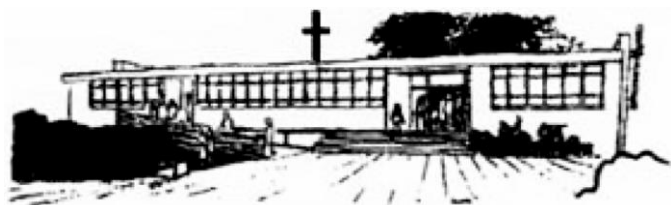


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th September 2025, Year C/1



Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

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

94 Joseph Street
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Telephone: 4726 4200

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Kazimiera Ostrowski

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Atilano Asuncion (Dec. Birthday)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **ST MICHAEL, ST GABRIEL
& RAPHAEL**

Living & †† Dec. Mems. of the
McIlvenna, Dobranski & Colreavy
Families

Tuesday 8:00am **St Jerome**

† Bishop Edward Kelly

Wednesday 8:00am **St Therese of the Child Jesus**

† Bishop Geoffrey Robinson

Thursday 8:00am **Holy Guardian Angels**

†† Helen & Michael Zerafa

Friday 8:00am **26th Week in Ordinary Time**

† Roger Azores

Saturday 8:30am **HOLY FATHER FRANCIS**

†† Dec. Mems. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

During the month of October there will be Rosary,
Litany of Our Lady and Benediction after all the
weekday Masses.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Devassy, Nick Mentis, Rodney, Heloise
Bartholomuez, Cynthia & Everton Buulgens

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Kazimiera Ostrowski, Atilano Asuncion, Deceased
Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski & Colreavy
Families, Bishop Edward Kelly, Bishop Geoffrey
Robinson, Helen & Michael Zerafa, Roger Azores,
Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

Confirmation: Thursday 6th November at 7pm

All sessions are after 10am Mass as 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, 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

POPE'S SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

For Our Relationship with all of Creation

Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$1088**
 Loose: \$337
 Smart Facility: \$727.50
 Project Donations: \$330

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.

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 8th October at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 7th.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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



MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 11th October after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are invited to come and enjoy an evening together.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars on sale after weekend Masses at \$10 each.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday 5th October at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt from 7pm to 8.30pm. Steven Buhagiar will speak about Bl Bartolo Longo, Apostle of the Rosary. See flyer at back of the Church for more information.

MT SCHOENSTATT FOUNDATION DAY

Everyone is invited to the Schoenstatt Foundation Day family festival celebrations on Sunday 19th October at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. See flyer on notice board.

NOVEMBER MASSES

One Mass each day in November will be offered for our Deceased. When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket at the back of the Church and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives. Names of deceased can be added through November and will be included in the Mass of the following day until the end of November.

SCHOENSTATT OPENING CENTENARY MASS

Mass on Sunday 5th October at 11am, followed by a procession to the Schoenstatt Shrine. See flyer at the back of the Church for more information.

GIRLS DAY OUT AT THE SHRINE

There are limited spaces; register before 3rd October 2025. See flyer at the back of the Church for more information

DIOCESAN RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Registrations are now open for the final retreat on 15th November. See flyer at back of Church for details.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday 26th October at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. See flyer on noticeboard.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Engaging Your Faith Online Series.

Experienced lecturers from the Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics during October. See the flyers at the back of the Church for more information.

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 – For all Volunteers.

Modules 4/5 – For those who completed Modules 1-3 two years previously.

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 10th September 2025

Cycle of Catechesis - Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. III. The Passover of Jesus.

8. *The Descent. In the Spirit "he also went to preach to the spirits in prison" (1 Pt 3:19).*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today, again, we will look at the mystery of Holy Saturday. It is the day of the Paschal Mystery in which everything seems immobile and silent, while in reality an invisible action of salvation is being fulfilled: Christ descends into the realm of the dead to bring the news of the Resurrection to all those who were in the darkness and in the shadow of death.

This event, which the liturgy and tradition have handed down to us, represents the most profound and radical gesture of God's love for humanity. Indeed, it is not enough to say or to believe that Jesus died for us: it is necessary to recognize that the fidelity of his love sought us out where we ourselves were lost, where only the power of a light capable of penetrating the realm of darkness can reach.

The underworld, in the biblical conception, is not so much a place as an existential condition: that condition in which life is depleted, and pain, solitude, guilt and separation from God and others reign. Christ reaches us even in this abyss, passing through the gates of this realm of darkness. He enters, so to speak, in the very house of death, to empty it, to free its inhabitants, taking them by the hand one by one. It is the humility of a God who does not stop in front of our sin, who is not afraid when faced with the human being's extreme rejection.

The apostle Peter, in the brief passage from his first Letter that we have just heard, tells us that Jesus, made alive in the Holy Spirit, went to take the news of salvation even "to the spirits in prison" (1Pt 3:19). It is one of the most moving images, which is expressed not in the canonical Gospels, but in an apocryphal text entitled the Gospel of Nicodemus. According to this tradition, the Son of God entered the deepest darkness to reach even the last of his brothers and sisters, to bring his light down there too. In this gesture there is all the strength and tenderness of the Paschal message: death is never the last word.

Dear friends, this descent of Christ does not relate only to the past, but touches the life of every one of us. The underworld is not only the condition of the dead,

but also of those who live death as a result of evil and sin. It is also the daily hell of loneliness, shame, abandonment, and the struggle of life. Christ enters into all these dark realities to bear witness to the love of the Father. Not to judge, but to set free. Not to blame, but to save. He does so quietly, on tiptoe, like one who enters a hospital room to offer comfort and help.

The Fathers of the Church, in pages of extraordinary beauty, described this moment as a meeting: that between Christ and Adam. An encounter that is the symbol of all the possible encounters between God and man. The Lord descends where man has hidden out of fear, and calls him by name, takes him by the hand, raises him up, and brings him back to the light. He does so with full authority, but also with infinite gentleness, like a father with the son who fears that he is no longer loved.

In the eastern icons of the Resurrection, Christ is depicted breaking down the doors of the underworld, stretching out his arms and grasping Adam and Eve by the wrists. He does not save only himself; he does not return to life alone but carries all of humanity with him. This is the true glory of the Risen One: it is the power of love, it is solidarity with a God who does not want to save himself without us, but only with us. A God who does not rise again unless he embraces our miseries and lifts us up to a new life.

Holy Saturday, then, is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter. And if Christ was able to descend all the way down there, nothing can be excluded from his redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised that it cannot be touched by mercy.

Dear brothers and sisters, to descend, for God, is not a defeat, but the fulfilment of his love. It is not a failure, but the way by which he shows that no place is too far away, no heart is too closed, no tomb too tightly sealed for his love. This consoles us, this sustains us. And if at times we seem to have hit rock bottom, let us remember: that is the place from which God is able to begin a new creation. A creation made of people lifted up, hearts forgiven, tears dried. Holy Saturday is the silent embrace with which Christ presents all creation to the Father to restore it to his plan of salvation.