



Sacred Heart Parish

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Fifth Sunday of Easter—Year C— 18 May 2025

Parish Priest:

Fr Remy Son-Lam Bui

Assistant Priest:

Fr John Pham

Parish office hours:

Tuesday-Friday
9.00am to 4.30pm

Parish Secretary:

Quyen Le Phan

Accounts:

Mary Pankiw (Fridays)

Weekday Mass Times:

English:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:
7.00am

Wed: 6.30pm

Sat: 9.00am

Vietnamese:

Tues & Thurs: 6.30pm

Wed: 7.00am

Weekend Masses

English:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10.00am;
6.00pm

Vietnamese:

Saturday Vigil:

(Chaplain): 7.30pm

Sunday:

7.00am; 7.30pm

(Chaplain): 4.00pm

Exposition:

Saturdays: 8.00am

Reconciliation:

Wed: 6.00pm

Sat: 8.10am - 8.50am

5.30pm - 5.50pm

Convent/Pastoral Care

Sisters of Our Lady

of the Southern Cross

Phone: 9723 3704

Sick Call Contact Number

0451 945 756

S.V.D.P.

Phone: 9823 1222

SHC Primary School

Principal: Julie Straub

Phone: 9724 1560

Baptism & Wedding

By appointment

(6 months in

advance for weddings)

Let my love live on through you...

Sometime ago, I visited a close friend in Liverpool Hospital. He was just in his late fifties yet found with a liver-cancer only two months earlier. He was still mustering his hope and prayers for recovery. But perhaps he also sensed that his physical life was soon fading away – and sadly, it was indeed a terminal case. He then spent every moment he could to be alone with his wife and children, telling them how much they meant to him; how much he felt for them through his various achievements as well as his shortcomings. He earnestly urged them to keep striving and to live better as God meant them to be. He certainly hoped his painful situation would somehow inspire them...

In today's Gospel (John 13:31-35) we may find a similar moving scene – that of the Last Supper. Jesus is alone with his beloved disciples after Judas just left. He is preparing them for the cross he is about to come to. He is preparing them for the new situation when he is no longer physically present with them. He seriously reminds them of what he himself has taught and practiced in a radical way: *"I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you."*

In love, Jesus seeks out the lost, the poor and powerless. His commitment-in-love requires something more than simply going beyond one's comfortable territory or offering one's talents and service on a temporary / convenient basis. He loves to the end, giving himself completely: *"no one has a greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"* (John 15:13). It is with this love, centered on his deep loving bond with the Father, that he is open to grasp the greater reality beyond fear, pain and final departure. He is empowered to approach his death as *"the hour of glorification"*, the moment of decisive fulfillment and revelation of his true identity; the entrance to lasting life for him and those who follow him.

Accordingly, this type of love – *"just as I have loved you"* – forms the standard and newness of Jesus' commandment. It becomes our trademark and identity: *"By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples."* Our dignity is then measured by the extent of our *"fresh heart"* to persevere in faith and service. Our self-worth is revealed in our capability for bearing fruits of love. Our courage and openness to the reality of *"new heaven and new earth"* is nurtured through the journey of self-giving love...(cf. Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5)

We give thanks to God for Jesus' self-sacrificing love made present in the Eucharist as we gather each week and especially as we accompany about 70 children who begin this weekend the preparation process for their First Holy Communion. We renew our commitment to let Jesus' love live on through us – his true disciples and children of God's Family.

What will be a practical way for us and our young ones to grow taller and wider (by knowledge, talents and possessions) but ultimately, deeper and more fruitful (by acts of love and service)?

"It is to move aside so that Christ may remain; to make oneself small that he may be known and glorified (cf. Jn 3:30); to spend oneself to the utmost so that all may have the opportunity to know and love him."

(Pope Leo XIV, homily in his first Mass as pope, 9/5/2025)

Fr. Remy Lam Son Bui, PP

Pope's May prayer intention



For working conditions
Let us pray that through work,
each person might find fulfillment,
families might be sustained in
dignity, and that society might be
humanized.

Renewed for Mission Day -Thank you

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sr Anastasia Reeves-OP and Helen Wagner (Parish Renewal Team) for their formation in the foundations of faith, ecclesiology, and the mission of evangelization. Their insightful talks, discussions, and workshop activities (this Saturday) have enriched our understanding, and their zeal for mission inspires us to bring the love of Christ into the world and our community.

A sincere thankyou to all leaders and members of various ministries and parishioners who attended the Parish Retreat Day, the Sisters of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, and the social committee for their generous efforts in preparing refreshments and lunch.

May the Holy Spirit enlighten and inspire each of us to actively participate in the mission of the Church and share the light of Christ with those who have yet to know Him.

CWF APPEAL 17th & 18th May

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving care and compassionate place.

Please give generously. Your tax-deductible gifts change lives. Thank you.

Parish Coming Events

Friday, 23 May 2025: Holy Hour

From: 6.30pm-7.30pm.

Please join us in prayer and worship. Reconciliation is available.

Friday, 23 May 2025: PPC Meeting

Thursday, 29 May 2025: Biggest Morning Tea

Friday, 30 May 2025: Finance Committee Meeting.

Sunday, 01 June: RCIA closure – Newly baptised adults will gather at 10.00 am Mass and 7.30pm Mass to celebrate the end of their Initiation process and to be sent forth on the journey as disciples of Christ.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 – PROGRAM

First lesson and Commitment Mass:

The First Holy Communion Lessons will commence this weekend 17-18 May 2025 at 5.00pm Saturday followed by 6.00pm Mass. Sunday at 9.00 am followed by 10.00am Mass. Please keep our children, catechists, helpers and parents in your prayers.

Retreat day: Saturday 28 June from 9.00am–1.00pm

Celebration of First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 29 June at 1.00pm.

CHƯƠNG TRÌNH RƯỚC LỄ LẦN ĐẦU – 2025

Lớp học bắt đầu - Thánh Lễ Tuyên Hứa:

Thứ Bảy ngày 17/05/2025 lúc 5g chiều và tiếp nối với Thánh Lễ lúc 6g00 chiều. Hoặc Chúa Nhật ngày 18/05/2025 lúc 9g00 sáng và tiếp nối với Thánh Lễ lúc 10g00 sáng. Xin quý vị cầu nguyện cho các con em, các giảng viên giáo lý, và các phụ huynh.

Ngày Tĩnh Tâm: Thứ Bảy 28/06/2025 từ 9g sáng đến 1g00 trưa.

Thánh Lễ Lãnh Nhận Bí Tích Thánh Thể Lần Đầu

Chúa Nhật 29/06/2025 lúc 1g 00chiều

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

A poster for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. It has a yellow background with a green border. The title 'Biggest Morning Tea' is in a large, elegant script font. Below it, the text reads: 'You are invited to support Aussies with cancer. Together let us make a difference.' There is a small circular logo with a yellow flower. The event details are listed: 'When: Thursday, 29th May 2025', 'Time: 10:00am - 12:30pm', 'At: Mary MacKillop Room, Sacred Heart Cabramatta Church'. A QR code is shown with the text 'Scan to Donate' and 'Unique ID: 900431753'. At the bottom, it says 'Please RSVP by Friday, 23th May 2025' and 'Parish Office: 9724 2151'.

Free English Program

A free* tailored program for Refugee and Migrant Parents and Family members to enable increased participation in your school and community

This program will include specific skills development such as: Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital skills development for school communication...

For further information please contact Salina Pham's email:

ansoksalina.pham@syd.catholic.edu.au

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Maria Suong Nguyen (Funeral on Tuesday 20/05/2025 at 10.30am), Joseph (Giuse) Hoang Minh Truong, Daminh, Maria Dinh Thi Ngoan,

R.I.P. & Anniversaries: Fr Patrick McAuliffe, Ronald Robinson, Maria (30), Joseph (7), Peter (4), Martha (3), Anna (11), Joakim, Teresa (5), Lucia (2), Vincent, Anthony, James, Francis Xavier, Anton, Rosa, souls of ancestors, Maria Madalena, grandparents & family members (5), for all souls (11), Benedicta Pereira, Francisco Pinheiro, Teresa, Dominico, Ine, Laurenso Hoang Ba nha, Rosa Nguyen Thi Phung, Martino, Gioan Baotixita (2), Phanxico Xavie Maria, Phanxico Borgia, Cecilia, Matta-Maria, unborn babies, Daminh Nguyen Huu Khue, Daminh, Dominico, Ysave, MarianTeresa Vu Thi Thang, Phero Trieu, Maria Thao, Domonico Vinh, Maria Nguyen Thi Lan Thanh, Phero Nguyen Van Be, Maria Madalena Huynh Thi Chi, Anna Luong Thi Bien, Anna Nguyen Thi Thuan, Rosa Nguyen Thi Thoa, Joseph Bui, Pereira, Fransisco Pinheiro, Ivan Puskas, David Jonathan Babera, Peter Nguyen V Let, Anna Nguyen Thi Tan, Anna Le Thi Sac, Maria Nguyen Thi Xuan Mai, Peter Nguyen Van Hoa, Martha Nguyen Thi On, Peter Lam Chut, Peter Binh, Rosa & Giusppe Florio, Oliveri Maria, Maria Rosa Fotea, Olimpia Fedrigo, Anna Tran, Mathew Nguyen, Agnese Teresa Giovanna, Tom & Mary Vassalle, Charlie & Clare Vella, Maria Hoang Thi Chiem, Domingos Pereira, Khamphasert Huang, Anna Bui Thi Khanh.



Other Intentions: For the sick (2), for the conversion of hearts (3), thanksgiving to God, Mary & Joseph (17), peace and wellbeing for family & friends (12), for safe travel, for healing & recovery (3), for stable work (4), for personal intention (5),

Understanding Parish Collections

First Collection

- Supports the needs of the Priests of our Parish – a monthly stipend, their food, cleaner, presbytery electricity, water, rates etc.
- Supports some priests of the Archdiocese of Sydney whose parishes lack sufficient funds, also priests on study leave or other duties.
- Supports health care & insurances of priests, migrant priests, deacons etc.

Second Collection

- Pays for the maintenance of the Parish church, presbytery and convent.
- Parish insurance, electricity, council rates.

- Liturgical expenses – Instruments, candles, music licenses, Hosts, Altar wine...
- Parish office – staff wages, bulletins, copier, phones, computers, internet, furniture etc.
- Priest's car expenses and car insurances
- General expenses of parish and services & functions

Hiếu biết về việc quyên góp trong Giáo xứ

Lần xin giỏ thứ nhất

- Hỗ trợ nhu cầu của các Linh mục trong Giáo xứ – trợ cấp hàng tháng, thực phẩm, dọn dẹp vệ sinh, các chi phí điện nước của nhà xứ, v.v.
- Hỗ trợ các linh mục của Tổng Giáo phận Sydney, những giáo xứ thiếu nguồn tài chính, cũng như linh mục đang đi học hoặc đảm nhận nhiệm vụ khác.
- Hỗ trợ chi phí chăm sóc sức khỏe & bảo hiểm cho các linh mục, linh mục di dân, phó tế, v.v.

Lần xin giỏ thứ hai

- Chi trả cho việc bảo trì nhà thờ Giáo xứ, nhà xứ và nhà dòng.
- Bảo hiểm Giáo xứ, điện, nước và thuế hội đồng thành phố.
- Chi phí phụng vụ – Các vật dụng và máy móc, giấy phép sử dụng các bài thánh ca, nến, dầu, bánh lễ, rượu lễ...
- Văn phòng Giáo xứ – tiền lương nhân viên, máy photocopy, điện thoại, máy tính, internet, bàn ghế, v.v.
- Chi phí xe của Linh mục và bảo hiểm xe.
- Các chi phí chung cho những mục vụ & sinh hoạt của Giáo xứ.

Fifth Sunday of Easter -Year C

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

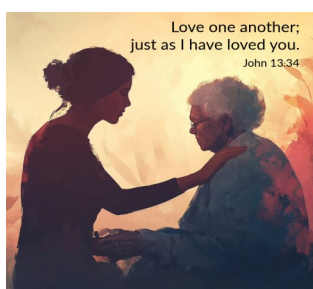
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you! Alleluia!



Gospel: John 13:31-35

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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

93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org

Bài đọc 1: Cv 14, 20b-26

Trích sách Tông đồ Công vụ.

Trong những ngày ấy, Phaolô và Barnaba trở lại Lystra, Icônô và Antiôkia, củng cố tinh thần các môn đồ, khuyên bảo họ giữ vững đức tin mà rằng: "Chúng ta phải trải qua nhiều nỗi gian truân mới được vào nước Thiên Chúa". Nơi mỗi hội thánh, các ngài đặt những vị niên trưởng, rồi ăn chay cầu nguyện, trao phó họ cho Chúa là Đấng họ tin theo. Sau đó, các ngài sang Pisidia, đi đến Pamphylia. Sau khi rao giảng lời Chúa tại Perghê, các ngài xuống Attilia, rồi từ đó xuống tàu trở về Antiôkia, nơi mà trước đây các ngài đã được trao phó cho ơn Chúa để làm công việc các ngài mới hoàn thành. Khi đến nơi, các ngài tụ họp giáo đoàn, thuật cho họ nghe những gì Thiên Chúa đã làm với các ngài và đã mở lòng cho nhiều dân ngoại nhận biết đức tin.

Đáp Ca: Tv 144, 8-9. 10-11. 12-13ab

Đáp: Lạy Chúa con, lạy Thiên Chúa, con sẽ chúc tụng danh Chúa đến muôn đời (c. 1).

Bài đọc II: Kh 21, 1-5a

Trích sách Khải Huyền của Thánh Gioan.

Tôi là Gioan đã thấy trời mới và đất mới. Vì trời cũ và đất cũ đã qua đi, và biển cũng không còn nữa. Và tôi là Gioan đã thấy thành thánh Giêrusalem mới, tự trời xuống, từ nơi Thiên Chúa: tề chỉnh như tân nương được trang điểm cho tân lang của mình. Và tôi nghe có tiếng lớn tự ngai vàng phán ra: "Đây là Thiên Chúa ở với loài người, và chính Thiên Chúa sẽ ở với họ. Người sẽ lau khô mọi giọt lệ ở mắt họ. Sự chết chóc sẽ không còn nữa, cũng không còn than khóc, không còn kêu la, không còn đau khổ: bởi vì các việc cũ đã qua đi". Và Đấng ngự trên ngai vàng đã phán rằng: "Này đây, Ta đổi mới mọi sự".

Alleluia: Ga 10, 14

Alleluia, alleluia! – Chúa phán: "Thầy ban cho các con điều răn mới, là các con hãy yêu thương nhau, như Thầy đã yêu thương các con". – Alleluia.

PHÚC ÂM: Ga 13, 31-33a. 34-35

Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Gioan.

Khi Giuđa ra khỏi phòng tiệc, Chúa Giêsu liền phán: "Bây giờ Con Người được vinh hiển và Thiên Chúa được vinh hiển nơi Người. Nếu Thiên Chúa được vinh hiển nơi Người, thì Thiên Chúa lại cho Người được vinh hiển nơi chính mình, và Thiên Chúa sẽ cho Người được vinh hiển. "Các con yêu quý, Thầy chỉ còn ở với các con một ít nữa thôi. Thầy ban cho các con điều răn mới, là các con hãy yêu thương nhau. Như Thầy đã yêu thương các con, thì các con cũng hãy yêu thương nhau. Căn cứ vào điều này mà mọi người nhận biết các con là môn đệ của Thầy, là nếu các con yêu thương nhau".