



# ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Parish Office Hours of Administration**  
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.**

## HEALING MASS - Friday 5 September 2025

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

## 3-PART COURSE RERUM NOVARUM: POPE LEO XIII’S GREAT LEGACY

Pope Leo’s proto-typical social encyclical of 1891 has been referenced ever since by the Popes in their subsequent social encyclicals. The core issues addressed by Leo XIII are as relevant today as they were in the era of newly industrialised Europe.  
**Presenters:** Dr Michael Walker and Fr Peter Smith (Justice and Peace Office of the Archdiocese)  
**Date:** 7 August, **Time:** 6:30 – 7:30pm  
**Venue:** St Peter’s ‘1880’ Parish Hall, 235-241 Devonshire St, Surry Hills (50 metres east of the Surry Hills light rail station) **Registration:** FREE admission.

## 7 CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

- The Emmanuel Community invites families, parish groups, and individuals to the annual ‘7 Churches Pilgrimage Walk’. This year, the walk will include visiting 7 Jubilee Churches of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, starting at the St Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel in North Sydney and finishing at St Brigid’s in Coogee. Date: 6 September 2025. For more information, visit <https://sydcath.au/410dARn>

## FAMILIES WELCOME TO A DAY OF FUN WITH PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

The Sydney Vocations Office is inviting families and friends to **two events** that we are hosting during the National Vocations Awareness Week, August 3-10, 2025: **Family Day**, hosted at St. Kevin's Catholic Church, Eastwood, will launch National Vocations Awareness Week on Sunday, August 3, 2025. Families, priests, and men and women religious are invited to gather for Mass, lunch and fun activities. With a **pilgrimage** from St. Mary's Cathedral to Mackillop Place on Saturday, August 9, 2025, we will pray for vocations in the Archdiocese. All are welcome; bring your own lunch. Parishes are welcome to send a representative group with their parish banner. Religious and consecrated communities are welcome to attend.

## CALLED & GIFTED DISCERNMENT PROCESS: ONLINE WITH IN-PERSON WORKSHOP

If you are wondering how God is calling you to serve Him, the Called & Gifted Discernment Process is for you! This Process is designed to help Christians identify and nurture their spiritual gifts (charisms), both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for others. Commences Monday, 8 September 2025. Limited places.  
**Register at [gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process).**

## CHRISTUS REX PILGRIMAGE

The Christus Rex Pilgrimage is a three-day, 90km walking pilgrimage from St Patrick’s Cathedral in Ballarat to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo, taking place this year from Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 October 2025. This year is a particularly special one, as we mark the 100th anniversary of the Feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in Quas Primas in 1925. Rooted in the Catholic tradition of penance, prayer, and public witness, the pilgrimage draws hundreds of participants from across Australia and New Zealand. Each day includes traditional devotions and Mass celebrated according to the 1962 Roman Missal, culminating in the Solemn Mass of Christ the King at Sacred Heart Cathedral on the Sunday afternoon. The event is volunteer-run by devotees of the Traditional Latin Mass and includes full support for registered pilgrims, including meals, luggage transport, accommodation options, and medical assistance. Families, students, clergy, and all faithful Catholics are warmly invited to attend.

Dear friends,  
All is vanity!  
Probably the cry of King Solomon who is accredited the author of the book of Ecclesiastes in today's first reading. After a privileged life of riches, fame, and pleasure, including having 700 wives and 300 concubines, it is surprising he comes to this conclusion and dead end. Does the cry of ‘all is vanity’ mean, don’t even try, since at the end of your life, nothing makes sense, there is no meaning and it is not worth the effort?  
This life crisis comes, when life itself is asking the question, who are you? What do you want?

Sometimes, we find ourselves so weak and spent, we don’t have the strength to answer these questions. Thank God, the answer comes to us, and the answer is in God. Life and love itself made flesh, in Jesus Christ comes looking for us. For most people, God is the last option, anything but God.  
As for us believers, we find our life and its meaning in Jesus Christ. He is not just the revelation of God but the revelation of what a human being is. St Paul simply states: **“For me, life is Christ.”**. The second reading states: **“the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.”**  
It is a relief to know what you want in life, at least, what you should be wanting anyway, God, who is love.

*‘Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.’* This gospel is very similar to the gospel about money, that one can’t have two masters, money and God. We naturally want to secure our life with money. We save money and build up our superannuation to make sure that our retirement will be secured. Although, we should find our security in the power of God and not, in the power of money. Money has its place, but not our major goal because, at our last breath and last moment in this world, it is not the power of money that saves us, but the power of God. It is the power of God, that enables us to find life and love in the most trying conditions of the crosses. It is how we find hope, faith and love. It is possible to have nothing but God and be, the richest and happiest person in the world and wouldn’t want to be anyone else. You could be the richest person in the world money wise, but feel nothing but emptiness, not just having nothing, but being nothing. The life of King Solomon in the first reading “cries of all is vanity” is a proof of that.

Next Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, we welcome the Maria SS di Mont’Alto Association. The Madonna Association has been a patron of our parish for over 31 years. Their community friendship is based on the graces of Our Lady, who brings them together as her children. They have been very generous benefactors to our parish. Last year, they donated \$1000 for the cost of the St Joseph’s statue, on the forecourt of our church, near the grotto. May your reunion of coming together to celebrate this Festa of the Madonna, bring you all much joy in Christ, who was the son of Mary.  
Fr. Kim.

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER				
09 –10 AUG SAT 5:30pm SUN 9am SUN 10:30am SUN 6pm				
Acolytes	Richard	Kevin	Charlie	Louis
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Vincentius	Rose T	Rocco S	Mary
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Jenny P	Kate	Teresita	Vicki F
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 — Clover Lea — Alwyn —	Miriam F Dr. Margaret M By Request		
Cleaning 11 - 17 Aug) Sue, Gladys, Miriam, Vimala & Georgette				
Sacristans	Rocco & Rosina R			



## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD FEAST DAY WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST

At His transfiguration Christ showed his disciples the splendor of his beauty, to which he will shape and colour those who are His.  
“And He was transfigured before them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.”  
**Mark 9: 2-4.**

## 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](mailto: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 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  
Linda Ordoeza  
Lilly Baissari  
Roberta Rakvin  
Svetlana Rakvin  
Aida Azzi  
Domenic Di Paola  
Stefano Babbato

**For the Soul of**  
Anthony Viet  
Joseph Tien  
Fr. Amin Abboud  
Giovanni Battista  
Hend El-Daher  
Tommaso Serratore  
Hanora Vlismas  
Dorothy Mahoney  
Elaine McNall  
Venera Maugeri  
Elsie Hilt  
Nellie Long  
Gabriell Sullivan  
George Gal  
John Tosh  
Souls of Unborn Children  
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Anniversary**  
Doreen Phillips  
Margaret Bakhos  
Parishioners of St Joseph’s Enfield

**Recently Deceased**  
Antonio Mastrogiovanni  
Anna Scamuffo

**Intentions From**  
The Parishioners of St Joseph’s Enfield  
Praying for  
Stella  
Laura Boffa  
Calix Society Sydney  
Healing for the Victims of Mental Health & Depression  
An End to War in the World  
For Peace in the World



GOSPEL Lk 12:13-21

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.**

*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.’ ‘My friend,’ he replied ‘who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?’ Then he said to them, ‘Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, “What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.” Then he said, “This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.” But God said to him, “Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?” So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight 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. Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. 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** Wis 16:20

**You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them,

make them worthy of eternal redemption. 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

**WHAT IS TRULY IMPORTANT**

Unfortunately, arguments do sometimes happen within families on the death of a family member. These often revolve around property, ownership and how the Will is divided. Family disputes are not unknown. The same occurred in Luke’s day.

Today’s Gospel begins with the dispute between two brothers over an inheritance claim. One of them wants Jesus to arbitrate. But Jesus moves the issue to the deeper level of encounter. He names it as greed. The wisdom that emerges is that human security is never guaranteed by property ownership or possessions. This is a familiar theme in Luke’s Gospel. It is an issue among those whom Luke addresses. Reading behind the lines of today’s Gospel, the evangelist responds to concerns about wealth, greed, inheritance disputes and inner tensions.

The second part of the Gospel explores these issues further: A farmer decides to build bigger barns to store his harvest. But what he has forgotten is that he is not the one responsible for the bumper harvest. It is the earth. In his avariciousness he has lost his ecological connectedness. Greed blurs his spiritual vision and sensitivity to God’s earth. The farmer seeks rather a life of ease and comfort. The evangelist reminds the Gospel’s audience to keep things in perspective. The disciple’s real focus is on one’s soul and relationship with God. Today’s Gospel is a sobering reminder of what is truly important.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C 3 AUGUST 2025

BECOME RICH IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. Today we reflect on the call we all have to love God by sharing what we have with others. The rich man in today’s Gospel chose foolishly to hoard his possessions. If we are prepared to risk putting what we have at the service of others, we may find ourselves poor in material terms but rich in the eyes of God. A treasure awaits us in heaven, along with many blessings in this life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Ps 69:2, 6

**O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.**

**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. / Amen.**

**COLLECT**

P. Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,

that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes*

*What do people gain by all their work?*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’ / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. **R.**
2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. **R.**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. **R.**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Col 3:1-5,9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true



life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 5:3

**Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!**