



ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office Hours of Administration
Mon, Tue, Thurs & Friday
9am - 3pm

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Mass Times
Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sun: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm
Family Mass Sunday 10.30am
Mon - Frid: 9.15am
Sat: 9am

Sacraments Reconciliation
Tue - Fri 9am
Sat 4.30pm - 5:15pm



Baptism by appointment
2nd & 4th Sun of the Month
at 12 noon

Marriage - Fri, Sat & Sun
Contact Parish Office (at least 6 months notice is required)

Parish Devotions Cenacle & Rosary
Every Monday 8am

Daily Prayer
Church is open from 8am - 3.30pm
Rosary & Prayer
Tue, Wed, Thur & Frid
8.30am / Saturday 9:30am

Holy Hour of Mercy
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur & Friday
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Adoration, Prayer's & Chaplet of Divine Mercy **with Relics**

Saturday Adoration
9:30am —10am

Anointing of the Sick
Every first Saturday of the Month at 9:30am after the 9am Mass

Healing Mass - First Friday of the Month

Prayer Group - Every Wed 7pm in Church

Statue of Our Lady
will continue to visit homes,
Contact Rosina 0414 084 574

Sacrament Program for St Joseph’s Primary School

All enrolment days will be notified by the School.

First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 13 September at 3pm & Sunday 14 September at 3pm.

Sacrament Program for External Schools

Enrolment day for First Holy Communion
Wednesday 20 August at 3pm to 4pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 28 September at 3pm.

All the Sacrament lesson dates and times for External Schools are published on the parish website.

REFLECTION DAY - Saturday 30 August

Speaker: Fr. Larry Tolentino
Time: 9:45am - 3:30pm, cost \$15. Please bring a dish for our communal lunch. Coffee & Tea provided. For more information contact Rose on 0412 115 961.

HEALING MASS - Friday 5 September

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Guy MSC
Rosary 7pm, Reconciliation 7pm-8pm,
Prayer & Praise 7:30pm. Mass 8pm, Exposition (after Mass). For more information contact Rose 0412 115 961.

WALKING TO EMMAUS: MINISTRY WITH THE YOUNG & SEARCHING

This gathering is designed to support and encourage those working with young people across parishes, schools, and the wider Catholic community. It’s a chance to reconnect, share ideas, and be renewed in our mission. Together, we’ll explore practical tools, spiritual insights, and fresh approaches to walking alongside young people who are searching for meaning, belonging, and deeper faith.

Event Details: Date: Saturday, 23 August 2025

Time: 1:30 PM – 4:45 PM

Venue: St Benedict’s Hall, University of Notre Dame, Broadway Campus. Free entry – registration essential (places limited) – go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1421909>

THE CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH 2025

An overnight pilgrimage for men in honour of our Spiritual Father, St Joseph. The entire walk from start to finish will include six churches. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration for spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for a quick bathroom break.

Itinerary from start to finish:

1. St Joseph's, Como - Opening Mass
 2. St Patrick's, Sutherland
 3. St Catherine's, Gynea
 4. Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda
 5. Our Lady of Fatima, Caringbah
 6. St Aloysius, Cronulla - closing Mass
- DATE:** Friday 5 September 2025 7:00 PM - Saturday 6 September 2025 8:00 AM
COST: \$35 pp / Bus Ticket: \$24 return 7 pm sharp on 05/09 from Holy Family Menai and 7.30 am on 06/09 from St Aloysius Cronulla
To register and for more information, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CXLAQ>.

CALLED & GIFTED DISCERNMENT PROCESS: ONLINE WITH IN PERSON WORKSHOP If you are wondering how God is calling you to serve Him, the Called & Gifted Discernment Process is for you! This Process is designed to help Christians identify and nurture their spiritual gifts (charisms), both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for others. Monday, 8 September 2025. **Register at gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process.**

CHRISTUS REX PILGRIMAGE

The Christus Rex Pilgrimage is a three-day, 90km walking pilgrimage from St Patrick’s Cathedral in Ballarat to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo, taking place this year from Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 October 2025. This year is a particularly special one, as we mark the 100th anniversary of the Feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in Quas Primas in 1925. Rooted in the Catholic tradition of penance, prayer, and public witness, the pilgrimage draws hundreds of participants from across Australia and New Zealand. Each day includes traditional devotions and Mass celebrated according to the 1962 Roman Missal, culminating in the Solemn Mass of Christ the King at Sacred Heart Cathedral on the Sunday afternoon. The event is volunteer-run by devotees of the Traditional Latin Mass and includes full support for registered pilgrims, including meals, luggage transport, accommodation options, and medical assistance. Families, students, clergy, and all faithful Catholics are warmly invited to attend.

Dear friends,
We welcome the Maria SS. di Mont’ Alto Association.
The Madonna Association have been a patron of our parish for over 31 years. Their community friendship is based on the graces of Our Lady who brings them together as her children. They have been very generous benefactors to our parish. I like to thank Sam Silvestro, chairman of the Association and his supporters for his support of our parish. May coming together to celebrate the Festa of the Madonna bring you all much joy in Christ who was the son of Mary.

A short story of the Maria SS. Di Mont’ Alto.

History tells us that the name Madonna was a descriptive name given to our Lady Maria SS. Di Mont’ Alto meaning in the medieval Italian language “*my lady*” referring to Mary, mother of Jesus, a religious figure in Christianity and Islam. In the 13th century a boat arrived from the Orient and docked in the port of Messina a city on the Island of Sicily.

The captain of the boat had brought with him a beautiful portrait of the Virgin Mary and he wished to donate the portrait to the ecclesiastical authorities of the time in the church of Messina, Sicily, situated in the Sanctuary of Caperrina of the Carmelite Order. The portrait was carried in a solemn procession to the sanctuary with all the religious authorities taking part. The portrait was venerated with the title of S. Maria Dell’ Alto (meaning from a high place), as the Virgin Mary had indicated in a vision to the pious and devoted sailor on the boat. From the arrival to the Sanctuary of Caperrina, the portrait remained in the custody of the nuns of the Carmelite Order). In 1369 the nuns despite all the adversity of life in those days religiously cared for the portrait, one of the nuns caring for the portrait was sister Agata Balsamo, who was a member of an ancient and noble family, the Ruffo family governed some of the land surrounding the Towns of Motta Camastra and Francavilla. Viscount Giacomo was very well known to the Church authorities who saw him as the protector of religious competence of the territory. It must have been in these favourable conditions that the church for the Madonna was built within the Convent for the Carmelite Order in Motta Camastra. Latter in the 14th century Viscount Giacomo Ruffo commissioned the well-known sculptor Gaggini to reproduce in marble the beautiful image of the portrait of the Madonna in a life-like statue. History tells us that under instructions of Viscount Ruffo the statue was then put on a cart pulled by a pair of bullocks and sent up to the mountains of Motta Camastra where the name of Maria SS. Di Mont’ Alto was given (meaning of the high mountain) by the wish of Viscount Giacomo Ruffo where the chariot, stopped, the statue would stay. The bullocks carrying our statue reached the convent at the mountain of Motta, stopped and laid down then reused to move. And that is how Motta Camastra became the place the statue of our Madonna stayed.

To continue reading the story of the Madonna Association, go before the statue of the Madonna in the church and on the right side, you will find the rest of the story published in the framed picture.
Fr. Kim

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER

16 - 17 AUG SAT 5:30pm SUN 9am SUN 10:30am SUN 6pm

Acolytes	Kevin	Allen	Richard	Charlie
1st Reader	Niamh M	Rosina	Monique	Mary
2nd Reader	Jenny P	Romanta	Marie	Elizabeth

Music	Heather & Choir	Justine & Choir	Angels Choir	Friends of 6pm Choir
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Altar Servers	Grace & Patrick	Vol	Crispin, Michael Aquilino & Gaudens	Louis
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Wardens	Patrick	Rocco R	Rocco S	Sylvia I
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Ministers To the Sick	Home Visits — Sue C Clover Lea — Dr. Margaret M Alwyn — By Request
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Cleaning 18 - 24 Aug) Anne, Viola, Mar, Nymia & Nelia

Sacristans Rocco & Rosina R



FEAST DAY FRIDAY 15 AUGUST

O Mary, God’s Son became your Son and You became both our Mother and our Queen. From your heavenly throne, intercede for us who are daily confronted with life’s trials. Help us to find comfort in our recourse to you and bring us closer to your Divine Son Jesus whose Glory and Honour we proclaim forever.
Amen + **Hail Mary.**

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. 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. **The Parish Safeguarding Officer is Rosina Rotunno.**



With St Joseph we pray ...

For the sick
Pia Pelaccia
Ciriaco Pelaccia
Dr. Margaret Peter Wadwie
Teresa
John Finocchiario
Fr. Lawrence Freeman
Silvana Cocilova
Carmelo Ilardo
Gaetano Currenti
Isabella Eva Rotunno
Anna Maria Livolsi Kurby
Maura Turija
Marija Barclay
Vince Napoli
Angelo Napoli
Joseph Cavallaro
Kevin Bolton
Mark Downie
Salis Trambul
Meri Trambul
Christian Bartolotta
Antonio Bartolotta
Peter Gaynor
Bonnie Orton
Robert Southcombe
Jeanette Northey
Vera Mustac
Linda Pilato
Christine Scanlon
Dominic Paul Ng
Jeanette Northey
Elizabeth Swe
Francis Lim
Margaret Cooney
Virgilio Fajardo
Samuel Gullotta
Robert Rakvin
George Khoury
Linda Ordoeza
Lilly Baissari
Roberta Rakvin
Svetlana Rakvin
Aida Azzi
Domenic Di Paola
Stefano Babbato

For the Soul of
John Eunson
Maurice Makary
Felismina Figueiredo
James Hartman
David Medos
Kath Simonsen
Giuseppe Maugeri
Cecil Gillett
Leo Madden
David Galbraith
Eileen Harris
Victor Loscocco
Beryl O'Hara
Souls of Unborn Children
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary
Nieves Caparros
Charlie Elaro
Tony Kassis
Parishioners of St Joseph's Enfield

Recently Deceased
Antonio Mastrogiovanni
Anna Scamuffo

Intentions From
The Parishioners of St Joseph's Enfield
Praying for Stella
Calix Society Sydney
Healing for the Victims of Mental Health & Depression
An End to War in the World
For Peace in the World

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 24:42,44
Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 12:32-40
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
See that you are prepared.
Jesus said to his disciples:

‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Longer form Lk 12:32-48

HOMILY
PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.
P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
P. Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME
After the Preface, we sing or say:
All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION
P. The mystery of faith.
All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .
P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .
All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.
P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .
R. Amen.
P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD
All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 147:12, 14
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

BE ALERT

Luke’s audience consists of people who are wealthy and those who are poorer, from the lower rung of the social ladder. The evangelist’s focus is frequently on those of comfortable and wealthy status. This is presumed in today’s reading. This Gospel passage follows immediately from last Sunday’s. Luke continues to reflect on the themes of wealth and the disciple’s attentiveness to God. Jesus reminds Luke’s audience that God wants to offer the Kingdom to all. It is not restrictive. But there is one barrier for its reception: wealth and greed—a theme noted last Sunday. Disciples are encouraged to be generous and respond tangibly to the needs of the poor, encouragement that is at the heart of Catholic social teaching. A second theme emerges: besides generosity, disciples must also remember Jesus’ *Parousia*, his coming at the end of time. This perspective is not to be forgotten, though perhaps some in the Lukan household had done so. The example are householders being alert to the master’s eventual arrival after a wedding or to a burglar who might smash through the house’s mud brick walls. Alertness is thus key. It will surface again later in the Gospel when the disciples are told in Gethsemane to ‘keep awake!’ Luke promises that such existential alertness will be substantially rewarded. For ourselves, too, today’s Gospel is a spiritually healthy reminder. As we gather around the Lord’s Table, we are encouraged to an alertness for the Lord’s coming at the end of time. The acclamation after the words of Institution in the Eucharistic Prayer echoes this.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

10 AUGUST 2025

KEEP AWAKE TILL HE COMES. The early Christians applied this teaching of Jesus to their expectation of his second coming. More generally speaking, today’s Gospel parables should encourage us to be morally vigilant at all times and ever ready to encounter, in the midst of daily life, the ‘God of surprises’. Paul has similar advice for us: ‘Keep alert, stand firm in your faith’ (1 Cor 16:13).

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 73:20, 19, 22, 23
Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

GREETING
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT
P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
V. Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA
Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on

us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT
P. Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wis 18:6-9
A reading from the book of Wisdom
Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.
That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12
R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / They are happy, whose God is the Lord, / the people he has chosen as his own. R.
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. R.



3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. R.

SECOND READING Heb 11:1-2, 8-12
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
We will look for the city designed and built by God.
Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
Longer form Heb 11:1-2, 8-19