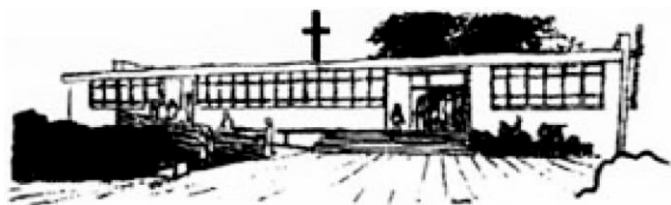


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP, Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd August 2026, Year A/2



BERROGUETE, Pedro, St Dominic, Prado Museum

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us, He answers all our needs.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

VIGIL SATURDAY

6.00pm

† Klemens Blazek

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Erenia Plaza

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **HOLY FATHER DOMINIC** Lourdes Doyle (Successful Operation & Speedy Recovery)

Tuesday 8:00am **St John Vianney** Pavana Francis (Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday 8.00am **Dedication of Mary Major Basilica** † Gill Waltisbuhl

Thursday 8.00am **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD** †† Klemens Blazek & Matylda Kubka

Friday 8.00am **Week 18 Ordinary Time** †† For God's Precious Infants

Saturday 8.30am **ST MARY OF THE CROSS** † Francois Arik

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Erenia Plaza, Remigio Mendoza Ortiz

POPE'S AUGUST INTENTIONS

For Evangelisation in the City

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Klemens Blazek, Gill Waltisbuhl, Matylda Kubka, God's Precious Infants, Francois Arik

ASSUMPTION OF THE BL VIRGIN MARY

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are:

Vigil: Friday 14th August at 7.00pm

Morning: Saturday 15th August at 8.30am

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

Confirmation: Sunday 22nd November

Sessions are held in the Parish Centre from 11.30am. Please keep our children in your prayers.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Merwyn D'Souza, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya, Rositta Lui, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Michael Muema, Gary O'Brien, Garry Smith, Shayla, Zen Roughley-Hutchison, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaret Taylor, John Vukovic, 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Loose: \$462.50**
 Planned Giving: \$815
 Smart Facilities: \$665
 Project Donations: \$70

BIBLE STUDY

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

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 12th August 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.



FOOD FESTIVAL 2026

We need Volunteers to Manage Traffic from 8.30am to 2pm. If you can give an hour on 16th August, you will find a sheet at the back of the Church. Please add your name, phone number and the time you can give. There are also areas in Jordan Springs and Caddens, which have not received leaflets yet.

RCIA

This year we will start a RCIA Program at St Joseph's Parish. It will begin on 18th August. Please register by the QR Code.



BE THE WITNESS' MUSICAL

At Riverside Theatres Parramatta, 10-13 September. Presented by Mary Queen of the Family Parish. Book now at bethewitness.com.au See Flyer 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 – 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.

Log on to: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>
For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation
is available during Adoration.

EUCCHARIST28 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

"This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever". John 6:58

SAINTLY THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

"During a Holy Hour our love for Jesus becomes more intimate, our love for each other more understanding, and our love for the poor more compassionate." St. Teresa of Calcutta

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 ANGELUS**Sunday 26th July 2026**

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

At the heart of Jesus' teachings lies the mystery of the Kingdom of God, which today's Gospel likens to treasure and a pearl (cf. *Mt* 13:44–52). The parables convey the surprise of those who find something far beyond what they could have hoped for, so much so that selling or leaving everything behind no longer seems a sacrifice, but a gain. Indeed, from the very beginning, the evangelists portray Jesus' call to follow him as irresistible. It is a free choice, yet also urgent and capable of eliciting a ready and wholehearted response. This is a first important aspect of how God is near and makes himself known: encountering his Kingdom marks a turning point that does not limit life but enlarges it. If anything must change on our part, it is only so that our lives may be opened to greater possibilities, not fewer.

There is a second aspect that Jesus seems to attach great importance to: the one who finds the treasure hidden in the field is likely a peasant, while the pearl is recognized as precious by a merchant, perhaps a traveler. Two more parables follow, in which the protagonists are fishermen and a scribe well-versed in both the old and the new. Other parables compare the Kingdom to a woman kneading dough or tidying her house, to a king planning for war, a man designing a tower, administrators managing payments or investments, and to shepherds and farmers. In short, the Kingdom of God reveals its inestimable beauty in different ways, but calls everyone — men and women, young and old, rich and poor — to a profound renewal. Everyone is capable of understanding it and is drawn to it.

Today, too, the Church is a communion of people who differ in origin, culture, abilities and responsibilities. Yet all are called to recognize themselves as “one” in Jesus Christ: he is the hidden treasure, the pearl of great price, the net that gathers those who are scattered. From the beginning, Jesus called and gathered around himself people who would otherwise never have come to know one another. In this way, he demonstrated that God has no favorites, but instead offers his love freely, especially to the little ones or those cast aside.

Brothers and sisters, all we have to do is ask for this gift, the very same one sought by the young King Solomon (cf. *1 Kings* 3:5, 7–12). It is the gift of recognizing the pearl of great price, of discerning the

treasure for which it is worth selling everything. While the consumer culture influences our tastes, constantly creating new needs only to sell us solutions that never satisfy, and that sometimes even poison the heart, we must learn to grasp what truly matters: the treasure of a relationship with God that opens us to joy and helps us to live our relationships with one another more fully.

May the intercession of Mary, Seat of Wisdom, direct our desire for life toward Jesus, so that in him it may find its complete fulfilment.

After the Angelus prayer

Dear brothers and sisters,

Yesterday, in Lebanon, Elias Hoayek, Maronite Patriarch of Antioch from 1899 to 1931 and Founder of the Congregation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family, was beatified. For more than thirty years, he led the Maronite Church with great dedication and pastoral sensitivity. A man of dialogue and hope, he was an outstanding ecclesial, social and political leader, so much so that he came to be known as the “Father of Greater Lebanon.” May the prayers and intercession of the new blessed always accompany the Maronite faithful throughout the world, and obtain the gift of peace for all the people of Lebanon, a country dear to my heart.

I continue to follow with deep concern the ongoing and escalating violence in the Holy Land, where, in recent days, many civilians, both in the West Bank and in Gaza, have once again fallen victim. I make a heartfelt appeal for a return to negotiations to achieve a just political solution, founded on the equal dignity and equal rights of every human person.

Let us continue to pray for all those peoples throughout the world who are suffering because of war. May the Lord touch the hearts and enlighten the minds of those in power, so that reconciliation and peace may soon prevail.

As devastating wildfires affect the various regions of France and Spain, I express my closeness to all those who have been affected and invite everyone to pray for them and for the emergency personnel engaged in relief efforts.

I warmly greet all of you present here, as well as those who have come from various parts of Italy and from around the world!

And I wish all of you a happy Sunday!