



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

JESUS OUR HOPE
SILENT RETREAT
15 - 17 August 2025 (Friday - Sunday)
Carmel House, Varroville
\$260
Verbum Dei Female Missionaries
(02) 9341 5848 or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE DONATIONS

The new Planned Giving envelope boxes for the new Financial Year of 2025 — 2026 have arrived. They are located on the table at the front of the Church towards Liverpool Road. The boxes are labelled in your name.

Your 30% Planned Giving Tax Receipts for the current Financial Year 2024-2025 are also placed on the table at the front of the Church and are ready for collection.

Would you like to become a contributor and support the upkeep of St Joseph's Parish Enfield? Please pick up a Planned Giving Envelope box which is not labelled and a planned giving contribution form. There are two options of giving, either cash donations in your planned giving envelopes weekly or via credit card every month.

With the credit card giving, NO ENVELOPE BOX IS NEEDED FOR THIS OPTION, only just the contribution form as a digital number will be given.

Please contact the parish office for further information about this. Thank you to all those who contribute to the parish already. Your generous donations are put towards the upkeep and the maintenance of this beautiful church. May God bless you all.

"To all of you, brothers and sisters ... throughout the world: we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering".

Leo PP. XIV

Dear friends,

One way to test any religion or philosophy of life is its answer to suffering.

All beings that can draw breath can suffer.

Human beings suffer particularly a lot on so many levels, physical, emotional, spiritual, and physiological.

The worst kind of suffering, is suffering without meaning.

In today's second reading, St Paul's reveals to us the meaning of suffering.

Firstly, we don't suffer alone, Christian suffering is a share in communion with God in Jesus Christ.

Suffering can be channels of grace, redemption and salvation.

In this sense, suffering is a calling, a vocation of loving self giving after the Lord, who always leads us in suffering. So, let us have a conversion in our attitudes to suffering, which we instinctively run away from.

In the Christian perspective, suffering does not bring shame, but glory when done in love and truth. In this sense, there is shame in not suffering for anything or anyone.

The gospel for this Sunday, reminds us our original dignity and value, our communion with God.

Life and love is about the art of being, not in doing.

Sometimes, our self esteem is based on our worldly values, that measure our worth by what we can produce, how much we can do, what we can achieve. Although, God wants us and loves us as ourselves, not for what we can do for him. The best activity of a human being, our first vocation is just to be with God.

All our doing, serving God and others should come from the grace, love, hope that comes from our friendship with God first.

'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

So let us not lose our communion with the Lord, the best thing in life.

It is our communion with the Lord, that gives us the power to hold everything in Christ, even all suffering and death. The mystery of love gathers all things in itself, even the mystery of suffering and death.

I would like to thank Bakhos Georges for organising today's celebration of St Charbel's feast day, which will be celebrated today instead of Thursday 24 July at the 10:30am Mass. Also, for the relics of St Charbel, St Rafqua and St Nemetallah. May they bring us many graces to love and serve God with generous hearts. Refreshments will be offered after the 10:30am Mass.

Fr. Kim

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER

25 - 27 JUL SAT 5:30pm SUN 9am SUN 10:30am SUN 6pm

Acolytes	Kevin	Allen	Charlie	Louis
1 st Reader	Niamh	Paula	Marie	Mary
2 nd Reader	Sr. Helena	Romanta	Anne	Elizabeth
Music	Julie & Choir	Justine & Choir	Angels Choir	Friends of 6pm Choir
Altar Servers	Grace & Patrick	Vol	Crispin, Michael Aquilino & Gaudens	Louis
Wardens	Patrick	Rocco R	Rocco S	Sylvia I
Ministers To the Sick	Home Visits — Gladys Clover Lea — Dr. Margaret M Alwyn — By Request			
Cleaning 28 - 3 Aug)	Lindi & Team			
Sacristans	Rocco & Rosina R			



FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE TUESDAY 11 JULY

O glorious Saint Mary Magdalene model of penitence, obtain for me the grace of perseverance in the practices of self-denial according to the spirit of my vows.

Pray to God for me, that I may appear before Jesus our Lord and Master, at the moment of my death, with my lamp filled with the oil of faith and hope and burning with the pure flame of charity, and thus merit to be received with thee into His Eternal Kingdom. Amen. +

St Mary Magdalene Pray for us.

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

- Teresa
- John Finocchiaro
- Fr. Lawrence Freeman
- Silvana Cocilova
- Carmelo Iardo
- 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 Ordoeza
- Lilly Baissari
- Roberta Rakvin
- Svetlana Rakvin
- Aida Azzi
- Domenic Di Paola
- Stefano Babbato

For the Soul of

- Peter Francis & Family
- Anthony Charles
- Cu ong Giuse
- Xin Cha Cau
- Salma Thaurli
- Anthony Magee
- Mary Neville
- Caterina Stoppioni
- Carlos Pereura
- Gisella Brigitti
- Clara Nahel
- Helena Law
- Helene Matherson
- Fred Story
- Warren Ginn
- Venera Mauerger
- Eugene O'Leary
- Souls of Unborn Children
- All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary

- Giovanni Galeano
- Parishioners of St Joseph's Enfield

Recently Deceased

- Susie
- Frane Celan
- Emmanuel Rentuma Sr.
- Robert Thomas

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 ACCLAMATION cf. Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 10:38-42

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.

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

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. O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each

has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. 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 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. 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

A GOOD PART

Today's story seems to affirm the contemplative life (symbolised by Mary sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to him) over the active life (represented by a preoccupied Martha). This classic interpretation sets the two women at odds with each other. However, placed in the context of Luke's missionary and ministry-concerned world, something else is going on. The scene is set in Martha's house. She is the leader of the house and, conceivably, the representative in Luke's household Jesus-gatherings.

The issue that concerns Mary, and Luke's audience, is not helped by our English translation. Three translation corrections are necessary. (1) Martha being 'distracted with all the serving...' is better translated as Martha being 'taken up with much ministry (Greek, *diakonia*)' (2) Martha's question to Jesus, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself?' is better translated, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me alone to minister (Greek, *diakonein*)?' (3) Rather than Jesus saying to Martha that Mary 'has chosen the better part...' the Greek has Jesus saying that Mary 'has chosen a good part'. Interpretations (1) and (2) suggest that a real concern surfacing in Luke's world is about *ministry*. Interpretation (3) indicates that there is no competition between Mary and Martha.

Both actions, Martha's *diakonial* concerns and Mary's focus on Jesus' word, are important, the second not to be devalued. It is 'a good part'. These same issues preoccupy us: a concern about future ministry while focussing on Jesus' word.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

20 JULY 2025

THE BETTER PART. Hospitality entails not only serving others but also listening attentively to them. Often, this is the better part. What people need most of all is to be heard and to hear. To grow in the Christian life, we need to combine the good works of Martha with the contemplative attitude of Mary.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 53:6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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 Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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

Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent', he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault; / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart; / he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**



2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.