

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th August 2025, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1437

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

Address

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 900am – 2:00pm and Friday: 9.00am – 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		† Gerardo Gaudiosi
SUNDAY	8:30am		Baby's Birth, Family & Friends
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Clare	† Bishop Geoffrey Robinson
Tuesday	8:00am	19 th Week in Ordinary Time	Living & Dec. Mem. of the Gatty, Lahood & McCaffrey Families
Wednesday	8.00am	19 th Week in Ordinary Time	† Varkey Antony
Thursday	8.00am	St Maximilian Kolbe	†† Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	7.00pm	VIGIL - ASSUMPTION OF BL VIRGIN MARY	For the Parish
Friday	8.00am	ASSUMPTION OF BL VIRGIN MARY	† Cardinal George Pell
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Joseph Mathew (Birthday Blessings)

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Frances Gunn, Paul Ruhl

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Gerardo Gaudiosi, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Dec. Mem. of Gatty, Lahood & McCaffrey Families, Varkey Antony, Souls in Purgatory, Cardinal George Pell

ASSUMPTION OF THE BL VIRGIN MARY

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are:

Vigil: Thursday 14th August at 7.00pm

Morning: Friday 15th August at 8.00am

School Mass: Friday 15th August at 9.15am

The Funeral Mass for late Frances Gunn will be held at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith on Wednesday, 13th August 11am.

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, Stephen Mifsud, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Gary O'Brien, Shayla, Garry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaret Taylor, 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

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

Confirmation: Thursday 6th November

There is no session this Sunday.

Please keep our children in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$970**
 Loose: \$460.45
 Smart Facility: \$475
 A/Cs & Carpet Donations: \$14,739.30

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.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Bible Study this week.

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

Thank you to all who are contributing to our Food Festival this weekend. May the Lord bless you.

PARKING NOTICE

Because we have our International Food Festival this 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.

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.

CATHOLIC MISSION

In Zambia, many families struggle daily with poverty and limited access to essential healthcare. This World Mission Month, we invite you to bring Christ's love to those most in need. We have our Catholic Mission Appeal next weekend 16th/17th August. Please be generous.

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.

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

VOCATIONS EXPO

Saturday 23rd August from 10am to 2pm at Mary Immaculate Parish, 125 Barnier Drive Quakers Hill. See Flyer at the back of the Church.

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

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 30th July 2025

Cycle of Catechesis - Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. III. The Passover of Jesus. 1. The preparation of the supper. "Make the preparations for us there" (Mk 14:15)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Let us continue our Jubilee journey in the discovery of the face of Christ, in whom our hope takes shape and consistency. Today we will start to reflect on the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Let us begin by meditating on a word that seems simple but holds a precious secret of Christian life: *prepare*.

In the Gospel of Mark, it is told that "on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?'" (Mk 14:12). It is a practical question but also filled with anticipation. The disciples perceive that something important is about to happen, but they do not know the details. Jesus' answer seems almost to be a riddle: "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water" (v. 13). The details become symbolic: a man carrying a jar, a typically feminine gesture at that time; an upstairs room already prepared; an unknown host. It is as if everything has been arranged in advance. In fact, this is exactly the case. In this episode, the Gospel shows that love is not the result of chance, but of a conscious choice. It is not a simple reaction, but a decision that requires preparation. Jesus does not face his passion out of fatalism, but out of fidelity to a path freely and carefully accepted and followed. This is what comforts us: knowing that the gift of his life stems from conscious intention, not a sudden impulse.

That "upstairs room already prepared" tells us that God always precedes us. Even before we realize we need to be welcomed, the Lord has already prepared a space for us where we can recognize ourselves and feel we are his friends. This place is, fundamentally, our heart: a "room" that may seem empty, but which awaits only to be recognized, filled and cherished. The Passover, which the disciples must prepare, is in reality already present in Jesus' heart. He has already thought of everything, arranged everything, decided everything. However, he asks his friends to do their

part. This teaches us something essential for our spiritual life: grace does not eliminate our freedom but rather awakens it. God's gift does not eliminate our responsibility but makes it fruitful.

Today too, like then, there is a supper to prepare. It is not only a matter of the liturgy, but of our readiness to enter into a gesture that transcends us. The Eucharist is not celebrated only at the altar, but also in daily life, where it is possible to experience everything as an offering and giving of thanks. To prepare to celebrate this thanksgiving does not mean doing more but leaving room. It means removing what encumbers us, reducing our demands and ceasing to hold unrealistic expectations. Indeed, too often we confuse preparations with illusions. Illusions distract us; preparations guide us. Illusions seek a result; preparations make an encounter possible. True love, the Gospel reminds us, is given before it is reciprocated. It is an anticipatory gift. It is not based on what is received, but on what one wishes to offer. It is what Jesus lived with his disciples: while they still did not understand, while one of them was about to betray him and another to deny him, he was *preparing* a communion supper for them all.

Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to "prepare the Passover" of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. We can ask ourselves, then: what spaces in my life do I need to put in order so that they are ready to receive the Lord? What does it mean for me today to "prepare"? Perhaps to renounce a demand, to stop waiting for others to change, to take the first step. Perhaps to listen more, to act less, or to learn how to trust in what has already been prepared.

If we accept the invitation to prepare the place of communion with God and among ourselves, we will discover we are surrounded by signs, encounters and words that guide us towards that room, spacious and already prepared, in which the mystery of an infinite love, sustaining us and always preceding us, is celebrated unceasingly. May the Lord grant us to be humble preparers of his presence. And, in this daily readiness, may that serene trust also grow in us, allowing us to face everything with a free heart. Because where love has been prepared, life can truly flourish.