



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mon, Tue, Thur & 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 & Fri
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.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 8 June 2025 at 3pm.

Sacrament Program for External Schools

Enrolment day for Reconciliation

Wednesday 5 March at 3pm to 4pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday 3 April at 7pm.

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.

Enrolment day for Confirmation

Wednesday 9 April at 3pm to 4pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 8 June 2025 at 1pm.

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

HEALING MASS - Friday 7 March

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



LENTEN COMPANION FOR 2025
Let Your Will Be Done not mine
Every Monday from 3 March until the 14 April
at 7:30pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

JUBILEE OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES, GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY PILGRIMAGE

DATES
24 May 2025 - 2 June 2025

COST
\$4990 per person (indicative land cost)

REGISTRATION
Closes 7 March 2025

INCLUDES
Accommodation at Domus
Tours of Basilicas & Vatican Museums
Pilgrimage to Assisi
Papal Audience
Mass at the Basilica of St Paul
Visit to the Catacombs
Participation in Jubilee Rites
Mass with the Holy Father

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REFLECTION DAY - Saturday 15 March
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.

Dear friends,
This Sunday's gospel continues from last week's gospel.

Jesus's new teachings really challenges our humanity beyond its breaking point. **"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."** This teaching is asking a lot.

Beyond any moral, ethnical standards, beyond any nations, beyond any other religions, cultures, human rights UN charter. No one dares to ask others to love their enemies. This teaching is not from this world, it is from another. It is not earthy teachings, it is heavenly teaching.

Is this teaching wishful thinking?
Can Ukraine and Russia ever reconcile?
Can Arabs and Israelis ever find peace?

There is no chance of peace unless we believe in Jesus's teaching of today.

Jesus finds the grace to preach this teaching, because he himself has put this into practice with his own life. He knows how hard it will be but, he will give us the grace to follow his racial way of loving.

What needs to happen to have the capacity to love freely like God, is to no longer live for our own selves, and to live for Jesus. In fact, when we are baptised, we were baptised in Christ's death, the life we have now, is a new life in the spirit. Our old human nature likes to keep score, to judge who is worthy of our goodness and love. God invites us to love freely without limitations, without our own preference.

Remember it was God in Jesus Christ, who loved us first while we were still sinners and enemy to God.

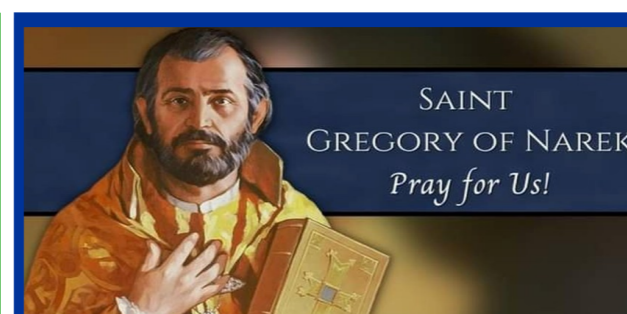
Loving your enemies does not mean we have to like them, approve their bad actions, and be their doormat. It means we do things for their own good, just as what we would like them to do for us. Jesus asks us to pray for their conversion. The less we are proud and become instruments of grace for others, good and bad alike, the more graces we will receive, because that is how God's grace wants to work.

In the end the story of life and love is not about us, it is about God, his-story. Our story is his story in us.

Fr. Kim

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER
01-02 MAR SAT 5:30pm SUN 9am SUN 10:30am SUN 6pm

Acolytes	Charlie	Allen	Richard	Kevin
1 st Reader	Anna	Rosina	Rocco	Mary
2 nd Reader	Sr. Helena	Sr. Helena	Anne	Josephine
Music	Heather & Choir	Justine & Choir	Angels Choir	Friends of 6pm Choir
Altar Servers	Grace & Patrick	Vol	Crispin Aquilino & Gaudens	Louis
Wardens	Patrick	Rocco R	Rocco S	Sylvia I
Ministers To the Sick	Home Visits — Sue C Clover Lea — Dr. Margaret M Alwyn — By Request			
Cleaning (03-09 Mar)	Anne, Viola, Mar, Nymia & Nelia			
Sacristans	Rocco & Rosina R			



Feast day of St. Gregory of Narek
Abbot & Doctor - Thursday 27 February
St. Gregory of Narek, we ask for your intercession on our behalf, especially for those who are suffering, oppressed, or in need of spiritual guidance. Pray for us that we may grow in holiness and virtue, and that we may always remain faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We ask all this in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen +
St. Gregory of Narek, 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**
John Finocchiaro
Fr. Lawrence Freeman
Silvana Cocilova
Carmelo Iardo
Gaetano Currenti
Isabella Eva Rotunno
Anna Maria Livolsi Kurby
Licia Heinein
Josephine Attard
Megan Nelson
Pochulo Caparros
Ljuban Martinovic
Joseph Maroun
Haifa Mannah Karam
Robet Thomas
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

- For the Soul of**
Elisa Bormolini
Beatrice Bacot
Jack Hall
Leslie McCool
Elizabeth Jarman
Francis Westcott
Elise Pellatt
Mary Byrne
Lucia Pusic
Frederick King
Daisy Sullivan
Teresa Dwyer
William Downs
Souls of Unborn Children
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

- Anniversary**
Alberto Iraci
Hugh O'Reilly
Domenic Gualtieri
Parishioners of St Joseph's
Enfield

- Recently Deceased**
Caterina Longo
Marie Jenkins
Carmela Russo
Mario Trovato

- Intentions From**
The Parishioners of
St Joseph's Enfield
Praying for
Calix Society Sydney
Healing for the
Victims of Mental
Health & Depression
Peace in the World



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

23 FEBRUARY 2025

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.'

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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. As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. 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, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

LOVE THE ENEMY

We are now into the heart of Luke's Sermon on the Plain. We are also presented with the most important Gospel teaching that characterises Jesus' followers: Love and forgiveness of the enemy. But this is also dangerous teaching, for it is easy to misunderstand what Jesus is asking of his disciples. He is not addressing disciples individually, but together. The response to the 'enemy' comes from the total gathering of the Gospel household who support each other as they deal with the enemy. It is not the individual disciple who bears responsibility for enemy love. It is a collective response.

The response is also agential or active, never passive or submissive. Disciples disarm by their attitude of 'love'—a desire that the aggressor comes to know their own self-worth in their relationship to God and others. It is not about feeling affection or warmth towards the enemy, an impossible response in the face of suffering or hurt. 'Turning the other cheek' is a form of passive resistance to the aggressor, rather than responding with tit-for-tat assault, a response culturally expected. Luke's audience who are wealthy are encouraged to be generous. Jesus encourages disciples to act compassionately, like God.

Today's Gospel is challenging, especially in the context of the issues that today's believers are concerned about. Luke offers sage advice. A spirit of kindness and non-aggression towards the assailants of our world can help create a society shaped by peace rather than violence. Such a spirit ideally characterises our faith communities imbued with today's Gospel.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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LOVE YOUR ENEMIES. The words of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel are very challenging: 'love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you, freely part with your possessions and money, do not judge, forgive.' In brief, we are asked to imitate the unconditional compassion and love of God. The challenge is great but so is the reward. The more we give to others, the more richly we are blessed.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 12: 6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

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. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. 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 1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
A reading from the first book of Samuel.
The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

3. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / He does not treat us according to our sins / nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

4. As far as the east is from the west / so far does he remove our sins. / As a father has compassion on his sons, / the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 15: 45-49

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.
Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 6: 27-38

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.

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.