



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mon, Tue, Thurs & Friday
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Mass Times
Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sun: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm
Family Mass Sunday 10.30am
Mon - Fri: 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
Encenale & Rosary
Every Monday 8am
Daily Prayer
Church is open from
8am - 3.30pm
Rosary & Prayer
Tue, Wed, Thur & Fri
8.30am / Saturday 9:30am

Holy Hour of Mercy Adoration
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur & Friday
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**
**Prayer Group - Every Wed
7pm in Church**

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.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday 10 March & Wednesday 11 March at 5pm.

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 Reconciliation

Wednesday 25 February at 3pm to 4pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Friday 27 March at 5pm.

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.

Enrolment day for Confirmation

Wednesday 25 March at 3pm to 4pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 17 May 2025 at 1pm.

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

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

For all enquires and enrolments please contact the school office.

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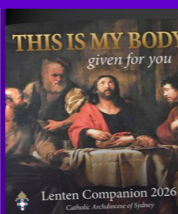
Principal: Mary Colagrossi

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RIP Yoko Da Silva
Eternal Life 07/02/2026
Funeral Details - St Joseph's Enfield
20 February 11am. Burial to follow at Rookwood Cemetery.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday during Lent at
10am & 7pm.



The Lenten Reflection group will commence on Monday 23 February. It will continue until the Monday 30 March. Time is 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Everyone welcome.



17 February Shrove Tuesday LAUNCH EVENT 6pm to 9.30pm
St Thomas of Canterbury, 3 Thomas St, Lewisham (right near the train station)
BBQ, Pancakes & Refreshments followed by THE ELEPHANT IN THE ABORTION ROOM a talk by Anouska Firth

18 February Ash Wednesday 40 DAYS BEGINS! Daily prayer vigils outside NSW Parliament House 6 Macquarie St, Sydney Every Day 7am - 7pm

29 March Palm Sunday FINAL HOLY HOUR followed by Victory Celebration

Hosted by Family Life International
ph: 02 9519 9111 mail@fli.org.au www.fli.org.au

40 Days for Life is a world-wide pro-life campaign to pray for an end to abortion. Over half a million people have prayed peacefully outside abortuaries to change hearts and save lives.

Will you join us in 2026 as we pray for both mother and child, as well as all those involved in the abortion industry?

REGISTER NOW!
www.fli.org.au

PRAY TO END ABORTION

REFLECTION DAY - Saturday 28th February
Speaker: Ron Maldigri
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.

Dear friends,

As we approach the season of Lent which starts this Wednesday, we are called to take a look at our heart, to know it, learn from it and change it, to a heart of flesh made for loving.

In today's gospel, Jesus teaches us sin and our departure from God does not start from outwards actions, but from our heart. In fact our outward actions, is only a reflection of the disintegration that has happened within our heart. Once our heart is lost to sin, we also loose our whole life to the passions and sin.

Happy Valentine Day for those celebrating it.

The meaning of Valentine, is we have a life in loving someone else rather than ourselves.

We find our life in loving the other. For some people, loving everything other than God. Maybe try God, the original Lover, the one who is love itself. God made us for himself first, we belong to him first and foremost, then to each other as spouse, family, and friends. If we don't rest in God's love, we will never be at peace. St Augustine: "You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless, until it rests in you."

God made this world for loving, yes, the world belongs to lovers, real lovers like the saints.

Look at all the beauty of the world, it has its own language, it is trying to seduce us to a life of loving and surrendering our life to it. Let us surrender our life to God, who on the cross surrendered his life for us.

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday 18th of February, a day of fasting, penance and receiving the ashes on our foreheads, to symbolise our repentance. Mass will be at 9:15am, and 7pm.

What is lent about?

You might think it is a defensive move, to retreat from the world.

In some ways, you are right, in Lent, we spend more time alone with ourselves and with God.

But, lent is not retreating, in fact, it is a declaration of war. We are not looking to negotiate, we are looking for a fight. A fight against our ego, our pride, our narcissistic self. We learn to die to self, to claim our better self, our eternal self, in Christ who is waiting for us on the Cross.

During Lent we have Stations of the Cross, every Friday at 10am & 7pm. Also, all are welcome to our Lenten Reflection group, which starts Monday 23 February at 7pm, in the Parish Meeting Room and will continue every Monday until the last Monday 30 March.

We welcome our first reconciliation students from our school, they will be joining us at Mass for the next few weeks, in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Happy Lunar New Year, Year of the Horse to all who celebrate it. Fr. Kim

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER

21 - 22 FEB SAT 5:30pm SUN 9am SUN 10:30am SUN 6pm

Acolytes Allen Van Richard Louis

1st Reader Vincentiuss Paula Anthony R Mary
2nd Reader Sr. Helena Romanta Anne Elizabeth

Music Julie & Justine & Angels Friends of
Choir Choir Choir 6pm Choir

Altar Servers Grace Vol Crispin, Michael Vol
Aquilino & Gaudens

Wardens Patrick Rocco R Rocco S Sylvia I

Ministers Home Visits — Sue
To the Sick Clover Lea — By Request
Alwyn — By Request

Cleaning (23 - 01 Mar) Sue, Gladys, Miriam, Vimala & Georgette

Sacristans Rocco & Rosina R



Ash
Wednesday

**A REMINDER FOR THIS COMING
WEEK, ASH WEDNESDAY
18TH FEBRUARY 2026
MASS TIMES WILL BE
9:15AM & 7PM**

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**
Odette Haddad
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 Gallarolo
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

For the Soul of

- Maria
Michel Youakim
Giovanni Battista
Hugh O'Reilly
Emma O'Reilly
Grace O'Reilly-Barbalet
Charles McAnulty
Athol Kelly
John Taylor
Irene Stubbs
Aileen Crocker
Rgnald McGinley
Giovanni Pellarin
Bridget Trafe
Alice Bryant
Souls of Unborn Children
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary

- Sofia Manongdo
Parishioners of
St Joseph's Enfield

Recently Deceased

- Yoko Da Silva
Laura Tavella
Nicholas Crisafulli
Miquelina Nobrega
Anna Callaghan
Peter Anthony Gabriel
Carmela Duro

Intentions From

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

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court;

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Longer form 5:17-37

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, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. 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: When we eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

OR

Jn 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. 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 and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

HONOURING THE TORAH

As we continue to hear Jesus' teaching in Matthew's 'Sermon on the Mount', we now move into a very Jewish-oriented section. Matthew's audience were Jewish followers of Jesus. They were very familiar with the teachings of the Old Testament, from the Torah (the 'Law') and the Prophets. Jesus now reflects on these teachings stressing that he has come, not to abolish them, but to 'complete them'. In other words, Matthew is not rejecting the Jewish teaching heritage of the audience but deepening it. This preservation and honouring of the Torah is central in Jesus' teaching.

In fact, the one who keeps and teaches others the injunctions of the Torah will be regarded as 'great' in God's Kingdom. Matthew moves to explicate some of the key moral injunctions of the Torah. Each begins with the same formula: 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors...' Then follows Jesus' interpretation of the Torah for Matthew's Jewish listeners. It is important to note how this teaching is presented. The usual translation has '... But I say to you...' This is not what the Greek text has. There is no contrast, no 'but', between what the ancients said and what Jesus teaches. There is no contrast between the old (the Torah) and the new (Jesus' teaching), and no rejection of Judaism or its ancient wisdom summed up on the Torah.

Jesus deepens the meaning behind these different aspects of Jewish law concerning murder, adultery and oath-breaking, getting to the heart of each. Undergirding each is the invitation to integrity of relationships. This, too, is the invitation to us, to live with a wholeness of being to others, God and the world.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

15 FEBRUARY 2026

FOLLOW GOD'S LAW. The vast wisdom of God is revealed in the law God has given to us, a law designed to lead us to the fullness of life and happiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that law is not only about external behaviour. Our inner attitudes are also important. It is from within, from the attitudes of our hearts, that good or evil actions flow.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf. Ps 30:3-4*

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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.

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 teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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

Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Sirach
He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PS *Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v. 1*

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, / who follow God's law! / They are happy those who do his will, / seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

2. You have laid down your precepts / to be obeyed with care. / May my footsteps be firm / to obey your statutes. **R.**

3. Bless your servant and I shall live / and obey your word. / Open my eyes that I may consider / the wonders of your law. **R.**

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes / and I will keep them to the end. / Train me to observe your law, / to keep it with my heart. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you.