



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office Hours of Administration
Mon, Tue, Wed & Thurs
9am - 3pm

Parish Council Chairman
Rocco Sergi
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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, 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 this 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

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

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

CALLED & GIFTED DISCERNMENT PROCESS: ONLINE WITH IN-PERSON WORKSHOP

If you are wondering how God is calling you to serve Him, then the Called & Gifted Discernment Process is for you! This Process is designed to help Christians identify and nurture their spiritual gifts (charisms), both to represent Christ and to serve as a channel of God's goodness to others. Commences Wednesday 2 September 2026. Places are limited. Register at gomake-disciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

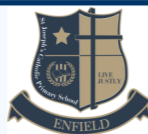
For all enquires and enrolments please contact the school office.

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THE POWER OF PENTECOST

The CCR Parramatta Diocese and The Emmaus Prayer Community invite you to come and Celebrate Pentecost. **Holy Mass at 2pm, Praise & Worship, Talk, Prayer Ministry and Fellowship.**

COME RECEIVE THE POWER -Talk by Abraham George. Sunday 24 May 2pm to 5pm Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes, all welcome. For more information contact Desiree 0478 765 772 or Amila 0404 445 397.

TIM FISCHER ORATION OF ETHICS IN PUBLIC & POLITICAL LIFE

The Tim Fischer Oration 2026 is an opportunity to give thanks for what we have received. It calls forth young people to protect and promote the common good through ethical attitudes and actions in public and political life. Professor Mary Healy will deliver the third Tim Fischer Oration. **DETAILS:**

Date: Wednesday, 17 June 2026, **Time:** 6 PM

Venue: Rosehill Gardens, **Cost:** \$50 per ticket
For more information, visit tfo.org.au

REFLECTION DAY - Saturday 30 May

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.

HEALING MASS - Friday 5 June 2026

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

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.

My Faith Journey

I am Anthony Karaira, I am one of the ten children and the youngest of all in my Family.

I was born and raised in the central region Kampala which is the capital city of Uganda. I was born in a strong catholic family where practicing the faith was not an option, I learnt prayers before I even started going to Church, because prayers were the mostly done practice before every activity, to the extent of being rostered at home, we knew exactly who was leading morning prayers, evening prayers, rosary on a daily basis and my parents encouraged us to say a prayer before every activity.

Going for mass every day with my parents and siblings, was the first activity in a day and I loved serving at the altar. I am greatly appreciative to my parents for my faith, it is from them that I got a strong foundation, God bless them always.

The first time I felt a call to priesthood was at the age of 12 as an altar server, at that time there wasn't anything possibly in the world that could replace my desire for becoming a priest. Therefore, I went on to share with my parents, and their response was that I am too young to go to the seminary though, they said the only option I had at that age was going to a minor seminary, if I excelled in my primary leaving exams.

I prayed about this and I worked hard to excel which I achieved by God's grace. Therefore, I was able to join the minor seminary for my high school at the age of 14 and from then, I have never looked back till now.

I finished my O'Level and HSC in the minor seminary (6 years), after which I joined the major seminary in Uganda, where I acquired my first two degrees in Philosophy and Psychology. I then, did my long year pastoral placement in the minor seminary, where I taught the young seminarians Mathematics, Computer and Commerce. From there, I was sent to another major seminary for my Theological Studies, where I was for only one semester.

Then, I was asked by my Archbishop to come and complete my Theological studies in Australia, which I was a little bit scared of because I was confusing it with Austria, which would require me to learn a new language (German).

I was relieved to know that Australia uses English as the national Language.

I came to Australia at the start of 2023 and joined the seminary of Good Shepherd Homebush in Sydney Archdiocese. I completed my seminary formation early this year and I graduated, with a master's of Theology from the University of Notre Dame, last week on Tuesday. And of course also ordained to diaconate on Thursday last week as well.

I thank you all for attending my ordination, supporting and praying for me. In a special way, I thank Fr. Kim, parish Council, my Divine Mercy group (St. Catherine of Siena), Steven and Van for organizing and planning everything for my ordination day. I continue to ask all of you to keep me in your prayers, as I serve the Church and the people of God. May God bless you always.

Anthony Karaira.

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER

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

Acolytes	Allen	Domenic	Charlie	Joseph
1 st Reader	Niamh	Paula	Teresita	Mary
2 nd Reader	Lalita	Romanta	Nelia	Elizabeth
Music	Julie & 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 — Fr. Kim Clover Lea — By Request Alwyn — By Request			
Cleaning (25 - 31 May)	Anne, Viola, Mar, Nymia & Nelia			
Sacristans	Rocco & Rosina R			



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in The Name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And, surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

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. 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
Baby Mizuha
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 Trambull
Meri Trambull
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

Paul El Jouni
Pierre Haddad
Charbel Haddad
Anna Lemme
Hana El-Daher
Christina Qualizza
Warren Hobson
Ariel Torralba
Lino Dellasino
James Minehan
Mary Johnson
Olive Darwon
Margaret Sheridan
Stanley Kennedy
Souls of Unborn Children
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary

Leo Dragar
Felice Sposari
Gabriele Scamuffo
Parishioners of
St Joseph's Enfield

Recently Deceased

Maria Rogolino
Maria Lombardo
Domenica Alvaro
Ronald Ricketts
Rosa Hoang
Maria Nguyen
Peter Hall

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 28:16-20

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.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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. We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. 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 OR II OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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 Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

When reflecting on Jesus' Ascension, our liturgical focus has been heavily influenced by Luke's double version of the Ascension; one set on Easter Day in the concluding scene in Luke's Gospel (24:50-52) as Jesus' blesses his disciples at Bethany and departs from them; the other in the opening chapter of Acts (Acts 1:6-11) as Jesus leaves the disciples and is carried into heaven.

Our Gospel today is quite different. It is the concluding verses of Matthew's Gospel. The Risen Jesus gathers with the Eleven on 'the' mountain, the place of divine encounter, already familiar from earlier in the Gospel in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Here, at the Gospel's conclusion, Jesus is with the *Eleven*—not the Twelve, a reminder of the failure of one of the key members of the apostolic leadership group (Judas). It is to this group of failed leaders that Jesus, God's authoritative agent, entrusts his final teaching and missionary endorsement. They are to make disciples of all nations. This is an important injunction, given that Matthew's audience which is predominantly Jewish is now encouraged to move into the gentile world.

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus offers a universal vision. Baptism and Gospel ethical teaching will become key notes for incorporating members into this renewed community of Jesus. The Gospel concludes on a promise of divine companionship. Jesus, called 'Emmanuel' ('God with us') in the birth narrative (Matthew 1:23), reminds his audience that 'I am with you always ... to the end of time.' This affirmation of Jesus' eternal presence is comforting to Matthew's audience, and us, dealing with life's struggles and cultural challenges.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / A

17 MAY 2026

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS. When Christ ascended into heaven he did not abandon his disciples. Matthew's Gospel begins with the angel's words that Jesus will be called Emmanuel, which means God-is-with-us, and it ends with Jesus' promise: 'Know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.' In a special way Emmanuel is with us in this Eucharist for 'where two or three are gathered in my name, I shall be there with them.'

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

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. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

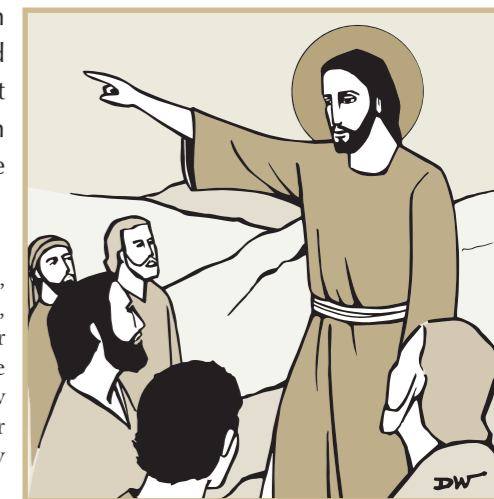
R. Lord, have mercy.

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. Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. 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 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (or Alleluia!)

1. All peoples, clap your hands, / cry to God with shouts of joy! / For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, / great king over all the earth. **R.**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; / the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. / Sing praise for God, sing praise, / sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

3. God is king of all the earth. / Sing praise with all your skill. / God is king over the nations; / God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

SECOND READING Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.