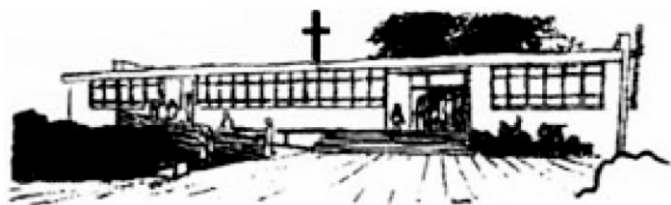


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

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EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

22nd June 2025, Year C/1



Hans Holbein the Elder, The Last Supper 1501

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: Genesis 14:18-20

Responsorial Psalm: You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

†† Angela & Paul Kulas

SUNDAY 8:30am

†† Dec. Mems. of the Woodward & Hewitt Families

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 12th Week in Ordinary Time

† Paschal Arik

Tuesday 8:00am BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Urszula & Martin (25th Wedding Anniversary)

Wednesday 8.00am 12th Week in Ordinary Time

Panozzo Family (For Conversion)

Thursday 8.00am 12th Week in Ordinary Time

† Jozef Ostrowski

Friday 8.00am SACRED HEART OF JESUS

James Mathew (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday 8.30am Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sarah Schoemaker (Successful Op.)

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria Nguyen, John Potts, Vanessa Toomey, Angela Barca, John Corkill, Helena Jedrzejewski

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Angela & Paul Kulas, Deceased Members of the Woodward & Hewitt Families, Paschal Arik, Jozef Ostrowski

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

First Communion: This Sunday at 10am Mass
Please pray for our children and their families.

Confirmation: Thursday 6th November

Registration & 1st Session: Sunday 20th 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: \$1262**
 Loose: \$417.30
 Smart Facility: \$725
 A/Cs & Carpet Donations: \$12,885

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

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

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 9th July at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 8th July.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your envelopes from the back of the Church.

SRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you 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.

CAMPION COLLEGE WINTER PROGRAM

From 8th to 11th July, for Year 11 & 12 students. Go to campion.edu.au/contact/ for information & see flyer at the back of the Church.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday 6th July at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) from 7pm to 8.30pm. The speaker is Fr Tom Green, who will talk about and lead a discussion on Blessed Franz Jagerstatter. If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

PETER'S PENCE APPEAL

Next weekend, 28th/29th June we have our Peter's Pence Appeal. This collection provides funds to enable Pope Leo to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous.

HELP CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

Aid to the Church in Need is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza, in the ongoing conflict. To make an emergency donation visit www.aidtothechurch.org/holyland

LIFTED RETREAT

A spiritually enriching weekend hosted by Catholic Youth Parramatta, designed to connect, support and nourish the young people of the Parramatta Diocese. This retreat is open to Year 10–12 students (ages 16–17) and will be held on 8 July (10am–3pm) at Don Bosco Youth & Recreation Centre, 10 Mamre Rd, St Marys. Register: parracatholic.org/events/cyp-lifted-retreat-8-july/

"SHAPING A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD"

How can religious and interreligious leaders work with political and cultural leaders in shaping a constructive culture of encounter? Georgetown University professor and author Leo Lefebure will explore this question on Thursday, 26 June at 6.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Register: tinyurl.com/2efk584d

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

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

18th June 2025

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. *Jesus Christ our Hope. The Parables. 10. The healing of the paralytic.* “When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, ‘Do you want to be well?’” (Jn 5:6).

Dear brothers and sisters,

Let us continue to contemplate Jesus who heals. In a particular way, I would like to invite you to think about the situations in which we feel “blocked” and stuck in a dead end. At times, in fact, it seems to be pointless to continue to hope; we become resigned and no longer have the desire to fight. This situation is described in the Gospels with the image of paralysis. This is why today I would like to dwell on the healing of a paralytic, narrated in the fifth chapter of the Gospel of Saint John (5:1-9).

Jesus goes to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. He does not immediately go to the Temple; instead, he stops at a door, where the sheep were probably washed before being offered as a sacrifice. Near this door there were also many sick people who, unlike the sheep, were excluded from the Temple because they were considered unclean! And so it is Jesus himself who reaches out to them in their suffering. These people hoped for a miracle that might change their fate; indeed, next to the door there was a pool, whose waters were considered thaumaturgical, that is, capable of healing: at certain moments the water would stir and, according to the belief of the time, whoever immersed themselves first would be healed.

In this way a sort of “war among the poor” came to be created: we can imagine the sorry scene of these sick people who wearily dragged themselves to enter the pool. That pool was called *Bethesda*, which means “house of mercy”: it could be an image of the Church, where the sick and the poor gather and where the Lord comes to heal and give hope.

Jesus specifically addresses a man who has been paralyzed for some thirty-eight years. By now he is resigned, because he never manages to immerse himself in the pool when the water stirs (cf. v. 7). In effect, what paralyzes us, very often, is disappointment. We feel discouraged and risk

falling into apathy.

Jesus asks the paralytic a question that may seem superfluous: “Do you want to be well?” (v. 6). Instead, it is a necessary question, because when one is stuck for so many years, even the will to heal may fade. Sometimes we prefer to remain in the condition of sickness, forcing others to take care of us. It is sometimes also an excuse for not deciding what to do with our lives. Jesus instead takes this man back to his truest and deepest desire.

Indeed, this man replies in a more articulate way to Jesus’ question, revealing his true vision of life. He says first of all that he has no-one to immerse him in the pool: so he is not to blame, but the others who do not take care of him. This attitude becomes the pretext for avoiding responsibility. But is it really true that he had no-one to help him? Here is Saint Augustine’s enlightening answer: “Truly he had need of a ‘man’ to his healing, but that ‘man’ one who is also God. ... He came, then, the Man who was needed: why should the healing be delayed?”.

The paralytic then adds that when he tries to immerse himself in the pool, there is always someone who arrives before him. This man is expressing a fatalistic view of life. We think that things happen to us because we are not fortunate, because destiny is against us. This man is discouraged. He feels defeated in the struggle of life. Instead, Jesus helps him to discover that his life is also in his hands. He invites him to get up, to raise himself up from his chronic situation, and to take his stretcher (cf. v. 8). That mat is not to be left or thrown away: it represents his past of sickness, his history. Until that moment, the past had blocked him; it had forced him to lie like a dead man. Now it is he who can take that mat and carry it wherever he wishes: he can decide what to make of his history! It is a matter of walking, taking responsibility for choosing what road to take. And this is thanks to Jesus!

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord for the gift of understanding where our life is stuck. Let us try to give voice to our desire to be healed. And let us pray for all those who feel paralyzed, who do not see a way out. Let us ask to return to dwell in the Heart of Christ, which is the true house of mercy!