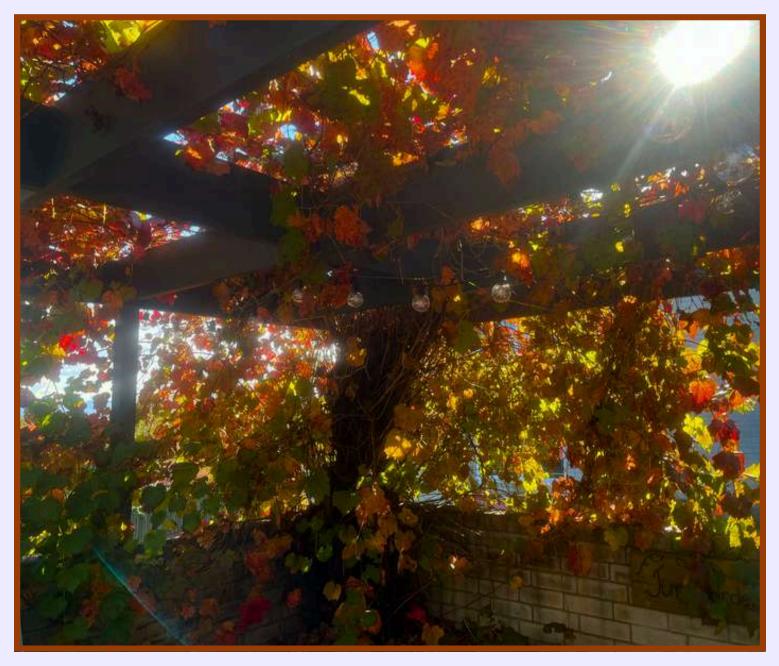


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The Message of the Crucifixion: Love Revealed

The Resurrection is the heart of our faith, affirming that love is victorious over death. Yet, the Crucifixion, when truly understood, reveals the depths of God's love and profoundly shapes our understanding of human suffering and redemption.

In life, we may face trials that feel like crucifixion—moments of betrayal, rejection, or deep suffering. But the cross reminds us that suffering is not the final word. Love is. Jesus did not respond to His suffering with resentment or vengeance but with love. Even as He was betrayed, abandoned, beaten, and crucified, He embodied a love that forgives, redeems, and restores.

The Crucifixion teaches us that love does not retaliate; it transforms. It is not a sign of defeat but the ultimate victory of love over fear, hatred, and sin. Jesus, though condemned by the world, did not see Himself as a victim. He entrusted Himself fully to the Father's love and, in doing so, revealed that nothing—not even death—can separate us from God's love.

God's love, revealed on the cross, is not about punishment but about self-giving. It calls us to see beyond the illusion of separation and fear. The power of the Resurrection is already within us, waiting to be awakened when we recognize that we are created in love, for love.

As the body of Christ, we are called to build the Church upon this foundation of love. We live the message of the cross when we refuse to see others through the lens of judgment or fear but instead choose mercy, forgiveness, and peace.

The message of the Crucifixion is clear:

Teach only love, for love is who you are.

The cross is not a sign of despair but a call to peace—the peace that comes when we live in the certainty that God is love, and love never fails.



EDITOR'S NOTE

April has brought us beautiful autumn days, with cool mornings and warm, sunny afternoons. The vibrant colours of the Presbytery vine featured on our front cover beautifully capture the essence of this season.

During Lent, we were invited to reflect on our commitment to the parish through our Time, Talent, and Treasure (TTT). Commitment Sunday, held on 5–6 April, provided an opportunity for parishioners to return their TTT forms. We are deeply grateful to all who have generously offered their time and service to our ministries. Your volunteerism plays a vital role in the smooth running of our Sunday liturgies and parish activities. The new ministry rosters will take effect on 1 June 2025.

April was also a month of deep spiritual reflection, highlighted by the sacred observances of Easter. The foot and hand washing ritual during the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday was a poignant and meaningful experience. The Good Friday ceremonies, including the Stations of the Cross and the Passion, offered an opportunity for quiet reflection and contemplation. The blessing of the Easter fire, rich with symbolism, added a profound dimension to our Easter celebrations. You can find a feature on Easter on pages 10 and 11. We extend our sincere thanks to all who participated in the Easter services, whether as ministers or simply as a prayerful presence.

We are currently in the midst of Sacramental Season. Parent formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation took place on 28 April, with approximately 55 candidates from St John the Apostle and St Thomas Aquinas parishes preparing to receive the sacrament on Friday, 6 June. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for this important milestone in their faith journey.

In April, we held an appeal to cover the quarterly expenses for insurance, levies, and electricity, totalling approximately \$13,000. Through your generosity, we raised \$8,728, easing the financial pressure at the close of the quarter. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this appeal.

Blessings,

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Baptisms

We welcome into the SJA Community

Body of Christ.

The following children were baptised during the month of April:

Kenji Helle ~ Son of Anton and Maria

Congratulations to Pav Perera who was officially received into the church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Reconciliation.





Mary Moran

Mary Anne Moran 14 November 1943 – 13 April 2025

Mary's faith was the cornerstone of her life, and St John the Apostle Parish was her spiritual home for more than 50 years. She was a beloved and active member of our parish community from its earliest days—most recognisably through her ministry of music at countless Masses. Mary formed many deep and lasting friendships, offered quiet support to those in need, and gave generously of her time, love, and presence.

Mary was the devoted wife of 59 years to Ken, a loving mother and mother-in-law to Patrick, John, Phil, Catherine, Anthony, Debra, Juliemma, Rachel, Dominic, Nathan and Cath, and a much-loved grandmother and great-grandmother.

Mary continues to live on in the hearts of all those she loved and all who loved her. Eternal rest grant unto to her O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen



"A CATHOLIC PRIEST NEVER ABANDONS HIS FLOCK IN DANGER." ~ J. Wiegl MSC ~

As March tipped over to April, the announcement that Pope Francis had approved the canonisation of Bl. Peter To Rot was relayed quickly through the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart news channels. As Sabina Van Rooy wrote about Bl. Peter To Rot for the June 2022 KIT, I will not repeat the story here. What I'd like to explore is why this particular canonisation has been so dear to the MSCs today. Perhaps part of the reason is the determination of their late confreres to remain with their people in the islands to the north of Australia during World War II. The legacy of those missionaries, who paid such a high price, demands that the MSCs of today are "strong, constant and bold" in sharing "the richness of love and mercy of the Heart of Christ everywhere", and in recognising their partners in mission.

Fr. Joseph Wiegl MSC, a missionary in New Britain, later a Bishop in the Democratic Republic of Congo, told his catechists: "A Catholic priest never abandons his flock in danger." Like the other missionaries, he had no choice in the end. He was taken as a prisoner of war. Fr. Weigl spent long enough with his people to witness the cost his catechists To Pen, To Vakak and the latter's wife Ja Pinta, paid for remaining loyal.

The missionaries prepared their catechists and people for the absence of the sacraments and Mass. Those same catechists were persecuted, tortured and, in some cases, lost their lives. There is no doubt that the catechists kept the faith alive, carrying forward the work of the missionaries during the most difficult of times.

As the war drew to a close, the surviving Catholics witnessed to the work of the missionaries. Fr. Daniel F. Meehan arriving with the U.S. Marines was told that the people of Cape Gloucester had been in hiding since the Japanese removed Fr. William Barrow MSC. At their first Mass after being without a priest for two years, the people wept openly as they responded in Latin – they had not forgotten. Fr. Meehan wrote, that the people told him their last two priests, Frs. Cadogan and Barrow were seized by the Japanese. "I do not know if they are still alive, but if they are dead, the manner in which these people have retained their teaching while being kicked from pillar to post is their fitting epitaph". (The Catholic Weekly, 10 Feb. 1944)





For Fr. William Barrow MSC this was an epitaph as he died on Friday 13, November 1942, ten months after the Japanese landing. The death from dysentery of the loved parish priest of Rabaul is recorded in "Red Grew the Harvest". An Irishman, Fr. Barrow was 40 years of age.

Fr. William Cadogan MSC, also an Irishman, survived and became the first superior of the Irish MSC mission in South Africa. He died in the United States in 1971, aged 50. These two MSCs were among the international contingent of priests, brothers and sisters, working across the islands to our north whose mission was kept alive by catechists and loyal Catholics during the war years. One of those catechists was the martyr, Bl. Peter To Rot.

Elizabeth McDonald

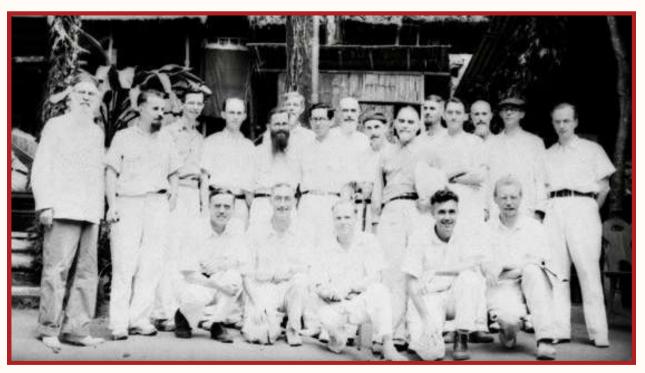


Photo of released prisoners of war from Ramale Mission, New Britain. Fathers Reischl MSC; Nolan MSC; Murche MSC; Durkin MSC, (Irish) (later Bishop in South Africa); Herbermann MSC; Theler MSC; Kerskens MSC; John Hoehne MSC (later Bishop); Jurgens (American); Leppen, Marist; Merkens MSC. (AWM)

PRAYER FOR THE PAPAL CONCLAVE

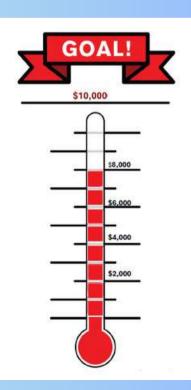
As the cardinals gather in conclave, we as a Church pray:

Holy Spirit, enlighten the Church at this time, especially all the cardinals you call to take part in the conclave. Grant them wisdom and holiness so that all may cooperate with your inspiration and guidance to elect the next Vicar of Christ, your chosen servant. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Quarterly Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this appeal. The amount received was \$8,728.00. This has eased the pressure of the end of quarter insurance, levies and electricity expenses.



THE REAL EASTER GOSPEL

When Jesus said to Levi in the tax office, 'Follow me!' and Levi simply did, when he said it to Simon, and Simon simply did, and the same with James and John and the others, he awoke something in them that is the deepest thing in us, the desire for life in the fullest beyond all our slowly learned expectations of it. It was this thing that he had awoken in them that kept them together, going they knew not where, supported by stories he kept telling about what he called the Kingdom, whatever that was, but they knew he had it. To their growing consternation, this led to confrontation with everything they had come to know as security, and finally to the disaster of his arrest and execution and their total demoralising, bringing out the worst in everyone of cowardice and shame and betrayal and denial.

Now what is going on in the stories of him coming to them after all this, connected with reports of his tomb being found empty, is that the original desire he woke in them and that had led to disaster was now coming into an amazing fulfilment with him now as he truly was and is. The Easter stories are not the careful documentation of a prodigious miracle. If they were, as Rohan Williams has said, they were making a very bad job of it. But they weren't, they were breathlessly trying to catch up with him as now as he was, a new being-together in something that they had to spread, what they called the good news, a new being together of people, persecuted and compelled to spread itself. The contagion of Jesus had caught on in the world, never to leave it whatever the crises we have to face in these dark times.

This was NOT A HAPPY ENDING. It was an EXCITING BEGINNING, and it was all about him as he is now, we his body, living, each, not for himself but for him who is life itself. And all the horror had been necessary. The desire awakened by Jesus had to prove itself against the worst that the world

could do. We, the church, have to reawaken it in this dark time. We must above all pray for the grace to do this. (p.86)

... So that in the crucifixion/resurrection, freshly revealed in the Spirit to our scientifically troubled age, we see a Christ who is, as he ever was, cosmic, and not only human in his significance. (p.106) ...

(Sebastian Moore osb, in 'The Body of Christ', 2011)

Brian A. Mahony, 13-4-25.

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GOOD FRIDAY





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<u>The day of joy</u>

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, it was the women who came with hearts heavy as the stone that had been rolled in front of the tomb to tend to the body of their beloved.

But when they found the stone set to one side and the sepulchre empty, their hearts began to lighten.

> Suddenly two men who seemed to reflect the sun stood by them.

'Why do you look for the living among the dead?' they asked as the women bowed their faces. 'He is not here, but is risen.'

> Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them felt the power of these words dispel their night of sorrow.

The day of joy had truly dawned and, rejoicing in their risen Lord, they returned to tell the apostles.

Though at first the men believed them not, soon they would encounter in His transfigured flesh the saving Word and would proclaim God's mercy to all through His Son's life, death, and resurrection.

Easter

I want to rise before the dawn and watch the dancing sun perform its joy at the risen Lord this blessed morn.

> He came and taught us everything; He died for us and rose again. His love has made us free forevermore . . .

So let us sing a happy song with lively air and gentle tone, the joy and love and freedom to last our whole life long!

Eamonn Murtagh



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Farewelling Pope Francis



Pope Francis kneels in prayer before the revered Marian icon 'Salus Populi Romani' at the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, April 12, 2025. (photo: Holy See Press Office / Holy See Press Office)

Source: https://www.ncregister.com/features/prayers-for-pope-francis

Requiem Aeternam ("Eternal Rest")

V. Eternal rest grant unto Francis, O Lord. R. And let the perpetual light shine upon him. And may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention May 2025

FOR WORKING CONDITIONS.

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

https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ENG-HOLY-FATHERS-PRAYER-INTENTIONS-2025-DEF.pdf

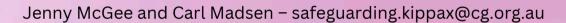


ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

St John the Apostle Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking and action.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING VOLUNTEERS

The role of the Parish Safeguarding Volunteer is to be an additional point of contact in the Parish on matters relating to the safeguarding of children, young and vulnerable people, complementing the roles of the Parish Priest and Parish Secretary. They can provide advice on how complaints can be made, and forward concerns, relating to the protection safeguarding of children, young and vulnerable people within the Parish to the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding Manager.



We love to celebrate mass with the children and vulnerable people of our parish. Safeguarding and care is everyone's responsibility.

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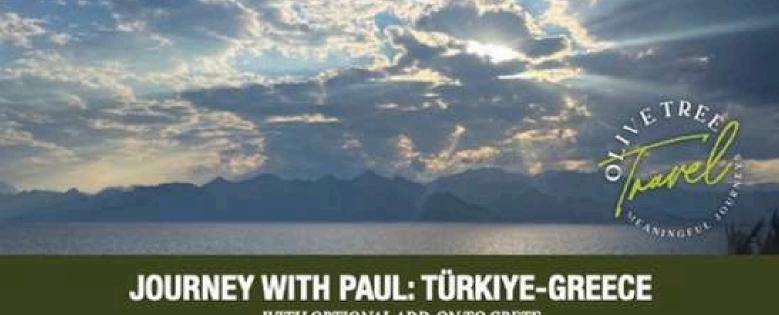
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Fly into Cappodocia where the message of Jesus came early from those who were in Jerusalem for Pentecost (Acts 25-11). Visit the Roman harbour at Antalya where Paul and Barnabus set sail for Antioch (Acts 14: 25-26). Sit in the theatre at Miletus and hear the Farewell Speech of Paul to the Ephesian Elders (Acts 20:17-38). Walk on the via Egnatia as Paul did. Travel to Corinth construction Barnabus the Via Corin Core (Core U.22-28) remembering Paul's words regarding the Lord's supper (I Cor 11:23-28).

Prepare to be captivated, moved, and to enjoy new food and cultural

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Dr Rosemary Canavan is a Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological College, University of Divinity, Rosemary has led numerous study tours to the Biblical Lands. Her teaching and research engages the visual material culture of the world of the Pauline Letters and Acts of the Apostles as well as the Gospels of Luke and Malthew.

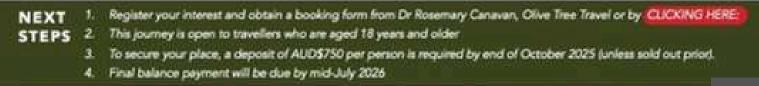
Chris McPhee MSC, is a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) in Australia. He has served in various capacities, including parish work in Sydney, Adelaide, Canberra and now based in Melbourne. Chris has held significant leadership roles, including as Provincial Superior of the Australian Province. Currently is involved in running retreats throughout Australia.

Join Dr Rosemary Canavan online via ZOOM on any of the following dates: Saturday 21 Jun, 26 July, 16 Aug, 13 Sep at 2pm

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DAY 1 THU 17 SEP | DEPART AUSTRALIA

Depart Australia this evening.

DAY 2 FRI 18 SEP | MILLENIUM GOLDEN HORN HOTEL

Arrival into Istanbul this afternoon. Transfer to the hotel.

DAY 3 SAT 19 SEP | CAPPADOCIA BARCELO HOTEL

Morning Flight to Cappadocia Visit Zelve Open Air Museum Ozkonak underground city and Avanos Pottery workshop.

DAY 4 SUN 20 SEP | CAPPADOCIA BARCELO HOTEL

AM Optional Hot air Balloon Flight. Mass in the Grotto of Mother Mary. Goreme Open air museum Visit a carpet cooperative store at Ortahisar. Whirling Dervishes performance.

DAY 5 MON 21 SEP | MARMARA, ANTALYA

DRIVE to Antalya visit Sultanhan Caravanserai and Konya Tel Iconium site and the Archeological Museum.

DAY 6 TUE 22 SEP | MARMARA, ANTALYA

Visit Perge, Aspendos , Archaeological museum and old Attalia Roman Harbour.

DAY 7 WED 23 SEP | HOTEL DOGA THERMAL

Drive to Pamphilian Gates and Pisidian Antioch and the museum. Continue to Lycus Valley visit Tel Colossae.

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DAY 8 THU 24 SEP | HOTEL DOGA THERMAL

Visit Laodikeia and Hierapolis. Early return in afternoon to enjoy facilities and town. Possible discussion/question time/reflection on journey with Paul

DAY 9 FRI 25 SEP | KORUMAR HOTEL. KUSADASI Drive to Kusadasi and visit Miletus and Didyma on the way. Miletus

DAY 10 SAT 26 SEP | KORUMAR HOTEL. KUSADASI Ephesus with the terrace houses. Artemision Site and Selcuk Museum. At the end of the day visit Leather factory store - optional.

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DAY 11 SUN 27 SEP| KOLIN HOTEL, CANAKKALE

Pergamon Acropolis and Troas, Mass at hotel

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DAY 12 MON 28 SEP | LUCY HOTEL, KAVALA

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DAY 13 TUES 29 SEP | LUCY HOTEL KAVALA

Visit Kavala harbour, walk on Via Egnatia at lookout in Kavala. Philippi site, plus Baptistery and Chapel - Lydia's Springs, mass at Baptistery site

DAY 14 WED 30 SEP | GRAND PALACE HOTEL THESSALONIKI

Ano Poli Vlatadon Monastery and view from Castle, St Demetrius Church, Thessaloniki excavation and Archaeological Museum, plus new Metro archaeological museum

DAY 15 THU 1 OCT | DIVIANI HOTEL KALAMBAKA

Visit Beroea/Veria

DAY 16 FRI 2 OCT | DIVIANI ACROPOLIS HOTEL ATHENS

Visit Varlaam Monastery and Icon Factory. Drive to Athens

DAY 17 SAT 3 OCT | DIVIANI ACROPOLIS HOTEL ATHENS

Walk to Acropolis, visit Acropolis and Areopagus. Visit Agora and Stoa Museum, lunch in Plaka

DAY 18 SUN 4 OCT | DIVIANI ACROPOLIS HOTEL ATHENS

Corinthian Canal on the way Corinth – Erastus inscription and outside space, Corinth site and museum Mass on site. Lunch overlooking Corinth site, Visit Cenchreae

DAY 19 MON 5 OCT | FLY HOME

DAY 20 TUES 6 OCT | ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

(or make onward arrangements)

OPTIONAL ADD-ON TO CRETE 5-8 OCT

DAY 19 MON 5 OCT | HOTEL ASTORIA CAPSIS

Flight to Heraklion/Crete

DAY 20 TUES 6 OCT | HOTEL ASTORIA CAPSIS

Tour to Knossos and Heraklion Archaeological Museum, Church of Titus

DAY 21 WED 7 OCT | HOTEL ASTORIA CAPSIS

Tour to Gorthys and Fair Havens

DAY 22 THURS 8 OCT | FLY HOME

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- Breakfast and dinners daily. Breakfasts and Dinners at hotels unless otherwise specified.

CRETE ADD-ON INCLUSIONS:

- Return flight from Athens to Heraklion
- 3 nights hotel accommodation in twin share rooms.
- Breakfast and Dinner daily. Breakfasts and Dinners at hotels unless otherwise specified.
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- Lunches (except for 1 lunch in Corinth)
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	Canakkale	Kolin Hotel	1 night
	Kavala	Hotel Lucy	2 nights
•	Thesssalonika	Hotel Grand Palace	1 night
	Kalambaka	Hotel Divani Meteora	1 night
	Athens	Hotel Divani Acropolis	3 nights
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•	Heraklion	Astoria Capsis	3 nights

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1	THURSDAY	Gethsemane - Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament - 7:30pm		
2	FRIDAY	1st Friday of the month - Mass of the Sacred Heart Meditation - 5:15om Parish Library		
3	SATURDAY			
4	SUNDAY	3rd Sunday of Easter - Year CConfirmation Presentation MassesFinance Talks at Mass		
5	MONDAY			
6	TUESDAY			
7	WEDNESDAY			
8	THURSDAY	Parish Pastoral Council 7:00pm		
9	FRIDAY	Meditation - 5:15pm Parish Library		
10	SATURDAY			
11	SUNDAY	4th Sunday of Easter - Year C VOCATIONS SUNDAY Mother's Day YCS Youth Group		
12	MONDAY			
13	TUESDAY	Parish Staff - Professional Development (Archdiocese) Office Closed Feast of Our Lady of Fatima - Mass at 10:30am Community Connections Afternoon Tea - Ichi Cafe		
14	WEDNESDAY	Funeral - Cesar Leon 10:30am		
15	THURSDAY			
16	FRIDAY	Meditation - 5:15om Parish Library Men's Group 6:30pm Parish Centre		
17	SATURDAY			
18	SUNDAY	5th Sunday of Easter - Year C COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS 3:30PM		
19	MONDAY	11:30am Parish Finance Council 7:00pm Sacrament of the Eucharist formation for parents		
20	TUESDAY	Funeral - Elaine Carter 11:00am		
21	WEDNESDAY			
22	THURSDAY	Liturgy Meeting 7:00pm Parish Library		
23	FRIDAY	Meditation - 5:15pm Parish Library Film Night - 7:00pm Parish Library		
24	SATURDAY			
25	SUNDAY	6th Sunday of Easter - Year C Sacrament of the Eucharist Presentation Masses		
26	MONDAY			
27	TUESDAY	Women's Breakfast - 7:30am Bean Origin Cafe		
28	WEDNESDAY	SJA Friendship Group 10:15am Parish Centre		
29	THURSDAY			
30	FRIDAY	Anointing of the Sick after 9:00am Mass Meditation - 5:15om Parish Library		
31	SATURDAY			