



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

REFLECTION DAY - Saturday 20 September

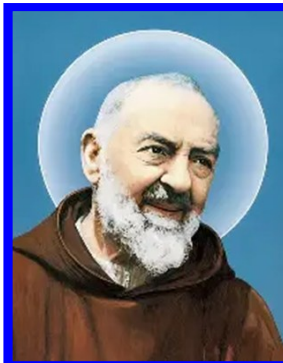
Speaker: Fr. Larry Tolentino

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 3 October

Celebrant: Fr. Yacub Barkat

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



ST PADRE PIO PARISH GLENMORE PARK

Saint Padre Pio Feast Day
3-day Triduum
Novena and Mass:
Thursday 18 Sept, 7pm
Friday, 19 Sept, 7pm.
Saturday 20 September,
5.30pm.

FEAST DAY: Sunday
21 September 10am

Procession followed by the Feast Day Mass,
Veneration, Blessing with his Relic and fellowship meal. (No 8am Mass on that day).



Dates: 30 November - 3 December
Cost: \$700 (only available for the first 100 registrants. Over \$700 subsidy from the Archdiocese!)

Age: 18-25 year olds

Includes: Flights, accommodation, ACYF ticket, transfers, breakfast, and ACYF shirt!

Link for Expressions of Interest: <https://docs.google.com/forms/>

SYDNEY STREET FEAST 2025

On Friday, 14 November, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 11am to 2pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/SydStreetFeast2025>

LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUNDAY

Life, Marriage & Family Sunday was established in response to the World Meeting of Families held in 2018, emphasizing the universal call to celebrate and support family life. We invite Sydney parishes to celebrate Life, Marriage & Family Sunday in their local parishes and communities on Sunday 19 October 2025 coinciding close to the Feast Day of St John Paul II. To assist parishes and prepare for local celebrations of Life, Marriage & Family Sunday, we have included resources or visit sydneycatholic.org/lmf

FINDING SOLACE AND SUPPORT WITH HEARTFELT

In times of grief, finding a compassionate and understanding community can make all the difference. Heartfelt is based on Catholic teachings and offers online gatherings, support groups, and events, accessible to anyone navigating their grief journey. For more information, visit <https://heartfelt.community>

THE CHRISTOPHER WEST'S THEOLOGY OF THE BODY: HEAD AND HEART IMMERSION COURSE

- Deepen your understanding of the human person and God's beautiful plan for life, love, and healing. From 18–23 January 2026, world-renowned speaker Christopher West will lead the TOB 1: Head and Heart Immersion retreat at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, bringing St John Paul II's Theology of the Body to life. This 5-day experience includes daily Mass, Adoration, and 30 hours of engaging teaching. Don't miss this rare opportunity to be transformed and healed in mind and heart. Places are limited — register at trybooking.com/XXXX. **DETAILS: Date:** Sunday 18 January - Friday 23 January 2026, **Time:** 3 pm Sunday to 1 pm Friday. **Venue:** Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale, NSW. **Who:** Adults only event (18+)

For more information and to register, visit <https://tobi.sydneycatholic.org/tob-1-immersion-course/>
For enquiries, contact TOBI@sydneycatholic.org.

Dear friends,

On this Feast Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 50 students from our school will receive Our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion for the first time. May Holy Communion bring them much healing, peace and joy.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross shows the power of God, to change everything and reversing everything to God's ways. Death and torture by crucifixion on a cross, has roots from impalement in Assyrian and Babylonian times. The Roman army perfected it as a form of terror, to anyone who would appose Roman Empire power. The Cross is an instrument of capital punishment, like other forms of instruments, the electric chair, hanging, lethal injection, guillotine, shooting, stoning and gassing. The strange thing is, you don't see people wearing these other types of instruments of death as jewellery, like wearing the cross. Only the cross is wore on necks, ears, chest and all parts of the body as jewellery and tattoos.

Why? Because it is now a symbol of love not death.

God has redeemed the cross by the death of Jesus on the Cross. The cross is no longer a place of suffering, pain, humiliation, bitterness, isolation and death but a place of hope, prayer, praise, reconciliation, peace, and love. God has turned darkness into light, death to life, hatred into forgiveness in Jesus on the Cross. God has accomplished this power by the Cross of Jesus. That is why we have today's Feast Day to celebrate the power of the Cross.

The Cross is used as a weapon against evil and Satan.

It casts them out and drives them out of people and places.

We place the cross on ourselves by making the sign of the Cross on our body, to impart the power of the Cross on our lives before prayer and Mass. In this sense, the Cross is the first prayer and the most powerful prayer asking for forgiveness and redemption.

This Sunday's reading, emphasises the healing power of the Cross.

The healing power of the Cross, comes from what happened on the Cross where Our Saviour died for all people. Jesus's Sacrifice changes everything in the spiritual realm. This sacrifice is given in the form of his Body and Blood which we can receive, by eating his Body and drinking His Blood.

Hail the Cross where Our Lord Jesus died for us.

Fr. Kim

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER

20 - 21 SEPT SAT 5:30pm SUN 9am SUN 10:30am SUN 6pm

Acolytes	Domenic	Kevin	Charlie	Louis
1st Reader	Lalita	Tania	Rocco	Josephine
2nd Reader	Jenny	Rose T	Anthony	

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 — Gladys Clover Lea — Dr. Margaret M Alwyn — By Request
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Cleaning (22 - 28 Sept) Lindi & Team

Sacristans Rocco & Rosina R

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

Peter Nadwie
Michael Ibrahim
Pia Pelaccia
Ciriaco Pelaccia
Dr. Margaret
Peter Wadwie
Teresa
John Finocchiaro
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

Maria
Youssef Arraj
Najla Arraj
Raymond Nadwie
Sadie Nadwie
Souls of Unborn Children
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary

Maria Liliana
Hend El-Daher
Parishioners of St Joseph's
Enfield

Recently Deceased

Samuel D'Allura
Pia Pelaccia
Frank Caprio
Maria D'Aprile
Francesco Bellomo
Antonio Mastrogiovanni

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 Jn 3: 13-17

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.

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven; the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

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 this oblation, O Lord, which on the altar of the Cross cancelled the offence of the whole world, cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins. 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 OF THE VICTORY OF THE GLORIOUS CROSS

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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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 12: 32

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having been nourished by your holy banquet, we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ, to bring those you have redeemed by the wood of your life-giving Cross to the glory of the resurrection. Who live and reign for ever and ever.
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

LIFTED UP

Today’s Feast moves us away from our usual journey through Luke’s Gospel. Instead, our focus is with John’s Gospel. We are in a different world. John 3 concerns the engagement which Jesus has with Nicodemus, a Jewish leader and, as we learn at the Gospel’s end, a potential disciple. In this chapter, the evangelist seeks to reflect upon Jesus’ origins. John affirms that Jesus, God’s Word and source of Wisdom, is from God. He ‘came down from Heaven’. Jesus is God’s exalted heavenly and human presence. He will be ‘lifted up’, that is, in John’s story of Jesus’ passion and death, he will be ‘lifted up’ on the cross and will be ‘lifted up’ in exaltation by the Father in resurrection. Jesus’ death is also his exaltation.

In today’s Gospel, the evangelist draws on the imagery of the fashioned bronze serpent that Moses ‘lifts up’, that we hear today in the first reading from the *Book of Numbers*. The serpent figure rescues the suffering Israelites. For John, this, too, is Jesus’ quest: to rescue and bring eternal life to suffering humanity. John’s passage exudes hope and divine communion with humanity and creation. God loves the ‘cosmos’ so much that God’s very being and expression in the Word, Jesus, suffers for it. This word, ‘cosmos’, comprises the whole of creation, including humanity. Palpable optimism permeates this Gospel passage. For John, God wants nothing or anyone to be ‘lost’. All are found in the Word enfleshed in Jesus. God’s community with creation and humanity is sealed and eternal. This is such a rich Gospel for today’s Feast. Every line deserves meditation.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS / C 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

HEALING FROM THE CROSS. The bronze serpent on a standard is a well known symbol of the medical profession. Its origins go back to the time when God healed the repentant Israelites in the wilderness through a bronze serpent that Moses fashioned and placed on a standard. In today’s Gospel, Jesus applies this image to his own crucifixion. By being lifted up on the cross he will bring healing and eternal life to all who believe in him.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 65: 4

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, / in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, / through whom we are saved and delivered.

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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

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

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. O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. 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 Num 21: 4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers.
When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here: we are sick of this unsatisfying food.’

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.’ Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, ‘Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.’ So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

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

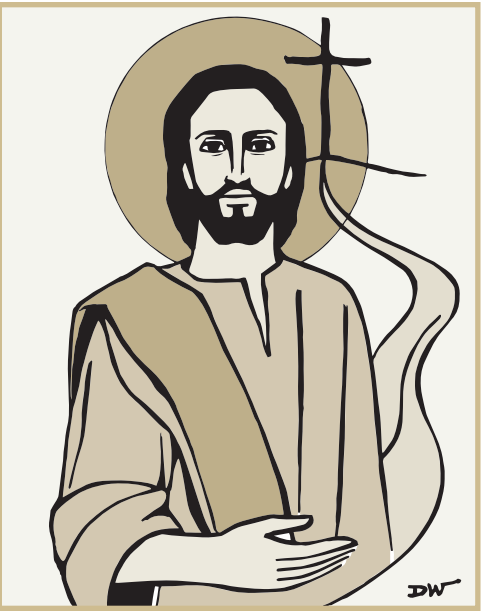
RESP PSALM Ps 77: 1-2, 34-38. R. v. 7

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching; / turn your ear to the words of my mouth / I will open my mouth in a parable / and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **R.**

2. When he slew them then they would seek him, / return and seek him in earnest. / They would remember that God was their rock, / God the Most High their redeemer. **R.**

3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery; / they lied to him with their lips. / For their hearts were not truly with him; / they were not faithful to his covenant. **R.**



4. Yet he who is full of compassion / forgave their sin and spared them. / So often he held back his anger / when he might have stirred up his rage. **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 2: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.
He humbled himself, therefore God has exalted him.

The state of Jesus Christ was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!