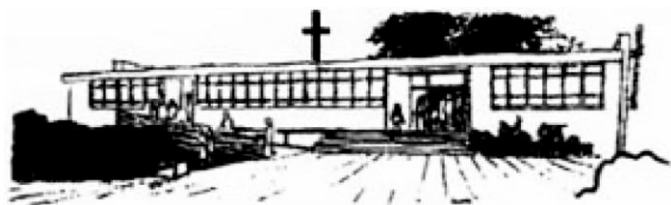


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

SOLEMNITY OF HOLY FATHER DOMINIC

3rd August 2025, Year C/1



Saint John the Baptist and Saint Dominic (late 1420s) Fra Angelico
(Italian, 1400-1455)

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 8:30am Mass

During Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
(Please let the Priest know.)

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Rochelle Borg – Principal

School Office Times

8:30am - 4:00pm - Monday to Friday

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim His marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-19

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm	Solemnity of Holy Fr Dominic	† Klemens Blazek
SUNDAY	8:30am	Solemnity of Holy Fr Dominic	† John Small
	10:00am	Solemnity of Holy Fr Dominic	For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St John Vianney	Living & Dec. Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski & Colreavy Families
Tuesday	8:00am	Dedication of Mary Major Basilica	†† Klemens Blazek & Matylda Kubka
Wednesday	8.00am	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	† Gill Walisbuhl
Thursday	8.00am	18 th Week in Ordinary Time	† Bishop Edward Kelly
Friday	8.00am	ST MARY OF THE CROSS	†† For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	†† Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

An hour before the 8am Masses during the week and before the 8.30am Masses at the weekend.

Confessions are also available during Adoration.

Please speak to the Priest.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

POPE'S AUGUST INTENTIONS

For mutual coexistence.

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Small

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Klemens, Blazek, Deceased Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski & Colreavy Families, Matylda Kubka, Bishop Edward Kelly, Gill Walisbuhl, God's Precious Infants, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

Confirmation: Thursday 6th November

All Sessions are at 11.30am

Please keep our children in your prayers.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Gary O'Brien, Shayla, Garry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

SICK LIST: Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$1553**
 Loose: \$467.10
 Smart Facility: \$530
A/Cs & Carpet Donations: \$14,689.30

SMART DONATION FACILITIES

Donations from the two Smart terminals at the door go towards the 2nd Collection. Donations from the Smart terminal near the creche go towards Special Project Donations.

Our Special Projects Donations are now going towards the Air Conditioning and Carpet Projects for the Church. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

SOLEMNITY OF HOLY FATHER DOMINIC

Today at St Joseph's, we celebrate the Solemnity of Holy Father Dominic, Founder of the Dominican Order. Fr Peter Williams, Vicar General for the Diocese of Parramatta has given us permission to celebrate this feast on this Sunday. Happy Feast Day!

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 13th August at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 12th July.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are new to our Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

The Parish Council is organising a Food Festival on Sunday, 10th August. If you can assist in any way, please fill the form at the back of the church or use the QR code to complete it online.



PARKING NOTICE

Because we have our International Food Festival next Sunday, there will be no parking in the Church or School Grounds. Please park on the street or at the Railway Parking Area. Our Disabled will be admitted to park near the Church for Mass.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This Sunday 3rd August at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) from 7pm to 8.30pm. Fr Marcus Hazelman will speak about St Peter Chanel.

PENROSE PARK

On Saturday 13th September we are going on a pilgrimage to Penrose Park. We will depart from Richmond Road at 8.00am and return by 4.30pm. See flyer for QR Code to register or ring the Parish Office.

HELP CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

Aid to the Church in Need is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza, in the ongoing conflict. To make an emergency donation visit www.aidtothechurch.org/holyland

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Cross the Holy Door in Rome. Celebrate the Jubilee Year 25th September – 4th October 2025 visiting holy places in Rome, Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle), Assisi, Pompei, Montecassino and the Amalfi Coast. Open to all, it will be extra special for those involved in teaching the faith as it coincides with the Jubilee of Catechists. Info: pp@mibp.org.au or 0417 259 617.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards all volunteers are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training.

Modules 1-3 – These Modules are for new Volunteers who have not completed any safeguarding Training.

Modules 4/5 – Renewal for those who completed Modules 1-3 two years ago.

For the direct link to training dates and to register:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/?series=safeguarding-training>

To complete the modules online go to

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 30th July 2025

Cycle of Catechesis - Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our hope. II. The life of Jesus. 12. *The healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well; he even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."* (Mk 7:37)

Dear brothers and sisters,

With this catechesis, we conclude our journey through the public life of Jesus, marked by encounters, parables, and healings.

This time in which we live also needs healing. Our world is marked by a climate of violence and hatred that demeans human dignity. We live in a society that is becoming ill due to a kind of "bulimia" of social media connections: we are hyperconnected, bombarded by images, sometimes false or distorted. We are overwhelmed by countless messages that stir within us a storm of contradictory emotions.

In this scenario, it is possible that within us arises the desire to turn everything off. We may come to prefer not to feel anything anymore. Even our words risk being misunderstood, and we may be tempted to close ourselves in silence, into a lack of communication where, despite our closeness, we are no longer able to say to one another the most simple and profound things.

In this regard, today I would like to reflect on a passage from the Gospel of Mark that presents us with a man who cannot speak or hear (cf. Mk 7:31–37). Just as it can sometimes happen to us, perhaps this man chose not to speak anymore because he did not feel understood; he chose to shut off every voice because he had been disappointed and wounded by what he had heard. In fact, it is not he who goes to Jesus to be healed, but others bring him. One may think that the people who take him to the Master are concerned about his isolation. The Christian community, however, has also seen in these people an image of the Church, which accompanies each person to Jesus so that they may listen to His word. The episode takes place in pagan territory, so we are in a context where other voices tend to drown out God's voice.

Jesus' behavior may initially seem strange, because He takes this person aside (v. 33a). In this way, He

seems to emphasize his isolation, but on closer look, it helps us to understand what lies behind the silence and closure of this man, as if Jesus had perceived his need for intimacy and closeness.

Before anything else, Jesus offers him silent closeness, through gestures that speak of a profound encounter: He touches this man's ears and tongue (cf. v. 33b). Jesus does not use many words; He says only what is necessary in that moment: "Be opened!" (v. 34). Mark uses the word in Aramaic—*Eph'phatha*—as though to let us hear, almost "in person" its sound and breath. This simple and beautiful word contains the invitation that Jesus addresses to this man who had stopped listening and speaking. It is as if Jesus were saying to him: "Be opened to this world that frightens you! Be opened to the relationships that have disappointed you! Be opened to the life you have given up facing!". Closing in on oneself, in fact, is never a solution.

After the encounter with Jesus, that person not only begins to speak again, but he does so "plainly" (v. 35). This adverb, inserted by the Evangelist, seems to suggest something deeper about the reasons for his silence. Perhaps this man had stopped speaking because he felt he was saying things the wrong way, perhaps he felt inadequate. All of us experience what it means to be misunderstood, to feel that we are not truly heard. All of us need to ask the Lord to heal our way of communicating, not only so that we may be more effective, but also so that we may avoid wounding others with our words.

To begin speaking correctly again is the start of a journey, it is not yet the destination. In fact, Jesus forbids that man from talking about what has happened to him (cf. v. 36). To truly know Jesus, one must complete a journey; one must remain with Him and also pass through His Passion. When we have seen Him humiliated and suffering, when we have experienced the saving power of His Cross, then we can say that we have truly come to know Him. There are no shortcuts to becoming disciples of Jesus.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord that we may learn to communicate with honesty and prudence. Let us pray for all those who have been wounded by the words of others. Let us pray for the Church, that she may never fail in her mission to lead people to Jesus, so that they may hear His Word, be healed by it, and in turn become bearers of His message of salvation.