ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Priest: Father Kim Ha
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Parish Office Hours
Mon, Tue, Thurs & Friday
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
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

Christmas Eve Celebrations
Wednesday 24th December

Carols at 5pm & Mass 5:30pm
(with children)

Carols at 7:30pm & Mass 8pm

Midnight Mass 12am

Christmas Day Celebrations
Thursday 25th Dec
Mass at 9am & 10:30am

Boxing Day Mass Friday
26th December 9:15am

New Years Day Mass
Thursday 1st January 9:15am

From the Parish of St Joseph's Enfield
we wish you all a Merry Christmas.
May the LIGHT of CHRIST shine in your
hearts and in your families with
Hope, Peace, Joy & Love
today and always.
May the Lord Jesus, protect you and
keep you safe all the days of your lives.

A Special Mass will be said for Bishop Geoffrey Robinson's 5th Year Anniversary of his death, on Monday 29 December at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

HEALING MASS - Friday 2 January

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

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR PRAYER GROUP -

On holidays and will resume back on the 19 January 2026.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP -

On holidays and will resume back on the 28 January.

SAPIENTA - DOMINICAN RETREAT

Single adults, ages 18-35, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for a weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, NSW from 13-15 February 2026. The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass, and time for fellowship. Places limited. Fee: $300 per person. https://www.trybooking.com/DHJBL

LOVE IN THE FLESH: HOW CHRISTIANITY ILLUMINATES CHRISTIANITY -

In partnership with the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, discover how God's love, revealed in the flesh through Christ, is reflected in the mystery of marriage itself. Dr West will unpack how masculinity, femininity, and marital love all point us to the heart of the Gospel. You will never see love, marriage, or faith the same way again. **DETAILS: Date:** Saturday, 17 January 2026, **Time:** 6:30 pm – Doors Open & Registrations 7pm – 9pm. **Venue:** St Kevin's Catholic Parish, Eastwood. Adults only event for more information and to register, visit https://www.trybooking.com/DFVXL For enquiries, contact TOBI@sydneycatholic.org.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear friends,
A Blessed, Merry, and Joyful Christmas to all believers.

The new technology and invention that is all the rage attracting hundreds of billions of dollars in investment is called AI (Artificial Intelligence). AI promises to change the world and make the world a better place. It promises to have the power to solve most human beings problems and even problems beyond human intelligence by the touch of a button.

I wonder what AI's solution and answer is when you input all the problems, injustices, inequality, corruptions, sufferings and hatred in the world including the Bondi shooting.
What is AI's answer?
It would be interesting to find out. I would imagine it would come to some kind of solution as one world government, one social scheme. The solution is some kind of oneness and unity structure, since we are so divided by so many ways. We do achieve some kind of unity in sports, politics and economics during our history, but nothing can hold us together as we like.

Let us compare AI to GI.
GI is God's Intelligence.
What is the solution and answer to all the problems and evil in the world?
The answer is Emmanuel, God is with us, Christmas, God becoming flesh and blood to live among us, will be the answer.
How long will it take for God to live among us and change us for the better?
1 second? 7 seconds? 1 hour?. Perhaps 1 day? 1 week? 1 month? 1 year?
The answer is 33 years in Christ.

God in his absolute freedom, spontaneity, joy, hope, without any fear and love decides to become like us. It is the most outrageous risky act of compassion, for a fallen humanity to bring heavenly help from above. He hopes if we receive him as God with us, he can help change our history to become his-story. God in Jesus will assume, consume, embrace, and take responsibility for his creation of human beings. He will pay for all the sins, crimes, injustices and hates from each person and redeem us all by his perfect sacrifice, passion, death and resurrection. Let us walk together with the Lord, hand in hand in 2026.
Fr. Kim.

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER

03 - 04 JAN	SAT 5:30pm	SUN 9am	SUN 10:30am	SUN 6pm
Acolytes	Domenic	Van	Richard	Joseph
1st Reader	Vincentiuss	Romanta	Rocco S	Mary
2nd Reader	Jenny	Tania	Anthony	Vicki
Music	Heather & Choir	Justine & Choir	Angels Choir	Friends of 6pm Choir
Altar Servers	Grace	Vol	Crispin, Michael Aquilino & Gaudens	Vol
Wardens	Patrick	Rocco R	Rocco S	Sylvia I

Ministers To the Sick — Home Visits — Fr. Kim; Clover Lea – By Request; Alwyn — By Request

Cleaning (05-11 Jan) Anne, Viola, Mar, Nymia & Nelia

Sacristans Rocco & Rosina R

ON TO US A CHILD IS BORN,
WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD
The **"CHRIST Candle,"**
For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is CHRIST the LORD. ***Luke 2:11***

Glory Be, Amen +

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
Michelina Nobrega
Odette Haddad
Peter Nadwie
Michael Ibrahim
Pia Pelaccia
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 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

For the Soul of
John Eunson
Livolsi Family
Martha Zaiter
Ferraro Family
Lello Family
Panarello Family
Jabour Family
Souls of Unborn Children
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary
Joan Martha Karam
Sarkis Karam
Nicola Romano
Emanuele Ziino
Parishioners of
St Joseph's Enfield

Recently Deceased
David Kirby
Giacamo Grasso
Margaret Sousamlis
John Perri
David Alamango
Ken Bryant
Santina Giannone
Eduardo Caparros
Marlene Young Ching

Intentions From
The Parishioners of
St Joseph's Enfield
Praying for
Michelina Nobrega
Silvan & Jessica
Mary Bechara
Calix Society Sydney
Healing for the
Victims of Mental
Health & Depression
An End to War in the World
For Peace in the World

Our Sunday Celebration

The Nativity of the Lord / A — **25 December 2025**

VIGIL MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ex 16:6-7

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT

O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 62:1-5

RESP PSALM Ps 88: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia Alleluia!
Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:
The Saviour of the world will be our king.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 1:1-25 (*Shorter form, 1:18-25*)

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we look forward, O Lord, to the coming festivities, may we serve you all the more eagerly for knowing that in them you make manifest the beginnings of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Isa 40:5

The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may draw new vigour from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, by whose heavenly mystery we receive both food and drink. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing – see front page

MASS DURING THE NIGHT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 2:7

The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

or

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT

O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendour of the true light, grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 9:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95: 1-3, 11-13

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 2:10-11

Alleluia Alleluia!
Good news and great joy to all the world:
Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 2:1-14

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the oblation of this day's feast be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we may be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 1:14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we, who are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honourable way of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing – see front page

DAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 9:5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 52:7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-6

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

SECOND READING Heb 1:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia Alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come you nations and adore the Lord.
Today a great light has come upon the earth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 1:1-18

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Make acceptable, O Lord, our oblation on this solemn day, when you manifested the reconciliation that makes us wholly pleasing in your sight and inaugurated for us the fullness of divine worship. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O merciful God, that, just as the Saviour of the world, born this day, is the author of divine generation for us, so he may be the giver even of immortality. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing – see front page

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord!

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 mighty God and Prince of Peace: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the Son of God and the Son of Mary: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Word made Flesh, the splendour of the Father: 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 *see back page for relevant Mass*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:

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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, II OR III OF THE NATIVITY 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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

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

see back page for relevant Mass

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

SOLEMN BLESSING

P. May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day), drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

R. Amen.

P. May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

R. Amen.

P. And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

R. Amen.

P. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.