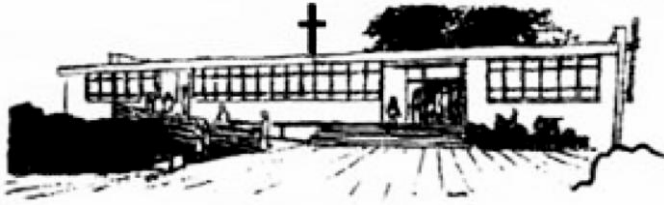


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

## EASTER SUNDAY

5<sup>th</sup> April 2026, Year A/2



BERMEJO, Bartolome, Resurrection (circa 1475)

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:** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** My God, my God, why have You abandoned me.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 26:14-27:66

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	7.30pm	Paschal Vigil	For the Parish
SUNDAY	8:30am	Easter Sunday	†† Deceased Members of the Woodward & Hewitt Families
	10:00am	Easter Sunday	For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Octave of Easter	Special family Intention
Tuesday	8:00am	Octave of Easter	† Patricia Henry
Wednesday	8.00am	Octave of Easter	Lejan James (Birthday Blessings)
Thursday	8.00am	Octave of Easter	Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday	8.00am	Octave of Easter	† Daphne Holmes
Saturday	6.00pm	Octave of Easter	†† Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul

**BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:** Speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 12<sup>th</sup> April

**First Communion:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Confirmation:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 19<sup>th</sup> July

### POPE'S APRIL INTENTIONS

#### For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation; that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Daphne Holmes, Melania Reyes Quijano, Giuseppe Baba Gallo, Fr Clinton

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Anna Sereda, Deceased Members of the Woodward & Hewitt Families, Patricia Henry, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Easter Sunday 8.00am

Monday to Saturday – after morning Mass

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

2.00pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Prayers and Meditation

3.00pm – Mass

**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.

*A Happy and Holy Easter to All Our Parishioners  
From Fr Andrew, Fr Pawel and Fr Piotr*

Father Grzegorz has returned to Poland for health reasons. Please keep him in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION:           Loose: \$505.70  
  Planned Giving: \$1230  
  Smart Facilities: \$855  
  Project Donations: \$213

#### BIBLE STUDY

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

#### PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

If you have not done so yet, please return your Project Compassion boxes to Church. You can donate at [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate) or by calling 1800 024 413.

#### PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at St. Mary's Band Club. All are 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.



#### FAMILY CLUB 2026

Next session is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 2:30pm to 4:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please see poster for details and scan the QR code to register. For further information please call Marta on 0412 539 127.

#### 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.

**Module 6** – For those who have completed 1-5.

Face to face session – Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 10:30am-12pm in the parish hall. Please call the office to book. Register at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> to complete all the modules online.



#### 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.

#### SCRIPTURES FOR REFLECTION

“Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” John 6:68

#### SAINTLY THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

“The heart of Jesus in the Eucharist is large enough to hold all our hearts in unity and is the dynamic factor that breaks open our hearts to include the poor” St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

#### A QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

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

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

**POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

**6. *Living stones in the Church and witnesses in the world: the laity in the People of God***

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning,

Let us continue on our path of reflection on the Church as she is presented to us in the Conciliar Constitution *Lumen gentium* (LG). Today we will look at the fourth chapter, which deals with the laity. Let us all remember what Pope Francis liked to repeat: “Lay people are, put simply, the vast majority of the people of God. The minority – ordained ministers – are at their service” (Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii gaudium*, 102).

This section of the Document seeks to explain, *in positive terms*, the nature and mission of the laity, after centuries in which they had been defined simply as those who are not part of the clergy or the consecrated life. For this reason, I would like to revisit with you a very beautiful passage that speaks to the greatness of the Christian condition: “Therefore, the chosen People of God is one: ‘one Lord, one faith, one baptism’ (Eph 4:5); sharing a common dignity as members from their regeneration in Christ, having the same filial grace and the same vocation to perfection; possessing in common one salvation, one hope and one undivided charity” (LG, 32).

Before any distinction of ministry or state of life, the Council affirms the equality of all the baptized. The Constitution does not want us to forget what it had already affirmed in the chapter on the People of God, namely that the condition of the messianic people is the dignity and freedom of the children of God.

Naturally, the greater the gift, the greater the commitment too. For this reason, the Council, along with dignity, also emphasizes the mission of the laity in the Church and in the world. But on what is this mission founded, and in what does it consist? The very description of the laity offered by the Council tells us: “The term laity is here understood to mean all the faithful... [who] are by baptism made one body with Christ and are constituted among the People of God; they are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ; and they carry out for their own part the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the world” (LG, 31).

The holy People of God, therefore, is never a formless mass, but the body of Christ or, as Saint Augustine said, the *Christus totus*; it is a community organically structured by means of the fruitful relationship between the two forms of participation in the priesthood of Christ: the common priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial priesthood (cf. LG, 10). By virtue of Baptism, the lay faithful participate in the very priesthood of Christ. Indeed, “the supreme and eternal Priest, Christ Jesus, since He wills to continue His witness and service also through the laity, vivifies them in this Spirit and increasingly urges them on to every good and perfect work” (LG, 34).

In this regard, how can we fail to recall Saint John Paul II and his Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles laici* (30 December 1988)? In it, he emphasized that “the Council, with its rich doctrinal, spiritual and pastoral patrimony, has written as never before on the nature, dignity, spirituality, mission and responsibility of the lay faithful. And the Council Fathers, re-echoing the call of Christ, have summoned all the lay faithful, both women and men, to labour in the vineyard” (no. 2). In this way, my venerable Predecessor relaunched the apostolate of the laity, to which the Council dedicated a specific Document, which we will talk about later.

The vast field of the lay apostolate is not confined to the Church but extends to the world. Indeed, the Church is present wherever her children profess and bear witness to the Gospel: in the workplace, in civil society and in all human relationships, wherever they, through their choices, show the beauty of Christian life, which foretells here and now the justice and peace that will be accomplished in the Kingdom of God. The world needs to “be permeated by the spirit of Christ, and more effectively fulfil its purpose in justice, charity and peace” (LG, 36). And this is possible only through the contribution, service and witness of the laity!

It is an invitation to be the “outgoing” Church that Pope Francis spoke to us about: a Church embodied in history, always open to mission, in which we are all called to be missionary disciples, apostles of the Gospel, witnesses of the Kingdom of God, bearers of the joy of Christ whom we have encountered!

Brothers and sisters, may the Easter we are preparing to celebrate renew in us the grace to be, like Mary Magdalene, like Peter and John, witnesses of the Risen One!