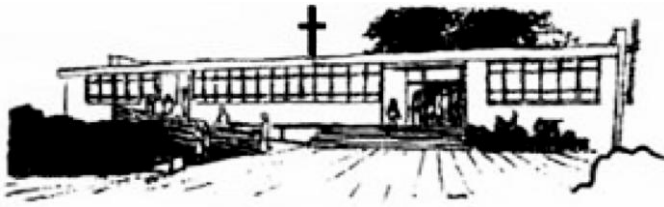


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP, Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

Fr. Grzegorz Mazur OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8th March 2026, Year A/2



Christ and the Woman of Samaria (1681) Pierre Mignard (French, 1612-1695)

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

VIGIL SATURDAY

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| | 6:00pm | | Dave Fisher (For Healing) |
| SUNDAY | 8:30am | | † Reynaldo Cruz Santos |
| | 10:00am | | For the Parish |
| Monday | 8:00am | 3 rd Week of Lent | Carolyn (Healing from a Stroke) |
| Tuesday | 8:00am | 3 rd Week of Lent | † Colleen Biriano |
| Wednesday | 8.00am | 3 rd Week of Lent | † Jimmy Yuen |
| Thursday | 8.00am | 3 rd Week of Lent | † Tomas Belderol |
| Friday | 8.00am | 3 rd Week of Lent | Special Family Intention |
| Saturday | 8.30am | 3 rd Week of Lent | † Vincent Bartolo |

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.

POPE'S MARCH INTENTIONS

For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Reynaldo Cruz Santos, Colleen Biriano, Jimmy Yuen, Danny Patos, Reg Strachan, Tom Mitchell

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Tomas Belderol, Vincent Bartolo, Lynette Mendes

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

Reconciliation: Thursday 26th March

First Communion: Sunday 7th June

Registration & 1st Session: 12th April

Confirmation: Sunday 22nd November

Registration & 1st Session: 19th July

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH MASSES

Wednesday 18th March – 7.00pm Vigil

Thursday 19th March – 8.00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 6pm during Lent.

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: \$487.20**
 Planned Giving: \$1090
 Smart Facilities: \$1020
 Project Donations: \$335

BIBLE STUDY

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

PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

This Lent, our Parish Community is called to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia. Please collect your Donation Box or you can donate online at www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate or by calling 1800 024 413.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 11th March at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 10th.

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 FAMILY PICNIC

To celebrate our Parish Feast of St Joseph, the Parish Council is organising a Picnic on Sunday 15th March from midday at Regatta Park, 7 River Road, Emu Plains. Bring your own picnic and join us for lunch.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

2pm on Sunday 15th March at Campion College, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie. Celebrant is Fr John Puli.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS FOR THE LORD

24 hours of prayer, adoration and quiet reflection at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa starting with Mass at 6.30pm Friday 13th March and ending with Mass at 5.30pm on Saturday 14th March.

SACRED SECRETS – SHALOM WORLD

A profound journey into the passion of Jesus and programs to accompany you through Lent. See flyer at the back of the Church.

SPECIAL SCREENING OF MOVIE GUADALUPE

20th March. See flyer at the back of the Church.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday – Friday 7.00am – 7.50am
Saturday – Sunday 7.30am – 8.20am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
is available during Adoration.

EUCHARIST28 PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others.

Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenseless and homeless, the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.’” John 6:35

SAINTLY THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

“I am the wheat of God, so let me be ground by the teeth of the wild beasts that I may be made the pure bread of Christ.” St Ignatius of Antioch

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What is God asking of me personally, during this year of prayer and eucharistic renewal?

How can I live a more eucharistic life?

Do we as a community live intentionally as the Body of Christ, broken and given up for others?

Web Site: <https://eucharist28.org>

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 4th March 2026

**Catechesis. The Documents of Vatican Council II.
II. Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*.**

2. *The Church, a Visible and Spiritual Reality*

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning.

Today, we will continue our exploration of the Conciliar Constitution *Lumen gentium*, a dogmatic Constitution on the Church.

In the first chapter, which is primarily intended to answer the question of what the Church is, she is described as a “complex reality” (no. 8). Now we ask ourselves: what does this complexity consist of? Some might answer that the Church is complex and therefore difficult to explain; others might think that her complexity derives from the fact that she is an institution steeped in two thousand years of history, with characteristics that differ from any other social or religious group. In Latin, however, the word ‘complex’ indicates rather the orderly union of different aspects or dimensions within the same reality. For this reason, *Lumen gentium* can affirm that the Church is a well-organized body, in which the human and divine dimensions coexist without separation and without confusion.

The first dimension is immediately perceptible, in that the Church is a community of men and women who share the joy and struggle of being Christians, with their strengths and weaknesses, proclaiming the Gospel and becoming a sign of the presence of Christ who accompanies us on our journey through life. Yet this aspect, in its institutional organization, is not sufficient to describe the true nature of the Church, because it also has a divine dimension. The latter does not consist in an ideal perfection or spiritual superiority of its members, but in the fact that the Church is generated by God’s plan for humanity, realized in Christ.

Therefore, the Church is at the same time an earthly community and the mystical body of Christ, a visible assembly and a spiritual mystery, a reality present in history and a people journeying towards heaven (LG, 8; CCC, 771).

The human and divine dimensions integrate harmoniously, without one overshadowing the other; thus, the Church lives in this paradox. She is a reality that is both human and divine, which welcomes the sinful man and leads him to God.

To illuminate this ecclesial condition, *Lumen gentium* refers to the life of Christ. In fact, those who met Jesus along the roads of Palestine experienced his humanity, his eyes, his hands, the sound of his voice. Those who decided to follow him were moved precisely by the experience of his welcoming gaze, the touch of his blessing hands, his words of liberation and healing. At the same time, however, by following that Man, the disciples opened themselves to an encounter with God. Indeed, Christ’s flesh, his face, his gestures and his words visibly manifest the invisible God.

In the light of the reality of Jesus, we can now return to the Church: when we look at her closely, we discover a human dimension made up of real people, who sometimes manifest the beauty of the Gospel and other times struggle and make mistakes like everyone else. However, it is precisely through her members and her limited earthly aspects that Christ’s presence and his saving action are manifested. As **Benedict XVI** said, there is no opposition between the Gospel and the institution; on the contrary, the structures of the Church serve precisely for the “realization and concretization of the Gospel in our time” (*Address to Swiss Bishops*, 9 November 2006). An ideal and pure Church, separated from the earth, does not exist; only the one Church of Christ, embodied in history.

This is what constitutes the holiness of the Church: the fact that Christ dwells in her and continues to give himself through the smallness and fragility of her members. Contemplating this perennial miracle that takes place in her, we understand ‘God’s method’: He makes himself visible through the weakness of creatures, continuing to manifest himself and to act. For this reason, **Pope Francis**, in *Evangelii gaudium*, exhorts us all to learn “to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other (cf. Ex 3:5)” (no. 169). This enables us still today to build up the Church: not only by organizing its visible forms, but by building that spiritual edifice which is the body of Christ, through communion and charity among ourselves. Indeed, charity constantly generates the presence of the Risen One. “If only we could all just let our thoughts dwell on the one thing, charity! It’s the only thing, you see, which both surpasses all things, and without which all things worth nothing, and which draws all things to itself, wherever it may be” (*Sermon 354*, 6, 6).