

Sunday 10 May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mothers' Day



Jésus s'entretient avec ses disciples (Jesus discourses with his disciples) by Jacques Joseph (James) Tissot (French, 1836–1902), gouache over graphite on grey wove paper, c. 1886–1894, Brooklyn Museum, New York, public domain.

Tissot depicts Christ gathered closely with his disciples during the farewell discourse, the intimate teaching given on the night before his Passion. The Lord sits among them not as a distant master but as one who draws his friends into confidence, instruction and consolation. Around him, the disciples listen with varied gestures of attention, perplexity and love, their bodies gathered into a compact circle that suggests the first fragile form of the Church.

The scene gives tender visual form to today's Gospel, in which Jesus promises that his departure will not mean abandonment: "I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever." The disciples do not yet fully understand what is to come, yet Christ's calm presence steadies them. He speaks of the Spirit of truth, of love shown through keeping his commandments, and of a communion so deep that he can say, "I am in my Father and you in me and I in you."

For a parish community gathered around the Eucharist, Tissot's image becomes both comfort and summons. We are those disciples, still learning to trust that Christ does not leave his Church orphaned.

The Advocate promised in the upper room remains with us: teaching, defending, strengthening and drawing us more deeply into the mystery of the Father and the Son. Having heard the Lord's words, we are sent to keep them in love, and to show by our lives that Christ is still present among his people.

SUNDAY 10 MAY 2026 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Monday 11 May 2026 Monday of 6th Week of Easter

Tuesday 12 May 2026 Tuesday of the 6th Week of Easter, Sts Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs, St Pancras, Martyr (OM)

Wednesday 13 May 2026 Wednesday of 6th Week of Easter, Our Lady of Fátima (OM)

Thursday 14 May 2026 St Matthias, Apostle (F)

Friday 15 May 2026 Friday of 6th Week of Easter

Saturday 16 May 2026 Saturday of 6th Week of Easter

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026 ASCENSION OF THE LORD (S)
PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember in your prayers, our deceased brethren having anniversaries this week (including those in our columbarium) and those for whom Mass intentions have been sought (see below).

COLUMBARIUM MASS INTENTIONS
10 May 2010 Catherine Treister — niche 52

10 May 2017 George William (Bill) de Meyrick — niche 83

11 May 2008 Ross Gladstone Jones — niche 134

12 May 2019 Barry Thomas Egan — niche 264

16 May 1997 Mary Dinsdale — niche 179

16 May 2021 Mary Jill Rolfe — niche 14

17 May 2019 Kevin Walsh — niche 65

OTHER MASS INTENTIONS
Recently Deceased

Fr Michael Stoney SJ, Bev Heazlett, Fr David Charles Taylor (d. 25 April 2026)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

Sick Pamela Shaughnessy

Lord Jesus, healer of body and spirit, look with mercy on all who are sick or in pain. Give them courage in suffering and trust that you are close to them. Strengthen those who care for them and grant healing, peace and hope. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

Holy Baptism Holy Baptism is celebrated in St Canice's Church on the third Sunday of each month after the 10.00am Mass

Holy Matrimony To arrange, kindly contact the Parish Hub

MASS INTENTIONS AND COLUMBARIUM

To request the offering of Mass for any intention, or make a Columbarium enquiry, application or inurnment appointment, please use the Parish Hub QR Code (page 2)

CURIOUS GRACE — SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Each First Sunday of the month from 11.00am to 1.00pm, Curious Grace gathers at the front of St Canice's Church for generous hospitality, morning tea, creative activities and good conversation. **All are welcome - come as you are, stay as long as you like.**

CONTACTING THE PARISH HUB

To contact St Canice's about:

- Anointing of the sick
- Deceased anniversaries
- Mass intentions
- David's Place / Curious Grace
- St Canice's Kitchen and Op Shop
- Colombière Social Enterprises
- General Inquiries



Please scan the Parish Hub QR code

SOMETHING ITALIAN COURTYARD FUNDRAISING DINNERS

FAMILY DINING UNDER THE STARS (ENDING SOON)

Following a very successful trial in March, Something Italian continues until the end of May as a **Friday Antipasto and Pasta Night** and **Saturday Dinner in St Canice's Courtyard**. Hosted at St Canice's Kitchen, these evenings are both a celebration of Italian food culture and a living experiment in social enterprise, supporting the mission of our parish in simplicity, generosity and the enduring power of coming together around a shared table. **Various Friday and Saturday Dates @ St Canice's Kitchen, Elizabeth Bay. To book please scan the QR code (see right).**



SIGN UP FOR THE ST CANICE'S PARISH BULLETIN

Stay connected and informed with all the latest parish news, events and Mass times by subscribing to our weekly bulletin. We encourage ALL parishioners and visitors to sign up - receive updates direct to your inbox and never miss important announcements.

Simply scan the QR code to join our mailing list.



HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

If you, or someone you know, is unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, or injury and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, **please contact Stephen Fulham at +61 411 626 262.**

PARISH IMMERSION VISIT TO TIMOR-LESTE — BOOKINGS OPENING SOON

This 6-day program will take us each day from Dili to our sister parish at Railaco and nearby villages, visiting NOSSEF school, the mobile medical clinic, nutrition program and important historic sites. **Departs 29 August 2026 - returns 4 September 2026. Please contact our Railaco coordinators, Barbara and Malcolm, at railaco@stcanice.org.au.**

MASSES & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Holy Mass

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:00 am

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 am (No Mass at St Canice's Church on Monday)

Monday at Lulworth House (Activity Room 2 North) 10:30 am

Saturday 9:00 am and 6:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Penance (Reconciliation) Sunday 9:30 am

Holy Baptism Each third Sunday of the month after 10:00 am Mass

Holy Matrimony By appointment

Funerals By appointment

DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary

After Weekday Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the Month 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

PARISH TEAM

Clergy

Fr Dave Braithwaite SJ Parish Priest

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Parish Hub

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'EVERY STEP TOGETHER' WITH RAILACO

Railaco coordinators Barbara and Malcolm recently visited our sister parish in Timor-Leste where they saw how small steps lead to important progress. **'Every step together'** will therefore become the theme for this year's Railaco/St Ignatius' Day fundraiser. Tax-deductible donations can be made through the QR code or jesuitmission.org.au/donate-railaco/.



HOLY FATHER'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK MAY 2026

That everyone might have food.

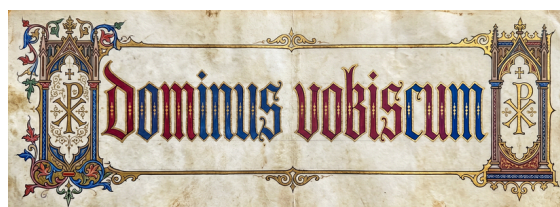
Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

www.popesprayer.va

STAY CONNECTED WITH ST CANICE'S

Visit our website at www.stcanice.org.au for Mass times, sacramental information, news and the full calendar of parish events. You can also follow us on Facebook to keep in touch with the life of our community throughout the week.

<https://www.facebook.com/stcanices>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 12 May 2026 10:30am–12:00pm You Can Ask That with the Sisters of Charity Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre, 1 Rockwall Crescent, Potts Point. Phone +61 2 9138 0835 or email

heritagecentre@rscoffice.com

Tuesday 12 May 2026 5:00pm–6:00pm David's Place

Group Prayer St Canice's

16 May 2026 to 19 July 2026 Sistine Chapel

Revelations St Mary's Cathedral (see below right)

Saturday 23 May 2026 8:30am–3:00pm Women's Discernment Day Retreat (ages 18–35) St Martha's, Leichhardt (see below right)

Wednesday 10 June 2026 7:30 pm Bangarra Dance Theatre - "Sheltering" at Sydney Opera House - see notice on page 1

Thursday 9 July 2026 – 24 July 2026 The Lion Pilgrimage 2026

PARISH EVENTS — FOR DETAILS OF ALL ST CANICE'S PARISH EVENTS, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE (see right)



ST CANICE'S KITCHEN — VOLUNTEERS

Six mornings a week, Monday to Saturday from 9.30am to 12.00pm, St Canice's Kitchen serves a warm breakfast and a place of welcome to disadvantaged and lonely members of our community. Volunteers are always needed in the dining room, kitchen and Op Shop - even occasionally. Please contact the Parish Hub. **All gifts of time and skill are gratefully received.**

THE LION PILGRIMAGE 2026 - THURSDAY 9 JULY 2026 - THURSDAY 23 JULY 2026 · ITALY

The Lion Pilgrimage invites emerging Catholic leaders to travel through Italy in faith, friendship and formation, reflecting on Christian service in public and political life. Taking its name from Pope Leo XIII, the pilgrimage includes Mesero, Turin, Florence, Siena, Assisi and Rome, with Daily Mass, priestly chaplaincy, sacred history, culture and time for prayer.

The pilgrimage departs Sydney on Thursday 9 July and returns Thursday 23 July 2026. **Applications may be submitted to Bishop Anthony Percy and Francine Pirola via the details listed at www.thelionpilgrimage.com**

POPE LEO XIV TO YOUNG CATHOLICS: "DO NOT BE AFRAID"

In a video message to thousands of youth and young adults gathered for SEEK 2026, Pope Leo XIV urged Catholics to remain open to the Lord's call and to seek the true peace and joy found in Christ. The conference brought together an estimated 26,000 participants for talks, daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation and fellowship across three American cities. Reflecting on vocation, the Holy Father encouraged young people not to be afraid to ask what God is calling them to, whether priesthood, religious life, marriage and family life or missionary discipleship in the world.

ADORATION HOUR



"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

Adoration is a time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed, where we sit in the presence of Christ, listen, reflect, and open our hearts. Everyone is warmly invited.

It is a moment to encounter the peace and love of Jesus, to pray for ourselves, our parish and our world.

ST CANICE'S RESTORATION APPEAL

St Canice's is undertaking a Restoration Appeal to preserve and enhance our beautiful church for generations to come. This project focuses on careful repair and renewal of key heritage elements, ensuring that our church remains safe, welcoming and spiritually uplifting for all who gather here. Parishioners are invited to support the appeal through one-off or regular donations according to their means. Every contribution - large or small - makes a real difference to the ongoing care of our parish church and its mission. **To learn more about the Restoration Appeal or to make a donation, please scan the QR Code.**



SISTINE CHAPEL: REVELATIONS - ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL- 16 MAY 2026 TO 19 JULY 2026

This winter, St Mary's Cathedral forecourt will host **Sistine Chapel: Revelations**, a world-first immersive exhibition created with the permission of the Vatican Museums. From 16 May to 19 July 2026, visitors will step inside a purpose-built space where Michelangelo's frescoes are recreated at full scale using ultra high-resolution imagery, 360-degree projection and rich audio commentary. **For details and bookings, visit www.sistinechapelsydney.com.au.**

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT DAY RETREAT (AGES 18–35) SATURDAY 23 MAY 2026 8:30am–3:00pm · ST MARTHA'S, LEICHHARDT

Sydney Vocations invites young women aged 18–35 who are discerning the consecrated life to a day of prayer, conversation and encounter with Christ.

The retreat includes time in Adoration, talks from women in consecrated life, guided meditation and personal prayer.

Location: **St Martha's, 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt.** Cost \$30. Register at www.sydneyvocations.org.

THIS SUNDAY'S SACRED SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17 They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66 Let all the earth cry out to God with joy

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15–18 Always be ready to give an accounting for the hope that is in you

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23 Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord.

Gospel: John 14:15–21 I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate

The Church urges us to listen to the proclamation of the Word of God "with reverence and silence, as Christ himself speaks to his people"(GIRM 29). All are encouraged to open the eyes and ears of their hearts to the sacred readings. For those who require them, a small number of printed copies of the full texts of today's readings are available at the rear of the church.

SOMEONE YOU KNOW MAY BE SEARCHING

Many people begin exploring the Catholic faith because a friend or family member extended a simple invitation. As we celebrate this Sixth Sunday of Easter, think of someone in your life who might be quietly searching. If you know someone who has wondered what it means to become Catholic, the Archdiocese of Sydney has released a short video walking through the process, simply and clearly, with stories from people who have made that journey. This Easter season is a beautiful time for them to explore. **Share the Archdiocese of Sydney's new RCIA video with them: www.rcia.org.au.**

A MAY PRAYER TO OUR LADY - SUB TUUM PRAESIDIUM (UNDER THY PROTECTION)

May has long been cherished by Catholics as a month specially dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this Easter season, we turn to Our Lady Mary with renewed confidence, asking her to lead us more deeply into the joy of her risen Son. As Mother of the Church, Mary remains close to all who seek Christ. We therefore implore her intercession for our parish, our families, the sick, the lonely, and all who are in any need or danger.

**We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God.
Despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.**



MEDITATION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever" (John 14:15–16).

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, the Lord speaks not of absence but of abiding.

The disciples are approaching the hour of the Passion. Jesus does not promise them an easy path, but he promises that they will not be orphans. The Spirit of truth will remain with them, teaching them how to love him in obedience and how to witness with courage.

In the First Reading, Philip proclaims Christ in Samaria, and a divided people hears the Gospel with joy. Peter and John then lay hands on the newly baptised, and they receive the Holy Spirit. Easter faith overflows the old boundaries: grace goes where fear says it cannot go. Peter's letter gives the Christian manner of witness: be ready to account for the hope within you, but do it with gentleness and reverence. The Spirit makes Christians neither harsh nor timid, but truthful, patient and free.

For St Canice's, gathered on Mother's Day, the promise of the Advocate is especially tender. In Mary and in every faithful motherly heart, we glimpse a love that does not abandon, a love that stays close, strengthens the fearful and teaches the young how to live.

Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth. Keep us faithful to the commandments of Christ, make us gentle witnesses to the hope within us, and let our parish be a home where no one is left orphaned. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SINGERS & MUSICIANS WANTED

Do you sing, play an instrument or simply love sacred music? St Canice's warmly invites singers and musicians of all abilities to help build up the choral and musical life of our community. No professional training is required - what matters is a generous heart and a willingness to offer your gifts for the glory of God. Whether you read music or sing by ear, you are most welcome here.

If you are interested, please contact Dominic at bulletin@stcanice.org.au.

BANGARRA DANCE THEATRE - "SHELTERING" WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2026 · 7:30pm · SYDNEY

OPERA HOUSE All are warmly invited to join the parish group booking for Bangarra Dance Theatre's new work Sheltering at the Sydney Opera House, at a discounted group price of \$104 per person. **To reserve a seat, please contact the Parish Hub.**

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child 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 +61 2 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese of Sydney has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.