

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18th May 2025, Year C/1



PYNAS, Jacob Symonsz, Paul & Barnabas at Lystra, 1627-29

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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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm and Friday: 9:00am – 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Eimee

SUNDAY 8:30am

Manuel Gutiza Ching (Healing & Birthday Blessings)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 5th Week of Easter

† Joseph Gil Escarte Boly

Tuesday 8:00am 5th Week of Easter

† Remedios Jocson

Wednesday 8.00am 5th Week of Easter

Thursday 8.00am St Rita of Cascia

Friday 8.00am 5th Week of Easter

Saturday 8.30am OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Paschal Arikian

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

An hour before the 8am Masses during the week and before the 8.30am Masses at the weekend. There will be no Adoration before Mass from this Wednesday to Friday.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

There will be Rosary, Litany of Our Lady and Benediction this Monday & Tuesday after Mass, but not from Wednesday to Friday.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

POPE'S MAY INTENTIONS

For Working Conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marina Orca, Jamie Dowsett, Remedios Jocson

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Eimee, Joseph Gil Escarte Boly

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

First Communion: 22nd June

All Sessions will be after 10am Mass at 11.30am

Confirmation: Thursday 6th November

Registration & 1st Session: Sunday 20th July

FUNERAL FOR JAMIE DOWSETT

Jamie, who was the chair of the Nepean Deanery, will have his Funeral Mass on Monday 19th May at Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair at 11.30am.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Shayla, 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

OUR PRIESTS AT A CONFERENCE

While our priests are away at a Conference with Bishop Vincent from this Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd May, we have the Dominican Fathers from Glebe celebrating the Masses for us. Thank you Fathers.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$741**
 Loose: \$390.70
 Smart Facility: \$660
 A/Cs & Carpet Donations: \$9983

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.

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 31st May after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are invited to come and enjoy an evening together.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 11th June at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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



SRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can spare an hour each week during school terms and would like to find out more about becoming a scripture teacher or helper you can call the parish office on 4721 4080. Training is provided.

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Next weekend, 24th/25th May, we have the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal to help our Seminarians to answer their call to be "Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope". Our quota is \$2300. Please be generous.

PROJECT COMPASSION

We collected \$1384.65. Thank you for your generosity.

VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS

Join Palms online for a session showing how you can make a difference using your skills in communities overseas. Thursday 22nd May from 6-7pm. Register at palms.org.au/events or ring 9560 5333.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2025

In Sydney from 10th to 13th July. See Poster at the back of the Church for more information.

FAMILY ENRICHMENT AUSTRALIA (FEA)

FEA are organising another 3-Part Course for Parents of 4-7 Year Olds starting on 25th May 2025 at Caddens. Please register using the QR code on the poster. For more information visit www.Fea.org.au or contact Edwin & Stephanie Sugiaman on 0430 918 777.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE OF HOPE RETREATS

See Poster at the back of the Church for more information.

OUR DIOCESE'S JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

For Young people (18-35) across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains 19 July – 5 August 2025. See Poster at back of Church.

ADULT JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

For adults 35 years and over from 7th to 25th September 2025. See the Poster at the back of the Church.

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 *REGINA CAELI*

11th May 2025

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

I consider it a gift from God that the first Sunday of my service as Bishop of Rome is Good Shepherd Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter. On this Sunday, we always hear proclaimed at Mass a passage from the tenth chapter from the Gospel of John, where Jesus reveals himself as the true Shepherd: who knows and loves his sheep and gives his life for them.

This Sunday also marks the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which we have celebrated for the last sixty-two years. Rome is also hosting the Jubilee of Bands and Popular Entertainment today. I greet all these pilgrims with affection and thank them because, with their music and performances, they enliven the feast of Christ the Good Shepherd: the One who guides the Church with his Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel, Jesus says that he knows his sheep and that they listen to his voice and follow him (cf. Jn 10:27). Indeed, as Pope Saint Gregory the Great teaches, people “respond to the love of those who love them” (Homily 14:3-6).

Today brothers and sisters, I therefore have the joy of praying with you and all the People of God for vocations, especially those to the priesthood and consecrated life. The Church has such a great need for them! It is important that young men and women on their vocational journey find *acceptance, listening* and *encouragement* in their communities, and that they can look up to credible models of generous dedication to God and to their brothers and sisters.

Let us take up the invitation that Pope Francis left us in his message for today: the invitation to welcome and accompany young people. And let us ask our heavenly Father to assist us in living in service to one another, each according to his or her state of life, shepherds after his own heart (cf. Jer 3:15) capable of helping one another to walk in love and truth. And to young people, I say: “Do not be afraid! Accept the invitation of the Church and of Christ the Lord!”

May the Virgin Mary, whose entire life was a response to the Lord’s call, always accompany us in following Jesus.

After the Regina Caeli

Dear brothers and sisters,

The immense tragedy of the Second World War ended eighty years ago, on 8 May, after having claimed sixty million victims. In today’s dramatic scenario of a piecemeal third world war, as Pope Francis stated many times, I too address the world’s leaders, repeating the ever-timely appeal: “Never again war!”. I carry in my heart the sufferings of the beloved Ukrainian people. May everything possible be done to reach an authentic, just and lasting peace, as soon as possible. Let all the prisoners be freed and the children return to their own families.

I am deeply saddened by what is happening in the Gaza Strip: may there be an immediate ceasefire! Let humanitarian aid be provided to the stricken civil population and let all the hostages be freed.

On the other hand, I have welcomed with satisfaction the announcement of the ceasefire between India and Pakistan, and I hope that through the upcoming negotiations, a lasting accord may be reached soon. But how many other conflicts there are in the world! I entrust this heartfelt appeal to the Queen of Peace, so that she may present it to the Lord Jesus to obtain for us the miracle of peace.

And now I affectionately greet you all, Romans and pilgrims from various countries. I greet the members of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the group of doctors from Granada (Spain), the faithful of Malta, Panama, Dallas (Texas), Valladolid, Torreldones (Madrid), Montesilvano, and Cinisi (Palermo).

I greet the participants in the “Let’s choose life” demonstration, the young people of the Fraternity of Blessed Mary Immaculate and Saint Francis of Assisi, of Reggio Emilia.

Today in Italy and in other countries we celebrate Mother’s Day. I send a fond greeting to all mothers, with a prayer for them, and for those who are already in Heaven.

Thank you all, a happy Sunday to everyone!