



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 - 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
Encenle & 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 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.

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

Second class lesson for Reconciliation will be on Wednesday 18 March at 4pm - 5pm 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.

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

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

For all enquires and enrolments please contact the school office.

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ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY & CELEBRATION - Please let us know if you can donate!

Once again, in honour of St Joseph's Feast Day, our parish will be setting up a St Joseph Altar in the Parish Hall, based on a beautiful Italian tradition originating from Sicily. A St Joseph Altar typically has a statue of St Joseph as the centrepiece and includes decorative items such loaves of bread usually shaped into a cross or a heart; Fava beans; pasta dishes and vegetables such as artichokes; fruit; wine and bottles of olive oil. **Please note: The Altar is traditionally meatless, also with no sweets, as it falls during the Lenten Season.** If you would like to contribute to our St Joseph Altar, please write your name next to the items/food you would like to donate on the **Donation List located on the table at the back of the Church.** Parishioners are asked to deliver their food offerings to the **Parish Meeting Room, on Wednesday 18 March between 4.15pm-5pm or on Thursday 19 March between 8am-10am, the morning of the Feast Day.** If you have any questions, please contact Vesna Orlovic on Mob: 0412 355 450. The altar will be set up on the Feast Day ready for viewing that evening. After the evening 7pm Mass on the feast day, all will be invited to gather around the St Joseph Altar in the Parish Hall to share in food from the Altar together. Any leftover food will be distributed to the poor.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD
SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026
MARIAN PROCESSION THROUGH THE STREETS OF SYDNEY CBD
LED BY ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP
10:30AM MASS | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY
12:00 NOON | ANGELUS AND MARIAN PROCESSION
1:30PM FERVOURINO | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

REFLECTION DAY - Saturday 21 March

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.

My Testimony Marie-Anne Moutrage

I grew up as a Muslim and never believed that Jesus was the Son of God. Christianity was something I never thought would have anything to do with my life. But there came a time when my life felt like it was falling apart. I was going through deep pain and sadness, because of struggles in my family. Every day felt heavier than the last, and the sadness, slowly turned into something worse. I felt completely alone.

The pain became so overwhelming that I started having suicidal thoughts. I felt trapped in my own mind, like there was no way out and no hope left for me. One day, in the middle of my pain I finally broke down and asked my partner for help. Instead of judging me or leaving me alone in my pain, my partner and a close family friend prayed for me. They prayed over me with so much love and faith, asking God to help me, to heal me, and to bring light into the darkness I was living in. I didn't fully understand it at the time, but something in that moment touched my heart. They began telling me about Jesus about His love, His mercy, and how He cares for the broken and the hurting.

Slowly, something started changing inside of me. The pain that once felt unbearable began to lift little by little. For the first time in a long time, I felt a small sense of peace. That moment when they prayed for me in my lowest point, became the beginning of my journey to Christ.

Today I believe in Jesus, and I truly believe that God heard those prayers when I was at my lowest. When I felt like giving up on life, He was already reaching out to save me. What once felt like the end of my life became the beginning of a new one with Christ. Marie-Anne.

My Testimony: From Bondage to Freedom in Jesus - Koray Sulu

I was raised as a Muslim, and I sincerely believed in God. I prayed, I tried to obey, and I did everything I thought would bring me closer to Him. But deep in my heart, something was missing. My relationship with God felt distant. I felt more like a slave trying to please a master than a child loved by a Father. I was always striving, always trying to be good enough, but never truly knowing if I was accepted. It felt like living in spiritual bondage. I believed in God, but I did not know His love personally. My heart longed for something more.

Then one day, everything changed. I was sitting in a car with a friend of mine, and we began talking about Jesus Christ.

As he started sharing about who Jesus is and what He had done, something began happening inside of me. While he spoke about Christ—about His love, His sacrifice, and His grace—it felt like my heart was suddenly opening.

In that moment, I felt something I had never felt before. It was as if a door inside my heart had been unlocked.

Right there in that car, while my friend was speaking about Jesus, I believed.

It was like my heart was renewed in an instant. The heaviness I had carried for so long lifted. The bondage I had felt was broken. For the first time, I realized that God was not distant from me. Through Jesus, I saw that God loved me and wanted a real relationship with me. I no longer felt like a slave trying to earn approval. Instead, I discovered the joy of being welcomed as a child of God. Jesus changed everything.

He took the weight off my heart and replaced it with peace and joy. The God I had always tried to reach was the God who reached down to me through Christ. What once felt like fear and striving was replaced with grace, freedom, and love.

That moment in the car was the beginning of a brand-new life.

Today, I can say with joy that Jesus Christ renewed my heart. He opened my eyes, set me free, and brought me into a living relationship with God. All glory belongs to Jesus, because, He is the one who turned my bondage into freedom and filled my heart with joy and everlasting life. Koray.

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER

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

Acolytes Richard Domenic Charlie Louis

1st Reader Niamh Rose T Teresita Mary
2nd Reader Anna Romanta Anne Vicki

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 — Miriam
To the Sick Clover Lea — By Request
Alwyn — By Request

Cleaning (23—29 Mar) Sue, Gladys, Miriam, Vimala & Georgette

Sacristans Rocco & Rosina R



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 15 MARCH 2026

"I am the light of the world.

**Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."**

- The Holy Gospel According to John 8:12

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

Carla Hosri
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

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 Sway
Francis Lim
Margaret Cooney
Virgilio Fajardo
Samuel Gullotta
Robert Rakvin
George Khoury

For the Soul of

Michel Youakim
Nancy Elizabeth Tsai
Anna Pezzuto
Giuseppe Nicotina
Vincenza Panarello
Carmelo Nicotina
Sebastiano Ferraro
Giovanna Lello
Onofrio Ferraro
Dominic Beyrouthi
Souls of Unborn Children
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary

Giuseppina Quaranta
Francesco Leto
Rosaria Musumeci
John Musumeci
Cesar Buenaventura
Parishioners of
St Joseph's Enfield

Recently Deceased

Michael Mather
Sr. Rosalia Kullu
Richard Michael
Giuseppe Serratore
Yoko Da Silva
Laura Tavella

Intentions From

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

who used to sit and beg?’ Some said, ‘Yes, it is the same one.’ Others said, ‘No, he only looks like him’. The man himself said, ‘I am the man’.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man’s eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, ‘He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see’. Then some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.’ Others said, ‘How could a sinner produce signs like this?’ And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, ‘What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?’ ‘He is a prophet’ replied the man.

Are you trying to teach us,’ they replied ‘and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!’ And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ ‘Sir,’ the man replied ‘tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said, ‘You are looking at him; he is speaking to you’. The man said, ‘Lord, I believe’, and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Longer form, 9:1-41

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. We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

cf. Jn 9:11, 38
The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy

and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. 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, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

‘WE ARE NOT BLIND!’

The rich theological symbolism evident from last Sunday’s Gospel of John continues in today’s drama between light and darkness. Jesus meets a man born blind and tells him to wash in the sanctified pool of Siloam south of the temple. The blind man returns able to see. Over several scenes in one of the most dramatic and engaging stories in all the Gospels, the man who now has vision is consistently interrogated by the religious authorities who, though they are supposed ‘to see’, move into spiritual blindness.

The dynamic evident in the story is that each time the man is interrogated, he goes back to his experience of being healed by Jesus. Each reflection moves him to a deeper realisation of what has happened and who Jesus is: at first he calls Jesus simply ‘a man’, then later, that Jesus is ‘from God’, until finally, the man worships him. This movement of faith into light is accompanied by a similar movement into darkness by the religious leaders. They fail to see that they have become blind to Jesus and his deeds of healing (which John calls ‘signs’). ‘We are not blind, surely?’ they retort.

This drama is acted out in our day. Jesus’ final words to his antagonists and John’s audience are forever relevant. ‘Blind?’ questions Jesus, ‘If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, “We see”, your guilt remains.’ This clarity of understanding and insight is important in a world where truth is camouflaged as falsehood and lies proclaimed as truth. We need to journey with the man born blind, to reflect on our experiences, to be with Jesus and ‘see’.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

15 MARCH 2026

‘NOW I CAN SEE!’ In today’s Gospel it is the man born blind who gradually comes to see that Jesus is Lord. Meanwhile the Pharisees, the custodians of the traditional faith, fall steadily into blindness. Self-confident in their own knowledge, the Pharisees refuse to see the workings of God in Jesus. Let us humbly ask Christ to open our eyes that we may see his presence in our Eucharistic community and in our world.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf. Isa 66:10-11*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, ‘Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.’ When Samuel arrived, he



caught sight of Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed one stands there before him,’ but the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.’ Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen these.’ He then asked Jesse, ‘Are these all the sons you have?’ He answered, ‘There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.’ Then Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.’ Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, ‘Come, anoint him, for this is the one.’ At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try

to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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 blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, ‘Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam’ (a name that means ‘sent’). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, ‘Isn’t this the man