



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Parish Office Hours of Administration**  
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**  
**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**  
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**  
Please contact the office if you have missed out on enrolment. We will arrange another time for you.

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.

**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.

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Every Friday during Lent at  
10am & 7pm.

**ST. PATRICK'S FEAST DAY MASS AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL**  
Bishop Terry Brady,  
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus warmly invites you to the celebration of the St Patrick's Feast Day Mass.  
**DATE:** Monday, 17th March 2025  
**TIME:** 10:00am  
**VENUE:** St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

**ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY 19 March Parish Altar & Celebration**  
As mentioned last week, this year, 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 is typically arranged with three tiers, representing the Holy Trinity and St. Joseph's role as the earthly father of Jesus. The Altar has a statue of St Joseph as the center piece 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 and sweet offerings such as Zeppole (Italian cream-filled pastries), sfinge (fried dough with ricotta or cream), fig cookies; fruit; small bottles of wine and olive oil. **Please note: the Altar is traditionally meatless 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.  
**Details of delivery of the food offerings will be in next weeks bulletin.**  
The altar will be set up on the Feast Day ready for viewing. After the evening Mass on the feast day, all will be invited to gather around the St Joseph Altar in the Parish Hall to share in the meal together. Any leftover food will be distributed to the poor.

Dear friends,  
A strange start to Jesus's public mission, after spending 30 years of his life with Mary and Joseph. With so much urgent needs of the world, the Holy Spirit leads Jesus away from the needs of the world, to be by himself in the desert. This retreat from the world is preparing Jesus for his mission ahead. Jesus will deepen his identity as the Son of God. He will find his life in total obedience to the will of the Father and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.  
The temptations of the devil appeals to Jesus's divinity to overcome the limitations of his humanity. But it will not be Jesus divinity that will save the world but his humanity. Jesus does show his divine side, in the miracles he performs to prove his divinity. Jesus has nothing to prove to himself and to the devil.

Are you disappointed that Jesus does not turn stone into bread?  
Levitating in the air like Superman?  
Would that impress you and gain your admiration?

Not for me, I am more impressed and attracted to Jesus's humanity and humility. In the end, it is not Jesus divinity that saves us but his humanity, his death on the Cross that brings salvation into the world.

The lesson for this week with Jesus in the desert is, to accept ours and others humanity, limitations. Here is God in Jesus, regaining and winning our humanity back for us. Here we are for most of the time if we are honest, we dislike being human with all its weaknesses, sufferings and temptation, (which is a type of suffering) and want to play God and be free of all sufferings.

Are we free to suffer and be like Jesus?  
The proud cannot suffer well, only the humble can accept their humanity and suffer well.

Congratulations to Desmond East completing 42 years in the ministry as an acolyte. His last Mass is this Sunday at 6pm. Speaking on behalf of all the priests who served with Des and all the parishioners whom Des has served, **THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU. May his service around the altar profit him for salvation.**

Refreshments are offered in the parish meeting room after the Sunday 6pm Mass, if you want to speak to Des and thank him personally.  
Fr. Kim

**NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER**  
15-16 MAR SAT 5:30pm SUN 9am SUN 10:30am SUN 6pm

Acolytes	Charlie	Allen	Richard	Louis
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Jenny	Kate	Juliet	Niamh
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Vincentius	Rose T	Vesna	Josephine
Music	Heather & Choir	Justine & Choir	Angels Choir	Friends of 6pm Choir
Altar Servers	Grace & Patrick	Vol Aquilino & Gaudens	Crispin	Louis
Wardens	Patrick	Rocco R	Rocco S	Sylvia I
Ministers To the Sick	Home Visits — Romanta S Clover Lea — Dr. Margaret M Alwyn — By Request			
Cleaning (17-23 Mar)	Aileen, Adrienne, Maria & Mila			
Sacristans	Rocco & Rosina R			

**ST. JOHN OGILVIE**  
March 10th

**Feast day of St. John Ogilvie**  
**Monday 10th March**

St. John Ogilvie, martyr for the faith, we come to you in prayer, seeking your intercession and guidance. You who were unafraid to witness to your faith, even in the face of persecution and death, inspire us to be courageous in our own faith journey. Please intercede for us before the throne of God, that He may grant us the grace to live our lives in a way that brings glory to Him and serves the needs of others. And may we, like you, be willing to give our lives for the sake of the Gospel, if called upon to do so.  
St. John Ogilvie of Scotland, Pray for us. 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](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  
John Finocchiaro  
Fr. Lawrence Freeman  
Silvana Cocilova  
Carmelo Ilardo  
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
- John Eunson  
Petronilla Rinaldi  
Eileen Donovan  
John Steel  
Ethel Johnson  
Margaret O'Shea  
Mary Stanford  
Mary Brophy  
Alice Thompson  
Annie O'Brien  
Souls of Unborn Children  
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

- Anniversary
- Eddie Liseng  
Celso Caparros  
Parishioners of St Joseph's Enfield

- Recently Deceased
- Jeddo Adell Abdallah  
Giuseppa Screnci  
Salvatore Esposito  
Caterina Longo  
Marie Jenkins  
Carmela Russo  
Mario Trovato

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



God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him. 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

**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. Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them

we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. 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 1ST 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: 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

Mt 4:4

**One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. 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

### FIDELITY TESTED

Today we begin our journey through Lent, the liturgical season leading to the holiest week of the Church's year and Easter. We begin with Luke's story of Jesus' temptation initiated by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is in the wilderness, the place of solitude, the place of 'no place'. Jesus is here for forty days, alone with God.

The scene is reminiscent of Israel's 40-year wilderness sojourn in which its own covenant fidelity to God is tested. The parallel between Israel and Jesus is unmistakable. Moreso, given the three encounters with Satan that Jesus has. Each is found in Deuteronomy in which Israel fails in its covenantal loyalty and trust in God. By contrast, Jesus is not seduced by food, power or status. He remains loyal to God despite Satan's best efforts to seduce, tempt and manipulate Scripture to woo him into reconfiguring his loyalty away from God.

Satan was originally a member of the heavenly court (as, for example, in the Book of Job) whose principal task was to test the loyalty of God's people. Later, under the influence of Near Eastern myths and traditions about winged beings separate from and warring against the gods, Gospel writers have Satan take on a more sinister mission—to tempt people away from God. Jesus is Satan's focus here and, though he leaves the scene completely disempowered by Jesus' commitment to God, will return at the time of Jesus' passion and death. Lent becomes our time to be with Jesus, to enter our Lenten wilderness, to identify what seduces and draws us away from God.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / C

9 MARCH 2025

TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL. The temptations experienced by Jesus in the wilderness were not temptations to moral evil as we usually understand it. They were not temptations to steal or murder or commit adultery. They were far more subtle: to give priority to material comfort, to have power over others, to test God. During Lent, let us take some time to examine our own attitudes: are we giving priority to God or in subtle ways putting ourselves first and God second?

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 90:15-16

**When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.**

## 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.

**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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. Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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

Deut 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
*The confession of faith of the elect.*

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

“My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.’

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESP PSALM

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v. 15

**R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High / and abides in the shade of the Almighty / says to the Lord: 'My refuge, / my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**  
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, / no plague approach where you dwell. / For you has he commanded his angels, / to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

3. They shall bear you upon their hands / lest you strike your foot against a stone. / On the lion and the viper you will tread / and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; / protect him for he knows my name. / When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' / I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**



### SECOND READING

Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### GOSPEL

Lk 4:1-13

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.**

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of