

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th August 2026, Year A/2



The Coronation of the Virgin with the Trinity (c. 1400) Master of Rubielos de Mora

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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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 900am – 2:00pm and Friday: 9.00am – 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise You!

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

VIGIL SATURDAY

6.00pm

Kate & Michael Lucas (For New Baby & Healing)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Joseph Mathew (Birthday Blessings)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **ST HYACINTH OF POLAND** †† Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 8:00am **Bl Mannes** † Cardinal George Pell

Wednesday 8.00am **Week 20 Ordinary Time** † Jean Said

Thursday 8.00am **St Bernard** †† Adriano & Celerina Reyes

Friday 8.00am **St Pius X** †† Antonia & Domingo Santiago

Saturday 8.30am **Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary** Lejan & Trixy (Wedding Anniversary)

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dionisia Columna, Helen Ho, Peter McIlvenna, Cesar Brillante, Father Eugene Stockton

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Souls in Purgatory, Cardinal George Pell, Jean Said, Adriano & Celerina Reyes, Antonia & Domingo Santiago

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.

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, Michael Manche, 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: \$507.25
 Planned Giving: \$835
 Smart Facilities: \$780
 Project Donations: \$210

BIBLE STUDY

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

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 9th September 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.



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL 2026

Thank you for your cooperation in handing out flyers, setting up and being willing to cook or serve in any way for our Food Festival. Enjoy the day.

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.



CATHOLIC MISSION

For many children in rural Malawi, each day begins with a difficult journey just to reach school. Long distances, hunger, and physical hardship stand in the way of their education. Now, after floods and cyclones have swept through their communities, that path is even more difficult. They need our help. We have our Catholic Mission Appeal this weekend. Please be generous.

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.

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

"Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?" 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

SAINTLY THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

"We contribute to the radical transformation of the world during our Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration." St. John Paul II

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 12th August 2026**Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. III. Constitution *Sacrosanctum Concilium*.****6. The liturgical year**

Dear brothers and sisters,

The fifth chapter of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (SC) is dedicated to the liturgical year, a theme we would like to look to explain its value in the life of every believer. First of all, it is important to note that this way of referring to the cycle of Christian feasts as the 'liturgical year' became widespread in ecclesiastical language thanks to the work of the Servant of God, Abbot Prosper Guéranger (1805–1875).

In the Encyclical *Mediator Dei*, Pope Pius XII states that it "is not a cold and lifeless representation of the events of the past, or a simple ... record of a former age. [The liturgical year] is rather Christ Himself who is ever living in His Church. Here He continues that journey of immense mercy which He lovingly began in His mortal life ... with the design of bringing men to know His mysteries and in a way live by them. These mysteries are ever present and active" (III *Divinum Officium et Annus Liturgicus*, II *Cyclus Mysteriorum*). The liturgical year should thus be understood as a constant renewal of the work of salvation which Christ accomplishes in history. As she journeys through this temporal cycle, the Church remains in contact with the Lord's redemptive action, so that all the faithful may be filled with His grace.

The encounter with Jesus, who died and rose again for us, is the purpose that the Church always pursues, placing the celebration of the Paschal event at the centre of every moment.

The Council Fathers considered "the foundation and kernel of the whole liturgical year" to be Sunday, "the original feast day" (cf. SC, 106). In various modern languages, its name indicates that it is the "*dies Domini*", "the Lord's day". Even in those languages where the reference to the "day of the sun" has prevailed, the link with Christ can be discerned: Christ is the true "sun of righteousness" who enlightens every person!

Saint John Paul II, in the Apostolic Letter *Dies Domini* (31 May 1998) teaches that Sunday is the day of the Lord, the day of the Church, the day of man and, finally, the "day of days". "Since Sunday is the weekly Easter, recalling and making present the day upon which Christ rose from the dead, it is also the day which reveals the meaning of time. ... Springing from

the Resurrection, it cuts through human time like a directional arrow which points them towards their target: Christ's Second Coming. Sunday foreshadows the last day, the day of the *Parousia*" (75), when we shall all rise again.

To sanctify Sunday, it is fundamental to celebrate the Eucharist. Listening to the Word and partaking of the Body of Christ entail, according to the Council Fathers, the coming together *in unum* (cf. SC, 106), that is, the joyful gathering of the faithful. In this assembly, the Christian community makes visible its communion with the Lord and bears witness to its belonging to Christ and its fidelity to the Church. This assembly cannot be substituted by a solely virtual presence, nor can it be reduced to a merely passive gathering. The liturgical assembly is fulfilled through the active participation of brothers and sisters, called together to "thank God who 'has begotten them again, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, unto a living hope'" (1 *Pet* 1:3) (*ibid.*).

In this regard, I urge everyone to seek the best possible conditions so that even those who are unable to take time off work on Sundays may take part in Holy Mass.

Dear friends, the liturgical year, punctuated by Sundays, has an interesting history, in which the faith and devotion of the Church are interwoven. Indeed, from as early as the second century AD, the celebration of the weekly Easter was joined by that of the annual Easter, the "most solemn festival" (SC, 102), extending over the most joyful period of fifty days, culminating in Pentecost, and prepared for by the season of Lent with its penitential character (cf. SC, 109). The development of the Christmas cycle, which took place later and was modelled on the Paschal cycle, has made it possible to relive the mysteries of the Incarnation of the Word of God, of His birth and of His manifestation to the world. The Church then incorporated into the various times the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, "joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son" (SC, 103), and "the memory of the martyrs and the other saints" who "sing God's perfect praise in heaven and offer prayers for us" (SC, 104).

The liturgical year thus repeats, in sacramental form, the teaching of the history of salvation, guiding the faithful from the expectation of the Messiah to the fullness of the Paschal Mystery and to the anticipation of future glory. In it, the Church celebrates the salvific relevance of the mystery of Christ more deeply. The liturgical year constitutes the guiding principle and the essential framework for all pastoral action.