



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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"Hi everyone! My name is Jennifer (Jenny) O'Shea. It was hard to summarise such an impactful experience, but I'll do my best.

My husband had been raised Catholic, baptised here at St Joseph's as a baby in fact, but stepped away for years. After he was diagnosed with ocular melanoma in January 2024, in late 2025, we had received the news that the growth was actually shrinking. In this good news, my husband knew who to thank.

One day he told me he was going for a walk, he later told me he had actually gone to confession. I asked him, at lack of better words - quite desperate for God myself, if I could join him in going to church with him. Mind you, Catholicism was never something I imagined to be truth. I can gladly say I was very wrong, and I feel quite appropriately humbled in being put in this position, given my past religious experiences having been raised Jehovah's Witness, then exploring other Christian denominations, Baptist to Pentecostal, craving a fullness, that was never met.

It was only in attending my first Mass, that I was met with a true match of adoration, in what I had previously been searching for in my soul. Something I had wanted for, for so long, was actually not so far out of reach, and ready to welcome me. I had never felt so accepted and understood in my whole life as when things clicked together, in Gods terms through the Catholic faith. Life, was truly breathed into me in knowing Jesus is my saviour, and the gifts were abundant from there. I am constantly in awe of the goodness and grace of God, in His understanding and love, and I will spend the rest of my life, trying to find the words to express my love for Him." Jenny.

My name is Catherine Nikoletic and I am sharing my journey of becoming Catholic. I am a candidate and was baptised in the Anglican Church when I was a baby. I was raised with the belief of God and as a child, my Mother taught both my brother and I about all of God's creations, which is why we both have such a love of nature and the world around us.

My journey commenced when I started teaching at St Joseph's Catholic School Enfield in 2023. I quickly became a part of the school community and started to gain comfort and embraced the Catholic faith and it started to positively change my life. Praying and developing a relationship with God has changed my life.

I am currently studying a Graduate Certificate in RE. This will give me accreditation to teach Religious Education in schools.

I am grateful to Fr Kim for his support and guidance as I am finding, that our weekly meetings and studying are greatly equipping me with knowledge, as I convert to becoming a Catholic.

Entering the Catholic faith on Easter Saturday this year, will be such an important and special day and my family are looking forward, to sharing it with me. Catherine.

Parish Office Hours of Administration
Mon, Tue, Thurs & Friday
9am - 3pm

Parish Council Chairman
Rocco Sergi
Finance Committee Chairman
Bruno Alimonti

Catechist Co-ordinator
Margaret Drake
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Church Florist - Sue Groundsman - Van

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
Canicle & 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 Adoration
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur & Friday
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Adoration, Prayer's & Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Relics

Adoration—Saturday
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

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament Program 2026 for St Joseph's Primary School -

All enrolment days will be notified by the School.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday 10 March & Wednesday 11 March at 5pm.

First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 12 September at 3pm & Sunday 13 September at 3pm.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 17th May at 3pm.

Sacrament Program for External Schools

Second class lesson for Reconciliation will be on Wednesday 11 March at 4pm - 5pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Friday 27 March at 5pm.

Enrolment day for First Holy Communion

Wednesday 22 July at 3pm to 4pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 30 August at 3pm.

Enrolment day for Confirmation

Wednesday 25 March at 3pm to 4pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 17 May 2025 at 1pm.

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

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

For all enquires and enrolments please contact the school office.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 10am & 7pm.



The Lenten Reflection group will continue every Monday until Monday 30 March. Time is 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY & CELEBRATION - Please let us know if you can donate!

Once again, in honour of St Joseph's Feast Day, our parish will be setting up a St Joseph Altar in the Parish Hall, based on a beautiful Italian tradition originating from Sicily. A St Joseph Altar typically has a statue of St Joseph as the centrepiece and includes decorative items such loaves of bread usually shaped into a cross or a heart; Fava beans; pasta dishes and vegetables such as artichokes; fruit; wine and bottles of olive oil. Please note: The Altar is traditionally meatless, also with no sweets, as it falls during the Lenten Season. If you would like to contribute to our St Joseph Altar, please write your name next to the items/food you would like to donate on the Donation List located on the table at the back of the Church. Parishioners are asked to deliver their food offerings to the Parish Meeting Room, on Wednesday 18 March between 4.15pm-5pm or on Thursday 19 March between 8am-10am, the morning of the Feast Day. If you have any questions, please contact Vesna Orlovic on Mob: 0412 355 450. The altar will be set up on the Feast Day ready for viewing that evening. After the evening 7pm Mass on the feast day, all will be invited to gather around the St Joseph Altar in the Parish Hall to share in food from the Altar together. Any leftover food will be distributed to the poor.



A TALK ABOUT CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY AND ADDICTION RECOVERY

Are you or a loved one affected by alcohol or addiction(s)? Find out how Catholic Spirituality and 12 Step recovery can help, 10:30am on Saturday March, 14 at St Joseph, Enfield. We are about Total Abstinence and Spiritual Development. Contact Kevin 0435 668 382 or Tim 0401 600 422 or email: calixsydney@outlook.com. See: <https://www.calixsociety.org/>

REFLECTION DAY - Saturday 21 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.

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER

14 - 15 MAR SAT 5:30pm SUN 9am SUN 10:30am SUN 6pm

Acolytes Richard Van Allen Joseph

1st Reader Jenny Kate Juliet Niamh

2nd Reader Vincentiuss Rose T Vesna Josephine

Music Heather & Justine & Angels Friends of Choir Choir Choir 6pm Choir

Altar Servers Grace Vol Crispin, Michael Vol Aquilino & Gaudens

Wardens Patrick Rocco R Rocco S Sylvia I

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

Cleaning (16—22 Mar) Maria, Mila & Lalita

Sacristans Rocco & Rosina R

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

Carla Hosri
Odette Haddad
Peter Nadwie
Michael Ibrahim
Pia Pelaccia
Ciriaco Pelaccia
Dr. Margaret
Peter Wadwie
Teresa
John Finocchiaro
Fr. Lawrence Freeman
Silvana Cocilova
Carmelo Iardo
Gaetano Currenti
Isabella Eva Rotunno
Anna Maria Livolsi Kurby

Marija Barclay
Vince Napoli
Angelo Napoli
Joseph Calvario
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

Adam Evaa
Angel
John Eunson
Anis Haddad
Miriam Kazzi
Joseff Markos
Felismina
Lello Family
Ferraro Family
Ferrara Family
Santoro Family
Moschella Family
Biviano Family
Natoli Family
Nicotina Family
Souls of Unborn Children
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary

Peter Lyons
Salvatore Costanzo
Parishioners of St Joseph's Enfield

Recently Deceased

Sr. Rosalia Kullu
Richard Michael
Giuseppe Serratore
Yoko Da Silva
Laura Tavella

Intentions From

The Parishioners of St Joseph's Enfield
Praying for
Francesca Cho
Calix Society Sydney
Healing for the Victims of Mental Health & Depression
An End to War in the World
For Peace in the World



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 8 MARCH 2026

"For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

- The Holy Gospel According to John 3:16

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / A

8 MARCH 2026



'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done,' so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Longer form 4:5-5-42

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. Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. 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 OF 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. 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

FOR WHAT DO WE THIRST?

The first two Sundays of Lent are from Matthew's Gospel, the Gospel of this liturgical year. They recall Jesus' temptation (*Mt 4: 1-11*) and his experience of being transfigured (*Mt 17: 1-9*). For the remaining Sundays of Lent, we listen to John's Gospel. These Sundays will explore the central religious and theological questions especially relevant for contemporary disciples in their Lenten journey: For what do we truly thirst (today's Gospel)? How might our eyes be opened to Jesus (next Sunday)? What is the life for which we deeply desire (the final Sunday of Lent)?

In today's Gospel a Samaritan woman comes to a well at noon—the brightest moment of the day—and encounters the source of Light, Jesus. She comes to draw water and only later realises that she has met the one who can quench her deepest spiritual thirst. The whole scene is replete with theological symbolism, a characteristic of John, as Jesus invites the woman to explore the depths of her thirst that only he can address. We learn that she has had several 'husbands'. This is not an admission of the woman's adventurous liaisons, as many commentators have interpreted, but an acknowledgement of her attraction to the 'husbands' (the 'Baals') of religions that are 'not her own'. She is looking for the true one from God, not these other counterfeits.

Jesus reveals himself to her: He is the 'I AM', the Old Testament name for God. Through him the woman comes to encounter the Sacred and sets her on a journey back to her townspeople. Like the woman, we, too, thirst, for God and for a deeper religious life as we journey through Lent.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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THE WATER OF LIFE. Jesus is the saviour of the world. In today's Gospel he offers the water of life to a Samaritan woman who, in turn, becomes the first missionary of Jesus. She hurries to tell the people of her town about him. We, who have received the life of God in baptism, are also called to be missionaries by inviting others to come and see Jesus.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

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.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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

Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 4:42, 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; / give me living water, that I may never thirst again. / Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 4:4-5, 19-26, 39-42

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.

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: