

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

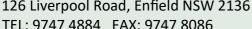
**Saturday Adoration** 9:30am —10am

**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



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# MISSIONARIES OF

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.





#### SISTERS OF LIFE - ADVENT RETREAT

Catholic Women's Network are delighted to be hosting the Sisters of Life for an Advent retreat. Join us for an afternoon of reflection and quiet prayer time in preparation for the Advent season under the theme 'No longer forsaken: the Lord delights in you' (Isaiah 62). The mini-retreat will include input from the Sisters of Life, quiet time, access to the Sacrament of Confession and a Holy Hour. Set aside an afternoon to enter into the stillness and quiet and deepen your relationship with the Lord. Limited spaces available. Light refreshments included. DETAILS: Date: Saturday, 29 November Time: 1pm - 5pm. Venue: St Joachim's Catholic Church, Lidcombe. Cost: \$25 per person. Group discounts available. Register here https://www.trybooking.com/DFBJT

# **REFLECTION DAY - Saturday 25 October**

Speaker: Ron Maldigri

0412 115 961.

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 7 November**

Celebrant: Fr. Richard Sofatzis Rosary 7pm, Reconciliation 7pm-8pm, Prayer & Praise 7:30pm. Mass 8pm, Exposition (after Mass). For more information contact Rose

#### **ARETE** - Foundations of Missionary Leadership Course

The Arete Centre is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2025 Foundations of Missionary Leadership program. This transformative course is designed to form and equip laypeople for the vital mission of the Church, contributing to the renewal of parishes and evangelising others. Participants will have the opportunity to discover and use their gifts to build up the kingdom of God in whatever setting they are in. For the course prospectus and more information go to https:// aretecentre.org/programs/

#### **CELEBRATING THE CANONISATION OF**

**BLESSED PETER TO ROT - Communities across** Sydney and the Central Coast are preparing to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed Peter To Rot, Papua New Guinea's first saint on Sunday 19th October. A special Mass and refreshments will be held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Randwick, beginning at 2:30pm. All are welcome. On Sunday, 26 October, Holy Cross Parish, Kincumber, in the Diocese of Broken Bay, will host a Mass at 11am in honour of the newly canonised saint, followed by refreshments. The day will also include unveiling a St Peter To Rot relic, blessing a new statue of St Mary MacKillop, and presenting papal blessings to dedicated parish volunteers. Peter To Rot was a lay catechist and martyr who continued his Christian ministry during the Japanese occupation of PNG in WWII. Let us come together in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate his inspiring witness.

#### **CHRISTOPHER WEST'S THEOLOGY OF THE BODY - HEAD & 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.

DETAILS: Date: Sunday 18 Jan - Friday 23 Jan 2026. Time: 3pm Sunday to 1pm 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,

The first reading is very interesting where Israel is under attack and is in battle for there survival. When Moses arms were raised and outstretch, Israel began to win, but when Moses arms lowered due to tiredness, Israel's army started to lose. This happens right in front of the battle. So they got a stone for Moses to sit on and two people, on each side of Moses held his arms out for him. Moses arms outstretched is a figure of Jesus's arms outstretched on the Cross. The point of this revelation, is the more we identify with Jesus and especially his suffering, the more we can be victors in life. Life becomes not a defensive game, not just reacting to all that happens to us, but we can go on the offensive, be proactive and have the attitude of 'bring it on'. If life's meaning becomes identifying with Christ, then everything will serve us, even suffering and death. We can be like St Paul: "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death." Philippians 3:10.

The gospel wants us to connect a life of faith to a life of prayer.

Do you have a life of prayer or faith?

One leads to the other. Faith leads to prayer and the more praying we do, the more faith we have.

Obviously, prayer is futile without faith and faith is powerless without prayers. Prayer is not something we do, it is something we are, we are a living prayer.

Do you identify yourself a person of prayer? Or even better a prayer?

Many times, Jesus calls us to pray as a solution to the problems of the world. Prayer connects us not only to God but to the sufferings, wounds, injustices of the world, it reconciles us, and heals us.

There are so much equality, injustices, discriminations and hurts in the world. We are called to identify ourselves with the widow in the gospel who thirsts for justice. We seek the ultimate justice not through politics, courts, United Nations, or any institution of this world, but in God. We believe God will be the judge and the fulfilment of justice will be accomplished, in God's time. We are consoled and find relief in this truth, in the face of all the injustices we see in the world right now.

This weekend we have the Catholic Mission Annual Appeal, please give what you can to this good cause. The envelopes are on the pews, you can add this to the collection. QR code is also available to give directly to Catholic Mission.

You would have noticed the new yellow carpark markings, all thanks go to St Joseph's Primary School for this improvement.

Fr. Kim

#### **NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER**

25 - 26 OCT SAT 5:30pm SUN 9am SUN 10:30am SUN 6pm

Acolytes	Domenic	Kevin	Richard	Joseph
1st Reader 2nd Reader	Anna Sr. Helena	Rose T	Teresita Anne	Mary
Music	Julie & Choir	Justine & Choir	Angels Choir	Friends of 6pm Choir
Altar Servers Grace		Vol Crispin, Michael Aquilino & Gaudens		Vol s

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Ministers Home Visits - Gladvs T To the Sick Clover Lea - Dr. Margaret M Alwyn - By Request

Cleaning (27 - 02 Nov) Maria, Mila & Lalita

Sacristans Rocco & Rosina R



#### A STUDENTS PRAYER FOR **HSC EXAMS**

Dear Lord, as I prepare for my HSC exams I come to You with a humble heart. Please grant me clarity of mind, focus, and strength to do my best. Help me to remain calm under pressure, to trust in the effort I have put in, and to remember that my worth is not defined by these results. Guide me to use my knowledge wisely and to approach each question with confidence and peace. Bless my

teachers, family, and friends who are supporting me through this iourney. May their encouragement remind me that I am never alone Lord, I place my trust in You. Whatever the outcome, I know You have a plan for me. Amen. +

"Have recourse to dear Mary who is the Mother of Mercy. She Will take you into her Son's presence, and use her Motherly intercession with Him on your behalf, so that He will be merciful to you. " - St Catherine of Siena Pray for us

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, pray for me.

#### 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 Ibrahin 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 Turiia Marija Barclay Vince Napoli Angelo Napoli Joseph Cavallaro **Kevin Bolton Mark Downie** Salis Trambu Meri Trambul **Christian Bartolotta** Bonnie Ortor Jeanette Northey Vera Mustac Linda Pilato **Christine Scanlo Dominic Paul Ng** Jeanette Northey **Elizabeth Swe** Francis Lim **Margaret Cooney** Virgilio Fajardo Samuel Gullotta **Robert Rakvin** 

> For the Soul of **Herbert Kohler** Kevin Rvan Jorge Jr Montilla **Dr Lasrntha Martinus** Francesca Tripolone Mary Clifford **Thomas Doohan** Jozsef Kalotas **Souls of Unborn Children**

All Holy Souls in Purgator

**George Khoury** 

Linda Ordoveza

Lilly Baissari

Roberta Rakvin

Svetlana Rakvir

Aida Azzi

**Domenic Di Paola** 

Stefano Babbato

Anniversary Robert Joseph Abood **Michel Youakim** Cataldo Sciammacca Emma O'Reilly Giovanni Pacicca **Dudley Fernando** St Joseph's Enfield

**Recently Deceased** Nunziatina Caudullo Francesco Bellomo

**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

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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. Grant us, Lord, we pray,

a sincere respect for your gifts,

- that, through the purifying action of your
- we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

#### THE FUCHARISTIC 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 cf. Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. 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**

#### **HOPEFUL EXPECTATION**

'What is the good of praying if wars and evil things continue to exist? Prayer seems to have no effect.' A similar concern existed in Luke's day: why pray if it seems ineffectual? Today's Gospel speaks to the heart of this. It takes the form of a parable, encouraging constant prayer. The parable concerns an unjust judge ignoring a troubling and annoying widow who seeks justice against an adversary—even though one translation inaccurately describes her antagonist as an 'enemy'. The widow needs help, and the judge refuses her request. That is, until she continues to badger him; finally, he relinquishes.

Luke's Jesus uses the story as a classical way of describing God: if the judge finally relents through persistent pleading how much more quickly will God respond to those who cry out for help. Prayer opens the one praying to God's presence, allowing God to act within the one praying for what is needed. This deeply religious perspective affects the pray-er in daily life. This in turn shapes wider social contact, which effects relationships and, eventually, global change. Local personal prayer has, though imperceptibly, universal influence.

The last sentence of the Gospel speaks into this global perspective: 'When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?' In other words, in the eschaton, at the definitive coming of Christ at the end of time, will people have given up conviction that prayer is effective and that God responds to the cry of the needy? Today's Gospel encourages us to pray, constantly and with hopeful expectation.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

#### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

19 October 2025

PRAY CONTINUALLY. The saving power of God flows into our world through human agents. In today's First Reading, the Israelites are saved from destruction by the power of God mediated through Moses, their leader. In the Gospel Jesus assures us that God will see justice done on earth provided we pray for it night and day, and keep knocking on the doors of the unjust. Let us pray and work constantly for justice, never losing heart.

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

cf. Ps 16:6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

#### 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. Your 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. /

#### COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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

Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

# **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2 R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

- 1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. **R**.
- 2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel's guard. R.
- 3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night.  $\bf R$ .
- 4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. **R**.



## SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

Heb 4:12

Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active;

it probes the thoughts and motives of our

Alleluia!

## 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.