

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH PARISH 246 Malabar Rd, Maroubra 2035 Ph: 9349 2793
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Parish Office: Tues/Wed/Thur 9am-4.30pm Parish Secretary: Louise Jones
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Weekday Mass: 9.00am: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm, Polish Mass: Saturday 7.00pm
Sunday: 9.00am & 5.30pm

Reconciliation: Saturday: 4.30pm

Adoration and Benediction: Thursdays 8.00am, and 1st Friday of the month, 6.30-7.30pm.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays of month, 9.00am (1 month notice, prep required). Please contact Parish Office to discuss.

Weddings: By appointment; 6 mths notice & please book the church. Contact the Parish Office.

WORSHIP WITHOUT FEAR: *A Statement from the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP*

The stabbing of Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel and Father Isaac Royel is shocking and has caused distress to many in the community.

Houses of prayer have traditionally been places of peace and solace, refuge and sanctuary and so the video footage of the attack upon a religious leader during a religious service inside a church has been especially confronting. The images of the violence that subsequently occurred outside the church are also confronting.

We have seen these types of events in other countries but, up until now, Australia has been largely free from this type of blatant violence in and around places of worship.

Every person in this country, be they bishop or priest, rabbi or imam, minister or congregant, should be able to worship in safety, without fear that they might be subject to acts of violence while gathering in prayer.

I urge the faithful to not respond to these events with fear, avoiding places of worship because they are worried about further attacks, nor with anger, engaging in acts of reprisal or revenge. The best response to violence and fear is prayer and peace.

On behalf of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and in solidarity with other religious leaders, I offer prayerful support to Bishop Emmanuel, Father Royel and all others affected. May the God of peace reign in our land.

SMSJ CUPPA CLUB: All welcome to our next Cuppa Club! **Thursday 9 May** at Pool cafe Maroubra. Flyer & attendance sheet at church entrances.

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: You are invited to join in the [Prayer to St Michael the Archangel](#), which will be said at the end of each Mass, before the final hymn.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Introduction: Today's Gospel shows us that Jesus sees our loveliness before he sees our brokenness. He can heal the cracks and flaws which we try to hide even from ourselves.

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.



Anniversaries: John Cahill (Belfast). Please pray for all holy souls.

R I P: Please pray for all those recently deceased.

Pray for Speedy Recovery: Tanyeli Cagri Ozruh and all parishioners who are unwell at this time.

Please also keep in your prayers the people of Israel & Palestine.

If you would like a loved ones name listed in any of the above, please email the Parish Office or speak to Fr Moses after Mass. NB: Names needed before 3.00pm on a Wednesday for inclusion in the next Bulletin. Thank You

"Why did the chicken cross the road? To attend the SMSJ Parish Trivia Night!"
Our fun and riotous social is on again - **Friday evening, 10 May, at our Parish Hall.** More details to come. Please lock in the date in your diaries!

ANZAC DAY, THURSDAY 25 APRIL: Please join us for mass on **Thursday at 9.00am**, as we commemorate **Anzac Day 2024.** *Lest we forget!*



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at St Mary & St Joseph Church, Maroubra Bay-Beach by **Bishop Richard Umbers** at a special Mass on **Thursday 6 June 2024 at 6.30pm.** This Sacrament is for children who are in Year 6 and above, have been baptised in the Catholic Church and have received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

If your child is to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please email the SMSJ Sacramental Coordinators, **Tricia and Elvira Ranieri**, at: smsjparish.mbb.sacramentprog@gmail.com so that further information regarding enrolment can be communicated prior to the **Enrolment Evening on: Sunday 5 May 2024.**

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 & Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810—safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. For children's resources visit: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/information-for-children/>