



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 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>

This weekend and next weekend we will be holding our parish Charitable Works Fund August Appeal. Through your generous gift, we are

able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable in our community through our CWF agencies and ministries, and to promote the good works of our faith in our seminaries, schools and universities. For more information, please visit

www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY FOR ALCOHOLISM/ ADDICTION

- Guided discussion and prayer for people and friends who abstain from Alcoholism / Addiction through Catholic Spirituality and the 12 Steps. Saturday September 13, at St Joseph, Enfield. 6:30pm Small Group Room after 5:30pm Mass.

Contact: calixsydney@outlook.com. See: <https://www.calixsociety.org/>

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, Gympie
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>.

THE GOOD OIL 2025 WRITERS' AWARD - Entries are invited for The Good Oil 2025 Writers' Award, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan in partnership with Garratt Publishing. In this Jubilee Year in the Church, the theme of the award is Pilgrims of Hope. The award aims to support and encourage the development of aspiring and published writers. Entry is free and open to writers aged 18 and over. **Entries close at 5pm AEST on Friday 29 August 2025.** More information, visit: <https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/entries-invited-for-the-good-oil-2025-writers-award/>

Dear friends,

Jesus said to his disciples: *'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!'*

We have the glimpse of what motivates Jesus from within, the passion that directs his life to end his life on a cross, fire. This fire is God's love. God's presence in the Burning Bush with Moses is a reminder how glorious God's presence is. Fire burns and consumes everything in touches and turns it into itself. We do well to let God's love consume us. How this is achieved is following Jesus, in suffering love. Suffering love, is the fire the world needs. The saints before us, changed the world with suffering love, with fire.

The world too has its own fire that consumes those who touch it.

But, this fire burns differently to God's fire. It consumes us in a way that destroys and kills, while God's fire of love burns in a way that uplifts and restores our life. We lose our life in the world's fire but gain our life in God's fire, either way, we burn up as a sacrifice to Satan or God, we just need to recognise this truth.

St Paul talks about the race before us.

What race is he talking about, because many people don't even know that they are in a race?

We know about the human 'race' which is usually understood as the human species.

St Paul talks about another race which we should be conscious of, the race to die for God, a race to love, a race to eternity and where their is no second prize.

Let's look to the Cross, Second Tree of Life that burns with the fire of God's love, in the flesh of Jesus.

A fire that does not exclude us from the Garden of Eden, from Paradise, but invites us into itself to be perfect praise and love to the Father.

We thank the Maria SS. Di Mont'Alto Association which occurred last Sunday, may God bless all its members with the grace of our Lady the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This weekend and next weekend, we are having the Charitable Works Fund August Appeal.

These financial donations contribute in running the Sydney Archdiocese Charities. These include CatholicCare, Catholic Chaplaincies, Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and the Ephpheta Centre. Donations are 100% tax deductible, your contributions are much appreciated.

Fr. Kim.

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER

23 - 24 AUG SAT 5:30pm SUN 9am SUN 10:30am SUN 6pm

Acolytes	Allen	Domenic	Richard	Louis
1 st Reader	Anna	Rose T	Teresita	Mary
2 nd Reader	Sr. Helena		Nelia	

Music	Julie & 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 (25 - 31 Aug) Lindi & Team

Sacristans Rocco & Rosina R



QUEENSHIP OF MARY FEAST DAY FRIDAY 22 AUGUST

O God, who made the Mother of your Son to be our Mother and our Queen, graciously grant that, sustained by her intercession, we may attain in the heavenly Kingdom the glory promised to your children. 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.

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 Ordoveza
Lilly Baissari
Roberta Rakvin
Svetlana Rakvin
Aida Azzi
Domenic Di Paola
Stefano Babbato

For the Soul of
Michel Youakim
Paul El Jouni
Pierre Haddad
Charbel Haddad
Maria, Theresa
Peter Downie
Ellen Fisher
Molly Mooney
Rebecca De-Waal
Lyle Bennett
Brian Thompson
Souls of Unborn Children
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary
Maria Cavaco
Rosario Nocera
Nick Di Nola
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
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.

I have come not to give peace, but discord.
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

‘Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

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. Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. 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: 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 Ps 129:7
With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns 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

BAPTISMAL COMMITMENT
Over these Sundays we continue to steep ourselves in Luke’s journey teaching. Over Chapters 9 to 19, Luke offers readers teaching about discipleship and fidelity amid the struggles that they experience in their Greco-Roman world. One of them is the struggle to live out authentic discipleship as Jesus’ followers when the temptation is otherwise.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers this late first century audience a sobering reminder. Faithful discipleship is not easy. It will come at a cost and struggle. It will touch the very heart of life. Jesus looks towards his passion. This is the ‘baptism’ that he will undergo. But the very mention of ‘baptism’ in the Gospel’s opening words reminds listeners that their baptism connects them to Jesus. They, too, will suffer – not because this is God’s intent or ‘will’ (which some even today think) – but because of the very nature of the life of discipleship lived within the particular social and cultural context of their world. Baptismal commitment does not, then, equal tranquillity and a life of ease. These matters have already been reflected upon over the last few Sundays. For some, the struggle to remain true to one’s baptismal commitment will affect even core relationships. This is seen in the divisions experienced in Luke’s day within households. The shocking nature of Jesus’ words would be felt by Gospel listeners. The family household and its internal relationship were the building blocks for a secure society with the Greek (and Jewish) world. Baptismal fidelity to Jesus will at times be a struggle and may even cause family division and conflict.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C 17 AUGUST 2025

THE FIGHT AGAINST SIN. Some of the first converts to Christianity were shocked to find that their lives as Christians still contained many difficulties. In some cases, becoming a Christian added to their troubles as they met opposition from non-Christian family members. We too face difficulties of one kind or another. Participating in the Eucharist does not eliminate our problems, but gives us the strength and courage we need not to give up in the face of them.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 83:10-11
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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 have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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 Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king’s leading men spoke to the king. ‘Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.’ ‘He is in your hands as you know,’ King Zedekiah answered ‘for the king is powerless against you.’ So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king, ‘My lord king,’ he said ‘these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.’ At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: ‘Take three men with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.’

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

RESP PSALM Ps 39:2-4, 18. R. v. 14
R. Lord, come to my aid!
1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. **R.**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, / from the miry clay. / He set my feet upon a rock / and made my footsteps firm. **R.**
3. He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. / Many shall see and fear / and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**



4. As for me, wretched and poor, / the Lord thinks of me. / You are my rescuer, my help, / O God, do not delay. **R.**

SECOND READING Heb 12:1-4
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.
With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulfulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God’s throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!