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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

God, bless all the fathers in the world.

Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. To the fathers who now reside in Heaven, we honour your memory and the love you continue to inspire within us always. Amen +

REFLECTION DAY - Saturday 20 September

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.

HEALING MASS - Friday 3 October

Celebrant: Fr. Yacub Barkat

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

SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL

Scholarship at the Cathedral is an initiative of the Catholic Archdiocese Sydney, in partnership with The University of Notre Dame Australia's Institute for Ethics and Society Scholarship at the Cathedral will host a series of public lectures at St Mary's Cathedral delivered by eminent intellectuals (both Australian and international), which serve the purpose of furthering the Archdiocese's contribution in the forum of intellectual life and public discourse. **Topic:** A CHURCH IN NEED OF HEALING ft Guest Lecturers Fr John Burns & Sr Miriam James Heidland, SOLT.

Date: Monday, 29 September 2025

Time: 6 pm arrival for a 6:30 pm start

Venue: St. Mary's Cathedral - Cathedral Hall

Registration is essential: <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/scholarship-at-the-cathedral-2025/satc290925/Site/Register>

ANOINTED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Catholic Women's Network presents our inaugural Women's Conference. Anointed is more than just a conference—it's a celebration of the sacred identity and vocation of women in the Church. Join us for a full day to reconnect with your divine identity, be renewed in prayer, and hear Spirit-led messages that speak directly to the heart of womanhood. Through worship, fellowship, and encounter, we'll explore what it means to walk in the anointing God has placed upon our lives whether in our homes, our workplaces, our parishes, or our communities. We are thrilled to host international guest speaker Sr Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, in her exclusive tour with the Archdiocese of Sydney. Enjoy keynote sessions, food, stallholders, music and access to the Sacraments. For full details plus FAQ, visit our website www.catholicwomensnetwork.org/conference

DETAILS: Date: Saturday 27th September 2025

Venue: Royal Randwick Racecourse, Sydney

Time: 9am - 5pm (Doors open from 8:30am)

Who: Adults only event (18+)

Registration: \$125 per person (meals included).

Group discounts available

at www.catholicwomensnetwork.org/conference

CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY FOR ALCOHOLISM/ ADDICTION

- Guided discussion and prayer for people and friends who abstain from Alcoholism / Addiction through Catholic Spirituality and the 12 Steps. Saturday September 13, at St Joseph, Enfield. 6:30pm Small Group Room after 5:30pm Mass.

Contact: calixsydney@outlook.com. See: <https://www.calixsociety.org/>

GRACE & TRUTH

You are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Tuesday, 30 September for an evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship. This event is open to men and women of all ages. The theme of the talks will be "anchored in hope". The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Fr Paul Rowse, OP and Sister Anastasia, OP.

The event will run from 5 - 8:30PM, starting in the St Mary Cathedral Crypt and moving to the Cathedral Hall.

Cost: \$20.

To register to attend and more information visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DESDN>

For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org.

Dear parishioners,

Happy Father's Day to all fathers.

May God bless you and make you joyful this day, for your role as fathers.

This weekend we have the Priests' Retirement Appeal to raise funds, to support priests who have served in the Sydney Archdiocese and are now retired. Please place your donations into the envelopes and place them into the boxes provided that are near the statue of St Mary MacKillop, or into the collection plate.

The second reading reveals, how having God as our Father in heaven is incompatible with slavery.

St Paul appeals to Philemon about a slave Onesimus, to see him more than just a slave, but as a brother in Christ. St Paul is not calling for the abolition of slavery, yet but the cracks are appearing, the idea of owing and selling slaves. As more people convert to Christianity, they will recognise slavery is not compatible with human dignity, who are made in the image and likeness of God.

Jesus reminds people the cost of following him. It will cost everything to be successful so don't be shocked.

Jesus is speaking from experience, he is the first to give up everything to follow the command of God the Father, to give up everything, even his life for us. Victory requires sacrifices and it is worth a lot, not because it is easy but because it is hard.

We see in the Lord Jesus Christ, the power of God is displayed and defined, not in the ability to make others serve you, but your ability to serve others. The power of God is the ability to be humble and suffer, to the one you love. We are the beloved children of God in Jesus Christ. If we claim our place in Christ and God's Kingdom by suffering and dying in the Lord.

Carrying the cross brings many wounds. Wounds can take away our lives if we let it, but wounds in Christ become wounds of love, that can bring us life by the power of the Risen Lord. So, let us complete the work that God wants to accomplished in us, with suffering love. By dying, we complete the mystery in Christ in us. Do not be afraid, the Lord is with us and fights for us.

Next weekend, 50 students from St Joseph's Primary School will find great delight in the Lord, by receiving the Lord in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. May they have many more Holy Communion with the Lord on their journey of life. Please keep our students in your prayers.

Fr. Kim

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER

13 - 14 SEPT SAT 5:30pm SUN 9am SUN 10:30am SUN 6pm

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| Acolytes | Allen | Domenic | Richard | Charlie |
| 1 st Reader | Anna | Paula | Teresita | Josephine |
| 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 — Sue C Clover Lea — Dr. Margaret M Alwyn — By Request | | | |
| Cleaning (15 - 21 Sept) | Anne, Viola, Mar, Nymia & Nelia | | | |
| Sacristans | Rocco & Rosina R | | | |



FEAST DAY MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Your birth, O Virgin Mother of God, heralded joy to all the world. For from you has risen the Son of Justice, Christ our God. Destroying the curse, He gave blessing, and damning death, He bestowed on us life everlasting. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Let us celebrate with joy the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen +

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God 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
Peter Nadwie
Michael Ibrahim
Pia Pelaccia
Ciriaco Pelaccia
Dr. Margaret
Peter Wadwie
Teresa
John Finocchiario
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
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
John Chalmers
John Eunson
Giovanni Battista
Maryanne Totino
Lila Cicinelli
Paul O'Connor
Erin Serracino-Inglott

Souls of Unborn Children
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary
Salvatore Garofolo
Salvatore Caruso
Parishioners of St Joseph's Enfield

Recently Deceased
Nunzio Dottore
Samuel D'Allura
Pia Pelaccia
Frank Caprio
Maria D'Aprile
Francesco Bellomo
Antonio Mastrogiovanni

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

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, ‘Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.’ Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

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 give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. 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 cf. Ps 41:2-3
Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son’s great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
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

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP
What is the ‘cost’ of being a disciple? What will it require? These questions are addressed in today’s Gospel. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem where suffering and death await. He is accompanied by a crowd of people. They, too, are on the ‘way’—the earliest expression used of Jesus’ followers who, according to Luke in the Acts of the Apostles, are named people of ‘The Way’ (Acts 9.2f). It is clear from Jesus’ teaching that discipleship will not be easy. We have met this theme already back in August, on the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, when Jesus spoke of the tensions that would arise within households where committed disciples lived. In today’s passage, this household division is even more dramatically described. Disciples’ relationship to Jesus must trump every other. The word which Luke uses is ‘hate’. Disciples must ‘hate’ parents and siblings. The language of Luke’s day employed superlatives and exaggerated speech to make a point. So, the disciple is not to literally ‘hate’ family members., but the ‘hate’ expression is a reminder that following Jesus will come at a cost. This cost requires commitment and needs calculation.

This is the point of the two examples which conclude the Gospel: calculation is needed in building materials or the chances of victory in battle. The final note the passage ends on is one of Luke’s favourite themes: Disciples must not be possessed by possessions. The disciple must be free, of wealth and even relationships that hinder communion with Jesus.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

7 SEPTEMBER 2025

PUT JESUS FIRST. It is somewhat shocking to hear Jesus say, ‘Whoever comes to me without hating (family members) cannot be my disciple’. Jesus is using hyperbole to stress that we must give first place to following him. If that puts us in conflict with our family, we must choose Jesus. Thankfully, most of us don’t face such a conflict. We can rejoice in God and in family, as Paul does in today’s Second Reading.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 118: 137, 124
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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. O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who

believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 Wis 9:13-18
A reading from the book of Wisdom
Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?
‘What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.’

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 Philem 9-10, 12-17
A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon
Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps 118:135
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 14:25-33
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.
All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.