



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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All Parish Bulletins are online on the Parish Website



Year of St Joseph - Pray for us

### Parish Office Hours of Administration

Tue, Wed, Thur, Frid  
9am - 3pm

Fr. Kim is not available on Mondays.

Fr. Kim is open to suggestions either face to face or via email only.

### Catechist Co-ordinator

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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  
Mon-Fri 9am  
Sat 4.30pm - 5:15pm



### Baptism by appointment

2nd & 4th Sun of the Month at 12 noon

### Marriage - Frid, 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, Fri  
2.30pm - 3.30pm  
Adoration, Prayer's & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

### Saturday Adoration

9:30am - 10am

Healing Mass - First Friday of the Month.

Prayer Group - Every Wednesday 7pm

Statue of Our Lady will continue to visit homes, Contact Rosina 0414 084 574

## Promises to those who sing "Ave Maris Stella"

During a riot at Rome, a mob came to the house where St Bridget lived, a leader talked of burning Bridget alive. She prayed to Our Lord to know if she should flee to safety. Jesus advised her stay, "It doesn't matter if they plot Your death. My power will break the malice of Your enemies, if Mine crucified Me, it is because I permitted it." Our Blessed Mother added, "Sing as a group the AVE MARIS STELLA and I'll guard you from every danger."



# Ave Maris Stella

HAIL, O Star of the ocean, God's own Mother blest, ever sinless Virgin, gate of heavenly rest. Taking that sweet Ave, which from Gabriel came, peace confirm within us, changing Eve's name. Break the sinners' fetters, make our blindness day, Chase all evils from us, for all blessings pray. Show thyself a Mother, may the Word divine, born for us thine Infant hear our prayers through thine. Virgin all excelling, mildest of the mild, free from guilt preserve us, meek and undefiled. Keep our life all spotless, make our way secure, till we find in Jesus, joy for evermore. Praise to God the Father, honor to the Son, in the Holy Spirit, be the glory one. Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be. Amen. +



THE PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR, HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO COVID UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. ALL NEW UPDATES REGARDING THE SACRAMENT PROGRAM WILL BE POSTED ON THE PARISH BULLETIN AND THE PARISH WEBSITE.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION JUST RELEASED "OUR FAITH OUR WORKS APP" DOWNLOAD FROM THE APP STORE NOW OR SCAN THE QR CODE—STAY CONNECTED IN KEEPING THE FAITH DURING LOCKDOWN "Our Faith Our Works" App released by the Fundraising and Development Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney that will hopefully assist our parish and parishioners in keeping the fire of faith alive amongst the community with spiritual formation resources (videos and podcasts) available.

### PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY FOR AN END TO THIS PANDEMIC AND LOCKDOWN

I encourage all our Parishioners along with their families and friends to pray the Holy Rosary to our Blessed Mother together as a family for an end to this pandemic and lockdown. Please pray your daily Holy Rosary everyday concluding with the following prayers.



St. Michael the Archangel defend us in our battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil, may God rebuke him we humbly pray, and to though o Prince of the Heavenly Host by the power of God cast into hell satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Angel of God my guardian dear to whom God's Love commits me hear, ever this day be at my side to light to guard and guide. Amen +

Please encourage your loved ones, family and friends to participate in our community Rosary every day and continue this penance for our country, Australia and the whole world. We can do this, with our Mothers help..... War battles have been won through praying the Rosary. It is the weapon against all evil.

Dear parishioners,

This pandemic and lockdown is becoming what people say as a 'life changing' experience. For many, it will make them less patient, cynical and fearful of life. But, if we go through this lockdown with God, then God will help us live this lockdown and come out of it more humble, patient, kind and loving people when all this is over. So let's continue to follow Jesus finding light in the darkness for Jesus is our light in the darkness.

Jesus in this Sunday's gospel says: "It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." John 3:63.

Well, this proverb takes a whole life to discover and is difficult to master. St Ignatius of Loyola discovered that what is of the flesh and worldly gave him joy only a little while then sadness, but spiritual and eternal things gave him joy and happiness that last. This lockdown is a good test if we are spiritual people or of the flesh. A spiritual person's joy is being in union with the Lord Jesus. They find joy living for Him and serving Him alone. Sometimes the Lord Jesus takes us up on a high mountain and it feels great, but He will also take us into the desert, darkness and on the cross to redeem those broken and sinful realities with Him. We can't be afraid of this adventure and pull back. If we do stop following Jesus in suffering, we discover He has left us behind and we are alone. It is better to be with Jesus and in the truth in suffering than be in comfort and pleasure and be without Jesus.

It is Jesus and his words that leads us to freedom and we discover our true selves. While our desire of the flesh will lead us into slaves, imprisonment of our own-selves in our grandiose high opinion of ourselves. We live not by the opinions of others but only to be pleasing to the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Let's keep fighting for our salvation, it is worth it. Strength and honour in the Lord.

Fr. Kim

## National Day of Prayer for the COVID - 19 Crisis - This Sunday 22 August

The National Council of Churches in Australia is leading a prayer for our nation this Sunday, where alongside fellow Christians, we can all unite in a prayer for an end to the COVID-19 crisis.

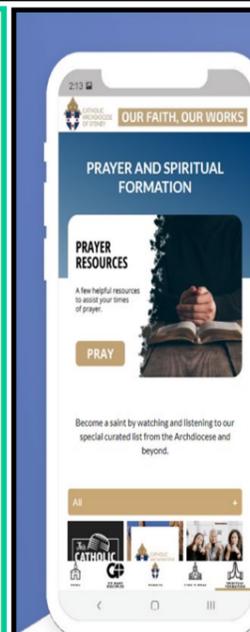
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is inviting you to join with him in a prayer during the 10:30am Solemn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, livestreamed on the cathedral's You Tube channel. The theme for the event is 'Lord Have Mercy', recognising the tremendous impact this crisis is having on our nation.

### LIVESTREAMED MASSES

In light of the NSW Government decision to restrict the celebration of public Masses until further notice.

The Archdiocese of Sydney would like to promote the availability of livestreamed Masses as much as possible, to help the faithful maintain an important spiritual connection at this time.

Please log on to the dedicated webpage on the Archdiocesan website where they are promoting the livestreamed Masses available: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>



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### 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 [safeguardinginqueries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardinginqueries@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.

### With St Joseph we pray ...

#### For the sick

Theresa Franco  
Antoniette Serci  
Sean Da Silva

Alfonso Costantini  
Joseph You  
Rocob Shi

Haishong Andy Shi  
Urban Fernandez  
Beatrice Fernandez

Marilene Sawaf  
Edmond Morris  
Liv Bar Shalom

Michelle Simpson  
Jason Simpson  
Nick Di Nola

Felicisima Perea  
Joanne Francis  
Sonia Saade

Terry Franando  
Derrick Chaves  
Michael Tucker

Rachael Bartolotta  
Alessia Lara Sharpe  
Ellie Wild

Carmelo Ilardo  
Mary Olivija  
Nathan Kemp

Rowena B Antonio  
Zachary Marsh  
Cherilyn Frances

Gaetano Currenti  
Elizabeth  
Rita Hammond

Francis Abbott  
Ljuban Martinovic  
Isabella Eva Rotunno

Margarette Clark  
Marie Brady  
Yuban Martinovic

Eduardo Nobrega  
Anna Maria Livolsi Kurby  
Cvetka Cvelic

Licia Heinein  
Shirley Hofman  
Clyde Crow

(Evie Howard known as  
Evelyn Topagian)  
Josephine Attard

Cholo Caparros  
Megan Nelson  
Pochulo Caparros

Ljuban Martinovic  
Dr. Margaret McGarrity  
Joseph Maroun

Haifa Mannah Karam  
Lois Sander  
HansGeorg Sander

For the Souls of  
Christopher Merlino  
Paul Sammut

Joseph Mancuso  
Giovannina Malfitana  
Luigi Ghidella

Rosaria Roppolo  
Margaret Seymour  
Angelo Mangano

Souls of Unborn Children  
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Recently Deceased  
Maurice Giorgianni  
Angelia Leotta

Santina Cali  
Vincenza Torrisi  
Shirley Riantos

Anniversary  
Parishioners of  
St Joseph Enfield

Special Intentions from  
The Parishioners of  
St Joseph's Enfield

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf. Jn 6:63, 68

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:**  
**you have the words of everlasting life.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Jn 6:60-69

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.**

*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**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 Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. 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: 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. Ps 103:13-15

**The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please 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 in peace.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

**MAKING DECISIONS**

In the lives of us all there are moments when we have to make decisions – decisions which will radically shape our future. When Joshua gathered all the people of Israel to the shrine of Shechem it was a moment of decision. Having finally taken possession of their own land, the risk was that they would be assimilated into the religious culture of the people that surrounded them. An even greater danger was that of forgetting the God who had made all this possible. Joshua saw that the time had come for the people of Israel to choose.

In a similar fashion, as Jesus concludes the bread of life discourse, his disciples and his contemporaries are challenged to decide where their allegiance lies. While Jesus' words are a scandal for even some of the disciples, the Twelve, through Peter, decide that Jesus' message is truly life-giving and that it comes from God.

The decision which is envisaged in the second reading is that married couples decide to model their relationship on the love that Jesus has shown in giving up his life for us all. The regulation of relationships in households found here is clearly coloured by its first century context and its language of submission can give the modern reader a jolt. Despite this there are reciprocal demands made on both spouses to model their love on that of Jesus who gave his life for us all.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B**

**22 AUGUST 2021**

**THE HOLY ONE OF GOD.** It was very difficult for the Jewish people to accept Jesus' teaching that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood if they are to have life. The Twelve accepted his teaching, not because they understood it but because they believed in him. Having seen his signs they believed that he was the Holy One of God. May Christ heal our unbelief that we too may accept his saving words even when we do not understand them fully.

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 85:1-3

**Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.**

**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.  
**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

V. Christ, have mercy.

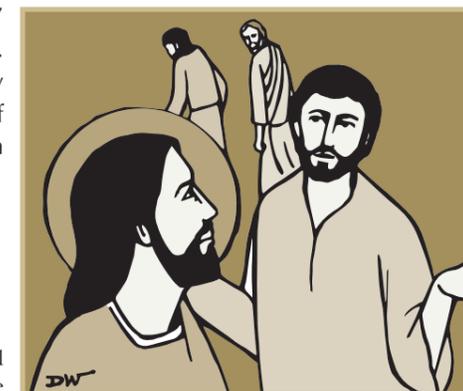
**R. Christ, have mercy.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

**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 cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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**

Josh 24:1-2, 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

*We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM**

Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v. 9

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked / to destroy their remembrance from the earth. / The Lord turns his eyes to the just / and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

3. They call and the Lord hears / and rescues them in all their distress. / The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; / those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

4. Many are the trials of the just man / but from them all the Lord will rescue him. / He will keep guard over all his bones, / not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

5. Evil brings death to the wicked; / those who hate the good are doomed. / The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. / Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

*This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**