, 3rd May. ALL WELCOME to attend the night's program or part of it.

### Program:

7pm- 8pm - Holy Hour

8pm-8.30pm - Mass (Sacred Heart of Jesus)

8.30pm - 10.30pm - Prayers to the Holy Spirit, Hymn, Silent Adoration, the recitation of the  
- Sorrowful Mystery followed by Meditation, Hymn

10.30pm - Three Special Prayers to the Sacred heart of Jesus

Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

11.30pm - The Joyful Mystery followed by a Hymn

- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

- Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

- Hymn

12pm - Concludes with Hail Mary Gentle Woman

### Pope Benedict XVI

*"When, in adoration, we look at the consecrated Host, the sign of creation speaks to us. And so, we encounter the greatness of his gift; but we also encounter the Passion, the Cross of Jesus and His Resurrection. Through the gaze of adoration, he draws us towards himself, within his mystery, through which he wants to transform us as he transformed the Host".*

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**Open next weekend**  
**7pm - Midnight Friday, 3rd May and**  
**8.30am - 5pm Saturday, 4th May**

**"Were you not able to keep watch (with me) for one hour?"**

*Mark 14:37 or Matthew 26:40*

