



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mon, Tue, Wed & Thurs  
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, Thurs & Frid  
8.30am / Saturday 9:30am

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

**Adoration—Saturday**  
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 with Reconciliation**  
**Prayer Group - Every Wed 7pm**  
in Church with Adoration

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

## SACRAMENTS

**Sacrament Program 2026 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 12 September at 3pm & Sunday 13 September at 3pm.

### Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 17th May at 3pm.

### Sacrament Program for External Schools

#### Enrolment day for First Holy Communion

Wednesday 22 July at 3pm to 4pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 30 August at 3pm.

### Confirmation

Rehearsal Wednesday 13 May at 4pm—5pm  
In the Church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 17 May 2026 at 1pm.

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

### REFLECTION DAY - Saturday 30 May

Speaker: TBA

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.

### ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

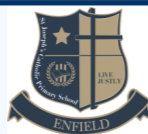
For all enquires and enrolments please contact the school office.

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Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, Grandmothers & Careers in motherly roles, living and deceased. With a grateful heart we thank you.

On this day, O Beautiful Heavenly Mother, let us wish you with all our love a very Happy Mother's Day.

From the depths of our hearts, we thank you, for your unfailing love for all of God's children. Thank you, for your graceful patience and powerful intercessions, on our behalf.

Lead us always to your Son, Jesus, that we may build with Him the Kingdom of love, joy and peace always. Amen +

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA PROCESSION 2026

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to the annual Our Lady of Fatima Procession, which began in 2023 to prepare our Sydney World Youth Day Pilgrims for their visit to Fatima. Witness the universality of the Catholic Church and feel the power of prayer, the strength and warmth of community, and the connection among the faithful youth of Sydney as we walk alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ to honour Our Lady at the third annual Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Procession. **DETAILS AS FOLLOWS - Date:** Saturday, 16 May 2026  
**Time:** 6 PM Vigil Mass followed by Marian Procession  
**Venue:** St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

### Didaskō Adult Faith Formation:

#### THE EUCHARIST IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

In preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress, the Parish Renewal Team has partnered with the University of Notre Dame Australia to present a series of short courses on the Eucharist. We are also blessed to have **Archbishop Fisher OP** deliver a talk on Eucharistic Miracles as part of this series. Join us online to study, to discuss, to ask questions, and ultimately, to grow more in love with Jesus in the Eucharist.

**Special offer for parishes:** Make the most of this opportunity by gathering a group in-person and sharing the learning experience with others.

To find out more and to register, visit [gomake disciples.org.au/didasko](http://gomake disciples.org.au/didasko).

Dear Friends

The readings on this 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter invite us to look at Christian faith not as an abstract idea or as something too distant from us, but as that which is spoken, lived and passed on. I will begin by pausing two rhetoric questions to you.

**What is your understanding of faith?**

**How do you practice and live your faith?**

For me, faith is centered on two themes; witness that explains hope and faith received, sustained through prayer and strengthened in communion with the church. As we heard from the second reading, Peter's words are strikingly practical: we are called to be ready to give an account. In other words, Christianity is not only something you feel, it becomes something you can communicate without aggression and contempt. It becomes your nature, something that defines our identity. In our lives today, giving an account often looks different than people expect.

In the second reading, **St. Peter doesn't say, "Be ready to win arguments." He says, "Be ready to give an account" of hope.**

That means a Christian's credibility often comes from consistency: the way we talk about suffering, the way we respond to injustice, the way we forgive, the way we keep our commitments. Hope is not naive optimism—it is a reasoned trust that God is at work even when results are delayed. As Dr. Clarice Fluit once said, "don't underestimate the power of God when He seems to be doing nothing." The applicability of this hope can be tested and measured by asking ourselves;

**What do I do that actually reveals the reason for my hope?**

If your social media, your friendships, and your daily choices contradict your words, people notice. If your words are kind and your life shows integrity under pressure, your witness becomes understandable—even to someone who does not share your beliefs. This is the kind of witness to which you and I are called to. **Faith is strengthened through prayer and shared mission.**

In the first reading, the Acts of the Apostles shows this beautiful chain of mission and support. Philip proclaims Christ to people and then Peter and John go to pray for those who have received the word. We are also called to proclaim our faith to others such as family, friends and people we account but also praying for faith to be deepened in ourselves and take root in others too.

John's Gospel today adds another layer. Jesus prays to the Father: **"I have made your name known..." and "I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world."** This prayer is not distant; it's a shepherd's prayer for those who will continue His mission in a world that can be confusing, distracting and hostile **but we shouldn't forget that we are entrusted with the duty of continuing the mission.**

In our world today, we are surrounded by noise—productivity pressures, constant comparison, and rapid shifts in identity and values. Many carry hidden loneliness. In that context, the Church's pattern matters: John's gospel gives us an answer, **faith is not meant to hide from real life; it is meant to face real life with God.**

Dear friends, I conclude by inviting you to my ordination to diaconate this coming Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7pm, here at our parish church, come witness my ordination to this order of service granted by the church and celebrate with me. **Anthony Karaira.**

### NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER

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

Acolytes	Kevin	Van	Charlie	Louis
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Vincentius	Tania	Rocco	Mary
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Jenny	Rose T	Anne	Vicki
Music	Heather & Choir	Justine & Choir	Angels Choir	Friends of 6pm Choir
Altar Servers	Grace	Vol	Crispin, Michael Sana	Milad
Wardens	Patrick	Rocco R	Rocco S	Syliva I
Ministers To the Sick	Home Visits — Clover Lea — By Request	Romanta	Alwyn — By Request	
Cleaning (18 - 24 May)	Sue, Gladys, Miriam, Vimala & Georgette			
Sacristans	Rocco & Rosina R			



Remember, O Most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto you, O virgin of virgins, our Mother, to you do we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen +

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual 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](mailto: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  
Carla Hosri  
Marianne Samuel  
Odette Haddad  
Peter Nadwie  
Michael Ibrahim  
Pia Pelaccia  
Ciriaco Pelaccia  
Dr. Margaret  
Peter Wadwie  
Teresa  
Fr. Lawrence Freeman  
Silvana Cocilova  
Carmelo Ilardo  
Gaetano Currenti  
Isabella Eva Rotunno  
Anna Maria Livolsi Kurby  
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  
Elizabeth Swe  
Francis Lim  
Margaret Cooney  
Virgilio Fajardo  
Samuel Gullotta  
Robert Rakvin  
George Khoury

For the Soul of  
Michel Youkim  
Mackow  
Sadie Nadwie  
Raymond Nawie  
Veronica Stokes  
Margaret Stokes  
Maria  
Souls of Unborn Children  
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary  
Romana Muha  
Tony Muha  
Felismina Figueiredo  
Diana Salgatori  
Parishioners of  
St Joseph's Enfield

Recently Deceased  
Maria Lombardo  
Domenica Alvaro  
Ronald Ricketts  
Rosa Hoang  
Maria Nguyen  
Peter Hall

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

I shall ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever,  
that Spirit of truth  
whom the world can never receive  
since it neither sees nor knows him;  
but you know him,  
because he is with you, he is in you.  
I will not leave you orphans;  
I will come back to you.  
In a short time the world will no longer  
see me;  
but you will see me,  
because I live and you will live.  
On that day  
you will understand that I am in my Father  
and you in me and I in you.  
Anybody who receives my commandments  
and keeps them  
will be one who loves me  
and anybody who loves me will be loved by  
my Father,  
and I shall love him and show myself to him.  
**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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. May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,  
together with the sacrificial offerings, so that,  
purified by your graciousness, we may be  
conformed to the mysteries of your mighty  
love. 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-V OF EASTER

*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 Jn 14:15-16

**If you love me, keep my commandments,  
says the Lord, and I will ask the Father  
and he will send you another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Almighty ever-living God, who restore us  
to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,  
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this  
paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts  
the strength of this saving food. 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 in peace.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### THE SPIRIT IS WITH US

Last week it was worry. Today it is  
about loneliness. We know loneliness.  
We know what it feels like, for example,  
when someone close to us dies. Grief,  
sadness and loneliness can be palpable.  
In today's Gospel, John invites us again  
to draw closer to Jesus who addresses the  
loneliness which the disciples (and, at  
times, ourselves) can experience. When  
we feel God's apparent silence or absence,  
when we deal with death or tragedy, Jesus  
promises 'another Advocate'. This is the  
promise of his very Spirit that will remain  
with the disciples when he physically  
leaves them.

By the time John writes, this is already  
a reality and Jesus' spirit, the Advocate,  
the 'Spirit of Truth', is with them and  
'forever'. They will not be left orphaned  
as the Spirit accompanies them in every  
generation to experience his eternal and  
real, though non-physical, presence.  
But there is a second promise that Jesus  
makes. He will return as he offers an  
eschatological vision, an insight into  
the final days, in which the disciples  
will experience their communion and  
intimacy with God restored. They will  
discover a love that is eternal and carry  
them through those days of loneliness.  
This is the promise that we need to  
hear, especially as we grapple with our  
experiences of loneliness brought on by  
grief of our beloved dead or the persistent  
loneliness of life that surrounds us. Jesus'  
Advocate, his Spirit, is with us.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

10 MAY 2026

PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS. The early Christian community could not remain as  
an enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. Its members felt impelled by Christ to  
bring the Good News to Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every  
age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times  
this can be difficult but the Spirit of God is always with us to help us.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 48:20

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be  
heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

## 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.  
P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**R. For we have sinned against you.**

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

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.**

## 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. Grant, almighty God, that we may  
celebrate with heartfelt devotion these  
days of joy, which we keep in honour of  
the risen Lord, and that what we relive in  
remembrance we may always hold to in what  
we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your  
Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*They laid hands on them, and they received the  
Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and  
proclaimed the Christ to them. The people  
united in welcoming the message Philip  
preached, either because they had heard  
of the miracles he worked or because they  
saw them for themselves. There were, for  
example, unclean spirits that came shrieking  
out of many who were possessed, and several  
paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result  
there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that  
Samaria had accepted the word of God, they  
sent Peter and John to them, and they went  
down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to  
receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not  
come down on any of them: they had only  
been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus.  
Then they laid hands on them, and they  
received the Holy Spirit.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESP PSALM

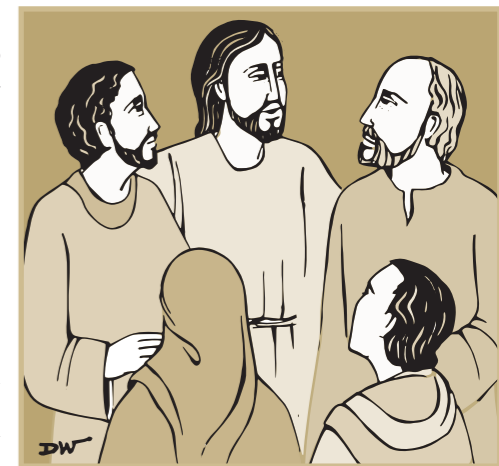
Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. cf. v. 2

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with  
joy. (or Alleluia!)**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, /  
O sing to the glory of his name. / O render  
him glorious praise. / Say to God: 'How  
tremendous your deeds! **R.**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; / shall  
sing to you, sing to your name!' / Come and  
see the works of God, / tremendous his deeds  
among men. **R.**

3. He turned the sea into dry land, / they  
passed through the river dry-shod. / Let our  
joy then be in him; / he rules for ever by his  
might. **R.**



4. Come and hear, all who fear God. / I  
will tell what he did for my soul: / Blessed  
be God who did not reject my prayer / nor  
withhold his love for me. **R.**

### SECOND READING

1 Pet 3:15-18

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he  
was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and  
always have your answer ready for people  
who ask you the reason for the hope that you  
all have. But give it with courtesy and respect  
and with a clear conscience, so that those  
who slander you when you are living a good  
life in Christ may be proved wrong in the  
accusations that they bring. And if it is the  
will of God that you should suffer, it is better  
to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though  
he was, had died once for sins, died for the  
guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was  
put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will  
come to them.  
Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Jn 14:15-21

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to John.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you  
another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my  
commandments.