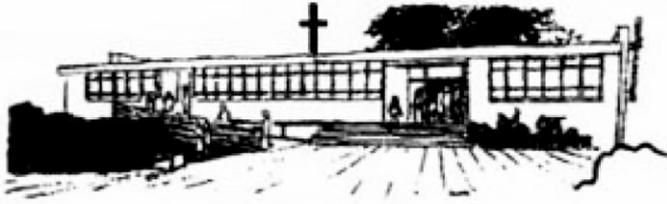


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP
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EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7th December 2025, Year A/2



MARTINO, Altomonte, The Immaculate Conception, 1719

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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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: Justice shall flourish in His time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		† Orlando Surace
SUNDAY	8:30am		Kamil Lim (Birthday Blessings)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Special Intention
Tuesday	8:00am	2 nd Week of Advent	St Joseph's Teachers (Health & Welfare)
Wednesday	8.00am	2 nd Week of Advent	† Patrick Houlihan
Thursday	8.00am	2 nd Week of Advent	Gai Schoemaker (Health & Wellbeing)
Friday	8.00am	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Thanksgiving to Our Lady for Good Health & Safety
Saturday	8.30am	St Lucy	Schoemaker Family (Spiritual 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

POPE'S DECEMBER INTENTIONS

For Christians in Areas of Conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Brian Frederickson, Heloise Bartholomuez

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Orlando Surace, Patrick Houlihan

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

Our Sacramental Sessions for 2026 will begin 8th February with Reconciliation. Please watch our Bulletin for details.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wednesday 24th December – 6pm
Thursday 25th December – Midnight,
8.30am & 10am

Reconciliation: Monday 22nd December
9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

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, Michael Muema, 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Loose: \$573.25**
 Planned Giving: \$770
 Smart Facility: \$680.10
Project Donations: \$90

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

Our Bible Study is cancelled while Fr Andrew is away and will resume on Wednesday 10th December.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be this Wednesday 10th December at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 9th.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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



COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars are on sale after weekend Masses at \$10 each. They make a great gift for Christmas.

PARKING NOTICE

We ask that people attending 8.30am Mass would exit via Joseph Street allowing 10am Mass goers access to the Main Gate on Richmond Road.

Please leave parking near the Church for the disabled.

BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend we have another collection for Bishop Vincent's Christmas Appeal, to enable Catholic Care to open the doors of hope to grieving hearts this Christmas. We have received \$1596.85 so far. Thank you for your generosity.

MEN AT THE SHRINE

An hour of adoration and fellowship on Wednesday 10th December from 8-9pm at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa. Please see the Flyer on the noticeboard for further information. For any questions contact Bernard on 0416 106 871.

THANK YOU TO WOLLEMI WORKING BEE

Thank you to the young men from Year 8 of Wollemi who gave of their time and energy to help us. One team moved all the pews from the Church, cleaned them and returned them. The second team cleaned out grates, removed cobwebs, pruned shrubs and hedges, mowed lawns and pressure cleaned seats and timber. Well done gentleman. God bless each and every one of you and the Teachers who were great.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT MT SCHOENSTATT

Saturday 13th December from 7pm. See Poster for details.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 21st December at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr John Puli. Mass will be followed by individual prayers for healing.

NEPEAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY SERVICE

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm call 4734 3150 and leave name, ward and bed number and the priest will visit the patient.

Between 5pm and 9am Monday to Friday and on Weekends there is a Priest on call for end-of-life anointing of the sick. To get a Priest in an emergency you can phone the switchboard and make the request on 4734 2000.

PALMS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

Join our TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER Information session for those who would like a short placement to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May 2026.

Date: Monday 8 December 7.30pm-8.30pm AEDT

Venue: ONLINE- register at palms.org.au/events
email palms@palms.org.au or ring 9560 5333

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>

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE LEO XIV ANGELUS

Wednesday 23rd November 2025

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning.

As the liturgical year draws to a close, today's Gospel (*Lk 21:5-19*) invites us to reflect on the travails of history and the end times. Looking at these events and knowing our hearts, Jesus invites us not to be overcome by fear: "When you hear of wars and insurrections," he says, "do not be terrified" (v. 9).

His appeal is very timely because unfortunately we receive daily news about conflicts, disasters and persecutions that torment millions of men and women. However, in the face of these afflictions, and in the face of the indifference that seeks to ignore them, Jesus' words proclaim that the attack of evil cannot destroy the hope of those who trust in him. The darker the hour, the more faith shines like the sun.

Twice, in fact, Christ affirms that "because of my name" many will suffer violence and betrayal (*Lk 21:12, 17*), but precisely then they will have the opportunity to bear witness (cf. v. 13). We are called to follow the example of the Master, who revealed the immensity of his love on the cross. This encouragement concerns us all. Indeed, the persecution of Christians does not only happen through mistreatment and weapons, but also with words, that is, through lies and ideological manipulation. Especially when we are oppressed by these evils, both physical and moral, we are called to bear witness to the truth that saves the world; to the justice that redeems people from oppression; to the hope that shows everyone the way to peace.

Jesus' words, in a prophetic way, attest to the fact that the disasters and sorrows of history will come to an end. At the same time, the joy of those who recognize him as Saviour, is destined to last forever. "By your endurance you will gain your souls" (*Lk 21:19*): this promise of the Lord gives us the strength to resist the threatening events of history and every offense. We do not remain powerless in the face of suffering, because he himself gives us "words and a wisdom" (v. 15) always to do the good with a fervent heart.

Dear friends, throughout the history of the Church, it is above all the martyrs who remind us that God's grace is capable of transforming even violence into a sign of redemption. Therefore, joining with our brothers and sisters who suffer for the name of Jesus, let us confidently seek the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians. In every trial and difficulty, may the Blessed Virgin console and sustain us.

After the Angelus:

Dear brothers and sisters!

As I just mentioned in my reflection on the Gospel, Christians today are still suffering from discrimination and persecution in various parts of the world. In particular, I think of Bangladesh, Nigeria, Mozambique, Sudan and other countries from which we often hear news of attacks on communities and places of worship. God is a merciful Father, and he desires peace among all his children! My prayers are with the families in Kivu, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where in recent days there has been a massacre of civilians, with at least twenty victims of a terrorist attack. Let us pray that all violence ceases, and that believers will work together for the common good.

I follow with sorrow the news of the attacks that continue to strike numerous Ukrainian cities, including Kyiv. They cause casualties and injuries – children among them – and extensive damage to civilian infrastructure, leaving families homeless as the cold weather sets in. I assure those severely affected of my closeness. We must not become accustomed to war and destruction! Let us pray together for a just and lasting peace in war-torn Ukraine.

I would also like to offer my prayers for the victims of the serious road accident that occurred last Wednesday in southern Peru. May the Lord welcome the deceased, sustain the injured and comfort the bereaved families.

Today we celebrate the World Day of the Poor. I thank all those in dioceses and parishes who have organized initiatives of solidarity with the most disadvantaged. This is an opportune day on which to highlight once again the Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, "I have loved you", on love for the poor, a document that Pope Francis was preparing in the last months of his life and which I completed with great joy.

On this day, we also remember all those who have died in road accidents, too often caused by irresponsible behavior. Let each of us examine our conscience on this matter.

I also join the Church in Italy, which today promotes the "Day of prayer for the victims and survivors of abuse", so that a culture of respect may grow and ensure the protection of the dignity of every person, especially minors and the most vulnerable.

I thank you all and wish you a happy Sunday!