

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

1<sup>st</sup> June 2025, Year C/1



The Ascension (1456) Johann Koerbecke (German, c. 1420-1491)

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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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23

**Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

†† Abbas & Monira

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

Paschal Arikian

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am Bl Sadoc & Companions † Bishop Geoffrey Robinson

**Tuesday** 8:00am St Charles Lwanga & Companions †† Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday** 8.00am St Peter of Verona † Kurt Tonna (Dec. Birthday)

**Thursday** 8.00am St Boniface Living & †† Dec. Members of the Gatty & Lahood Families

**Friday** 8.00am 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter †† For God's Precious Infants

**Saturday** 8.30am 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter † Annamma Antony

### 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 JUNE INTENTIONS

#### That the World Might Grow in Compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Remedios Jocson

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Abbas & Monira, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Souls in Purgatory, Kurt Tonna, Dec. Mems. of the Gatty & Lahood Families, God's Precious Infants, Annamma Antony

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

**First Communion: 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 10am Mass.**

All Sessions will be after 10am Mass at 11.30am

**Confirmation: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**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

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$1311**  
                                         **Loose:      \$521.55**  
                                         **Smart Facility: \$510**  
                                         **A/Cs & Carpet Donations: \$12,218**

### SMART DONATION FACILITIES

Donations from the two Smart terminals at the door go towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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

### PARISH LUNCH

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



### PARISH SURVEY

Please take a copy, fill out both sides and place in the box provided. You can also use the QR code to complete the survey online.



### 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

This weekend we will have another collection for the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal to reach our quota of \$2300. We have collected \$1134.50 so far, only \$1165.50 to go. Thank you for your generosity.

### IGNITE CONFERENCE 2025

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

### YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) at 7pm. The speaker is Sister Agnes, who will speak on St Padre Pio. If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

### DISCERNMENT DAY

#### **Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys**

For ages 18 to 30, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 9am to 12.30pm at Don Bosco Youth Centre, St Marys. See flyer at the back of the Church to register.

### LOW-COST COUNSELLING SERVICES

Catholic Care Western Sydney provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.

### DIOCESAN JUBILEE OF HOPE RETREATS

See Poster at the back of the Church.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

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CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE**

28<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. *Jesus Christ our Hope. The parables 7. "The Samaritan. When he saw him, he had compassion" (Lk 10:33b).***

Dear brothers and sisters,

We will continue to meditate on some parables of the Gospel, which are an opportunity to change perspective and open ourselves up to hope. The lack of hope, at times, is due to the fact that we fixate on a certain rigid and closed way of seeing things, and the parables help us to look at them from another point of view.

Today I would like to talk to you about an expert, knowledgeable person, a doctor of the Law, who however needs to change his perspective, because he is concentrated on himself and does not notice others (cf. *Lk 10:25-37*). Indeed, he questions Jesus on the way in which eternal life is "inherited", using an expression that intends it as an unequivocal right. But behind this question perhaps it is precisely the need for attention that is concealed: the only word he asks Jesus to explain is the term "neighbour", which means *he who is near*. Jesus therefore tells a parable that is a path for transforming that question, to pass from *who loves me?* to *who has loved?* The first is an immature question, the second is the question of an adult who has understood the meaning of his life. The first question is the one we ask when we sit in the corner and wait, the second is the one that drives us to set out on the path.

The parable that Jesus tells has, in fact, a road as its setting, and it is a difficult and impervious road, like life. It is the road travelled by a man going down from Jerusalem, the city on the mountain, to Jericho, the city below sea level. It is an image that already foreshadows what might happen: it happens that the man is attacked, beaten, robbed and left half dead. It is the experience that happens when situations, people, sometimes even those we have trusted, take everything from us and leave us in the middle of the road.

However, life is made up of encounters, and in these encounters, we emerge for what we are. We find ourselves in front of others, faced with their fragility and weakness, and we can decide what to

do: to take care of them or pretend nothing is wrong. A priest and a Levite go down that same road. They are people who serve in the Temple of Jerusalem, who live in the sacred space. And yet, the practice of worship does not automatically lead to being compassionate. Indeed, before being a religious matter, compassion is a question of humanity! Before being believers, we are called to be human. We can imagine that, after staying a long time in Jerusalem, that priest and that Levite are in a hurry to return home. It is indeed haste, so present in our lives, that very often prevents us from feeling compassion. Those who think that their own journey must take precedence are not willing to stop for another.

But here comes someone who is actually able to stop: he is a Samaritan, hence a person belonging to a despised people (cf. *2 Kings 17*). In his case, the text does not specify the direction but only says that he was travelling. Religiosity does not enter into this. This Samaritan simply stops because he is a man faced with another man in need of help.

Compassion is expressed through practical gestures. The Evangelist Luke ponders the actions of the Samaritan, whom we call "good", but in the text he is simply a person: a Samaritan approaches, because if you want to help someone, you cannot think of keeping your distance, you have to get involved, get dirty, perhaps be contaminated; he binds the wounds after cleaning them with oil and wine; he loads him onto his horse, taking on the burden, because one who truly helps if one is willing to feel the weight of the other's pain; he takes him to an inn where he spends money, "two silver coins", more or less two days of work; and he undertakes to return and eventually pay more, because the other is not a package to deliver, but someone to care for.

Dear brothers and sisters, when will we too be capable of interrupting our journey and having compassion? When we understand that the wounded man in the street represents each one of us. And then the memory of all the times that Jesus stopped to take care of us will make us more capable of compassion.

Let us pray, then, that we can grow in humanity, so that our relationships may be truer and richer in compassion. Let us ask the Heart of Jesus for the grace increasingly to have the same feelings as him.